



RUAHINE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 7

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Thursday 28 November Year 8 Open Day at Dannevirke High School
- ◆ Monday 2 December Assembly 2.15pm Leadership Awards, Athletics Certificates & ICAS
- ◆ Monday 2 December BOT Meeting 6pm
- ◆ Friday 6 December School Lido Trip
- ◆ Wednesday 11 December Dannevirke South School Junior Team Visit Pounamu Team
- ◆ Friday 13 December Pounamu Shindig
- ◆ Tuesday 17 December Ruahine School Prize Giving at The Hub 6pm
- ◆ Wednesday 18 December Year 8 Leavers Dinner 5.45pm
- ◆ Thursday 19 December End of Term 4 School Closes at 12.30pm
- ◆ Monday 3 February 2020 Beginning of Term 1

Junior/Senior Playgrounds

A reminder to all parents & kids of our playground rules.

Year 4—8 students only on the senior playground. This rule also applies after 3pm. Please watch that your younger children are playing only on the junior playground & that older children are only on the senior playground.

Kia ora,

We are coming to that time of year when events are being organised, reports are being completed, classrooms are being tidied (and in two cases moved), and there is a festive feel in the air! It helps to have beautiful weather! Teachers work hard to keep classroom programmes going with as little change as possible for as long as possible at this time of year. Keeping classroom programmes running and routines in place helps children to feel settled, and there is still so much learning to do!

On Thursday Rooms 4, 6 and the library will move to their new homes. For this reason the library closed last week. Please hunt around at home for any outstanding library books and also classroom readers. Please send these back to school so we can account for all outstanding books. Thank you.

Technology is changing and now our watches can be smart phones. We know how handy this must be for you to keep in touch with your children when they are out and about. However, currently at school we are treating smart watches the same as smart phones. We still require all children to put phones and smart watches in the container in the office when they arrive at school. We have also reminded children that they are not to use their phones on the bus. Thank you to the responsible senior students who have come to talk to us about their smart watches. I admire your maturity. This is an issue we will look into further. If there is a change in policy we will let you know.

Ruahine School are privileged to become the new kaitiaki (guardians) of the Cenotaph that was moved from St Aubyns Church when it was sold. The RSA are organising the placement of the Cenotaph and you may have noticed a fenced off area by the flagpole. Shortly the concrete will be laid and then the Cenotaph will be placed there. We will have a ceremony to acknowledge its new home, but that may be in the new year. We will keep you posted.

Nakū noa,
Sarah McCord
Principal

**Ruahine
School**



Tuesday 3 December 12.30-2pm
Pasta Challenge. Mrs ("pasta is my favourite thing to eat'!) Greer will be judging.

Semi Final Thursday 5 December
Dessert Challenge. Reluctantly Mrs Reynolds & Mrs Watts will take one for the team to judge desserts!!

Lunchtime Iceblocks

Order an iceblock on Monday 2nd December.

Get your iceblock on Tuesday 3 December.

\$1.00 per iceblock.

All funds will go to the cost of the buses for the Lido trip.



Pounamu Team Shindig

- ♦ Friday 13 December.
- ♦ Ruahine School Hall.
- ♦ 11.30am.
- ♦ Kids dress up in fancy dress.
- ♦ Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers & Whānau all welcome.
- ♦ Followed by a shared lunch "Picnic Style"!
- ♦ Please bring along finger food & a blanket to sit on.

2019 Interschool Athletics

A huge congratulations to all our ROCKERS who took part in the Interschool Athletics held last week at the Dannevirke Domain. You represented Ruahine with pride. Thanks also to our awesome bunch of volunteers who supported our athletes as they shifted from event to event and to Mrs Janine Castles for organising our team. A special shout out to the following athletes.

Junior Girls: Lily Brooks– 2nd 400m, 3rd Sprints, 2nd High Jump

Pippa Doreen-Jenkins– 3rd 400m

Bonnie McKay– 2nd Shotput

Junior Boys: Ethan Augustine– 1st High Jump, 1st Long Jump, 3rd 400m, 2nd Discus, 2nd Shotput.

