



RUAHINE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Thursday 14 February
PFK Meeting 7pm in
the school Staffroom
- ◆ Monday 18 February
Assembly 2.30pm
- ◆ Monday 25 February
Community Picnic
From 11.30am
- ◆ Friday 1st March
Room 3 & 6 Trip
- ◆ Monday 4th March
Assembly 2.30pm
- ◆ Monday 11th March
Sharing Assembly
2.10pm
- ◆ Friday 22 March
Junior School
Swimming Sports
- ◆ Monday 25 March
Senior School
Swimming Sports



Kia ora koutou,
Nau mai anō, welcome back to school for 2019.

A special welcome to Mrs Georgie Haswell who has returned from maternity leave and is teaching in the Senior Hub (Rooms 1 and 2), and welcome to Mrs Emily Karena who has joined us this year and is teaching Room 6. Also welcome to our new students and whānau. It is great to have you all with us at Ruahine School.

Working on our school: If you have been at school over the last few weeks you will have noticed our school has been painted and is looking fresh, bright and pretty cool! Over the holidays we also had a new septic system installed. Not quite as exciting as the paint work but very necessary. We have had builders, plumbers, roofers, painters, and the septic people working at school over the last few months. Thank you to all of our contractors for the way you have worked with us and helped to keep our school in tip top condition!

Rural Buses: Some of you might know we have had a directive from the Ministry of Education to change our in zone bus routes. Ruahine School and Go Bus have been liaising with the Ministry to work through this so our families are not adversely affected. Our bus routes will remain the same while the process is underway and we will let you know any outcomes as soon as we can.

Learning and Playing at Ruahine:

Kupe Team (senior school) and Pounamu team (junior school) have planned exciting learning opportunities for Term One! Swimming lessons and lunchtime swims have started, and the QEII has already been visited by some of our students. The Hub (Year 7 and 8 students) have started a fun fitness regime with their teachers as they train for their trips to Tongariro Crossing (Year 8) and the Sunshine Track (Year 7) in March. Today most classes are using some of our new furniture - which arrived this morning!

Teachers are enjoying their classes and have commented on how well children are playing together at break times. If children have social problems in the playground we encourage them to tell a teacher straight away so we can help them to solve the conflict or issue. We would appreciate your help with this by reminding your child what to do.

It is a pleasure to see children wearing the correct uniform and making good choices at school. Ka pai ngā tamariki!

I look forward to working with you this year and being part of the village raising our children:-)

Sarah McCord
Tumuaki, Principal

2019 Community Picnic

Monday 25 February from 11.30am

Each year we hold our Community Picnic as a way of coming together with our kids, parents, caregivers and extended whānau to celebrate the start of our new school year. There is a bouncy castle, organized games and activities, face painting as well as the Fonterra Milk Train and coffee cart.

The day is a lovely opportunity for our staff to mingle with families/whānau and for our new families to make connections with our wider school community.

Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with your family and a few coins for a coffee. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Ruahine School Bank Account

ASB 12-3442-0045840-00

Please use this account number to pay for School Donations, Bus Tickets, Technology Fees or any trips.

School Donations: \$60 eldest in family, \$20 per sibling.

Technology Fee: \$39 (Year 7 & 8 only).

Bus Tickets: \$16 per ticket.

Staff Contact Details

Our teachers enjoy the opportunity to catch up parents/caregivers regularly. However, we realize for some of you this is difficult due to work commitments. Should you have any concerns, questions or comments regarding your child, and you are unable to come out to the school, an email to the classroom teacher is the next best thing. Below is a list of our teaching staff and their email addresses.

Mrs Sarah McCord Principal: principal@ruahine.school.nz

Miss Kate Dare Senior Hub Deputy Principal: kdare@ruahine.school.nz

Mrs Geordie Haswell Senior Hub: ghaswell@ruahine.school.nz

Mrs Janine Castles Senior Hub: jcastles@ruahine.school.nz

Mrs Iveta Senior Room 3: isenior@ruahine.school.nz


Mr Simon Dewar Room 4: sdewar@ruahine.school.nz

Mrs Frances Cammock Room 5: fcammock@ruahine.school.nz

Mrs Emily Karena Room 6: ekarena@ruahine.school.nz

Mrs Lee Gibbs Room 8 Assistant Principal: lgibbs@ruahine.school.nz

Mrs Ali Watts Office Administrator: office@ruahine.school.nz



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INTRODUCING KINDO

We are very excited to be able to start informing you of our new payment system, KINDO, that will be rolled out to parents before the end of this term.

KINDO integrates with our School Student Management System allowing parents to make payments for trips, fees, donations & even lunch orders & uniforms! All this can be done from your phone & KINDO will separate out each payment even generating it's own receipts for you. We are in the process of setting KINDO up and having training. So watch this space for more information over the next few weeks.

FROM THE KiVa TEAM

For the last two years our school has been implementing a KiVa programme where students learn to recognise and manage bullying behaviours appropriately.

KiVa lessons run regularly throughout the year in each class and there is a KiVa team that works with students. For 2019, the KiVa team is Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Senior and Mrs Haswell.

KiVa is the Finnish word for 'nice', and in reference to the KiVa programme it stands for 'against bullying' or 'anti-bullying'. Originating in Finland, the KiVa programme is evidence-based and has been shown to reduce bullying and to increase well-being at school.

You can find more information about KiVa on the school website under the INFORMATION tab. We will also be including regular KiVa information in our newsletters.



Mrs Senior, Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Haswell.



Budding Picasso's in Room 8.

A FEW OF OUR NEW FACES!



Liam, Shawn & Jodi



Kadin, Pippa & Paige



Our kids love their new classroom furniture.

RUAHINE SCHOOL



Parents For Kids Committee

The PFK are a group of parents committed to raising money to benefit and support the learning of every child at Ruahine School.

CAN YOU HELP?

I am happy to be contacted by the PFK to discuss the possibility of joining the committee and/or helping out with fundraising & events throughout the year.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Please return this form to the school office.

PFK Contacts

Chairperson:
Lisa Charmley
027 578 9220

Deputy Chairperson:
Jo Passey
027 285 3637

The PFK

The first PFK meeting for 2019 will be held tomorrow night, Thursday 14 February, in the school staffroom at 7.00pm.

The PFK wish to extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in finding out about our parent fundraiser group or to anyone wanting to become a member. The meetings are held in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and the committee members are not at all scary!!