

Ruawaro Combined School

Newsletter: Term 1 Week 9

Thursday: 28th March 2024



Kia ora everyone

I hope you are all looking forward to the Easter Break starting tomorrow. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that school will be closed Friday, Monday and Tuesday with school open again on Wednesday 3rd April. We have not had an Easter break that is separate from the school holidays since 2018 and some of you may not have realised that schools have a long tradition of having the Tuesday after Easter as a holiday.

The last day of Term 1 this year is Friday 12th April.

End of Term: Fun Run

This year instead of having a Celebration of Learning Assembly to finish the term we will be holding our Fun Run on Thursday 11th April and we are absolutely delighted with the response and the amount raised so far. Please look out for an update with further information regarding this event coming out later today. We are looking forward to seeing you all there on this date in either a supporting or participating role.

Learning Journey Books

This year our Learning Journey Books will be going home at the end of the Term. These books provide samples of the learning that your child has achieved over the term and an opportunity for you to talk with your child about their successes and future goals.

Genesis Energy Support

This year we have been fortunate to be the recipients of some wonderful resources through Genesis Energy. Already sponsoring our Duffy Books in Homes (books for our students) we were delighted when Genesis once again offered another year of funding the House of Science kits which provide hands on Science Activities for all year levels. Our current Science kit involves learning all about milk production. More recently we have been gifted an amazing STEM (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) trolley filled with materials and for hands on activities for our students. Teachers will spend time in the holidays preparing this for use in Term 2 and look forward to sharing this new learning with you

From the Board of Trustees

At our meeting on Tuesday 26th March, the BOT confirmed that we will be starting next Term with 3 classrooms operating with the same teaching staff. This is good news and provides our students and staff with stability at this time.

The BOT also accepted the resignation of a long term member of the Board, Gareth Roberts. The Board wish to publicly thank Gareth very much for his hard work and commitment to Ruawaro Combined School over his time (5 years) as a Board member and especially recently when he took over the running of the school swimming pool which is an amazing asset and something to be proud of. Thank you Gareth.

Gareth's resignation now means that the school will be looking for a replacement to fill this vacancy and have decided that this can be done by selection rather than by holding a by-election. Please read the following about this process

-Kia Ngatahi ki ako- Learning Together-

Ruawaro Combined School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent in writing to:

Presiding Member (Chair) - Carley Jones

Ruawaro Combined School Board

76 Bain Road

RD 2

Huntly 3772

cjones @ruawaro.school.nz

by: 24th April 2024

Also please contact Carley if you are interested in becoming a Board Member as this will help a selection process.

I wish you all have a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing students back on Wednesday 3rd April.

As always if you have any questions, my door is always open and I am happy to see and talk to you.

Ngaa mihi nui
Sue

For your Calendars:

2024 Term Dates:

Term 1 – 31 January – 12 April

Term 1 Public Holidays:

Easter break- Good Friday 29th March, Easter Monday 1st April & Easter Tuesday 2nd April (school closed)

Term 2 – 29 April – 5 July

Term 2 Public Holidays: Monday 3rd June – Kings Birthday & Friday 23rd June - Matariki

Term 3 – 22 July – 27 September

Term 3 Public Holidays: None

Term 4 – 14 October – December (date to be confirmed)

Term 4 Public Holidays: Monday 28th October – Labour Day



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