Charlie Marshall– 1st 400m

Will Hogan– 3rd Sprints

Intermediate Girls: Ashley Southgate– 2nd Discus

Intermediate Boys: John Barrow- 1st Distance

Anders Easton– 1st High Jump, 2nd Long Jump

Jayden McNaughton– 3rd Shotput

Senior Girls: Ella Davis– 1st Sprints, 1st Long Jump, 2nd High Jump

Olivia Augustine– 1st Shotput 2nd Long Jump, 3rd = High Jump

Kate Borlase– 3rd Shotput

Senior Boys: Jesse Ellis– 1st Discus, 3rd Sprints

Josh Holland– 1st High Jump

Matthew Barrow– 2nd = High Jump, 3rd Distance

Zion Walters– 2nd Discus, 2nd Shot Put

Relay Results

Junior

1st St Joseph's, 2nd Ruahine,
3rd Huia Range

Intermediate

1st Dannevirke South, 2nd St
Joseph's, 3rd Ruahine

Senior

1st Huia Range, 2nd Ruahine,
3rd St Joseph's

INQUIRY LEARNING OVERVIEW 2019—Kupe Team

TERM 1, HEALTH

- ★ **ROCKERS and self-directed learning**
- ★ **Our class culture and how this relates to the ROCKERS values**
- ★ **How the ROCKERS values and self directed learning relate to the world around us**

TERM 1-2, SOCIAL SCIENCES

- ★ **The meaning of society, discrimination, stereotypes and prejudice.**
- ★ **The historical origins of bicultural New Zealand.**
- ★ **How people in the past and today face discrimination, stereotypes and prejudice.**
- ★ **How to act as informed and respectful citizens.**

CITIZENSHIP: How do my actions contribute to a respectful society?

TERM 2-3, SCIENCE

- ★ **Earth's systems (geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere)**
- ★ **How Earth's systems are connected are interdependent.**
- ★ **How human's actions affect Earth's atmosphere.**
- ★ **How global warming affects the other systems on Earth.**
- ★ **How to think and work like scientists.**

TERM 4, THE ARTS

- ★ **How art and music communicates meaning and represents cultures.**
- ★ **Artistic and musical conventions and techniques.**
- ★ **Respect for others' culture.**

Pounamu Team

Ko wai koe? Who are you?

Term 1 Weeks 1-11/Term 2 Weeks 1-5

Success criteria:

I will demonstrate a deeper understanding when I can discuss and explain:

- ★ **'ROCKERS' values and how they make our learning better.**
- ★ **Personal experiences of 'ROCKERS' actions.**
- ★ **That people have different roles and responsibilities as they participate in groups.**
- ★ **Customs, traditions and values that we hold in our own families and schools.**



What is light? He aha te marama?

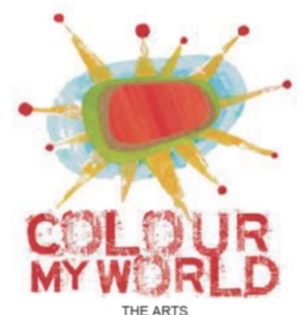
Term 2 Weeks 1-10/Term 3

Success Criteria

I know I am successful when I can discuss and explain:

1. Light is energy that we can see, and must have a source
2. When there is no light you can't see anything.
3. Light travels (energy travels)

Term 4 Inquiry, 2019





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PFK NEWS

Christmas Float

If you are available to help out with this year's school Christmas float please contact Lisa Charmley on the number listed at the left.



Deputy
Chairperson
Jo Passey
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Pamper Hamper Christmas Raffle



- Thank you to all of you who have kindly donated items for our up coming raffle. You are still able to drop these at the school office.
- ♦ Treats—chocolates etc.
- ♦ Vouchers—petrol, grocery items etc.
- ♦ Giftware or luxury pampering items
- ♦ Christmas decorations, tree lights, outdoor fairy lights.
- Cash donations will be gratefully accepted if you can not think of anything & we will purchase on your behalf.
- Please no alcohol, canned goods or perishable items this time.
- The PFK will be selling raffle tickets at Dannevirke New World on Thursday 5 December from 10am—6pm. This happens to be the day of Christmas Club Night so it will be crazy busy! If you are able to give an hour of you time at any stage throughout the day please contact Lisa Charmley.

PUMPKINS

- Lisa Charmley will be selling pumpkin seedlings in the school car park tomorrow, Thursday, at 3pm.

PFK Bank Account: 03 0614 0561726 00