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Term 2- Week 10

Kia Ora Ramarama School whanau.

What a whirlwind of a term it has been- we have so much to celebrate and the students here at Ramarama School are so lucky to have experiences and learning in such a wide range of areas.

I was looking back over the calendar for the past 10 weeks and realised just how many extra opportunities our students are enjoying. Here are some of our Term 2 highlights, I have grouped them based on our main three school values (Challenge, Treasure and Explore) and the values that sit within each of them.



Challenge



- Cross Country
- ECCS orienteering, netball, hockey and rugby
- 4 new students started
- Pink Shirt & Gumboot Friday
- Teacher Only Day- report writing
- Staff Professional Development- Maths, Phonics, Art & Growth Coaching
- Junior Assemblies
- Senior school sports and assemblies

Treasure



- Whanau Hui
- PTA meetings
- BOT Meetings
- Outdoor play day
- Author Dawn McMillan visit
- Franklin Bulls Basketball visit
- Grip Leadership Conference
- Awhina Groups
- Kapa Haka
- Spanish lessons
- Choir
- Buddy classes
- School values assembliesthis term we have focused on being resilient, being connected and being courageous.

Explore



- Camp Bentzon- EOTC week
- PTA Bingo night
- Student led Conferences
- Matariki Celebration
- Howick Colonial Village visit
- Motat visit
- Open afternoons
- PTA Calf Club meetings for new families
- Property work- Pool and shade sails
- PTA lunches

Thank you to the members of the PTA that have organised lunches, meetings and the Bingo night this term!



I would like to thank the staff for giving such a lot of themselves to the students they work with and the school in general. We are very lucky to have dedicated and passionate people here who really care about the students.

They deserve a well earned rest and recovery period over the next 2 weeks, as do our students who have all worked hard this term.

In Term 3 our focus shifts slightly to speeches and poetry recitals as well as getting ready for Calf Club Day. The main home learning for Term 3 is always raising and rearing your animal or completing the project. Teachers will

not give other home learning tasks in Term 3, but we do encourage students to keep reading every night.



Calf Club Day:



Students will need to decide if they are going to raise and rear an animal (lamb, goat, calf or chicken) and if they are unable to do this then they need to complete the Calf Club Day project. This year the two choices are to make a clock using recycled materials or complete a cross stitch/embroidery based on a rural theme.

The full information about the projects can be found on your child's class Seesaw notices and at the bottom of this newsletter.

Thank you to the parents that came along to the meetings on Monday to ask questions and find out more about the day. If you were unable to attend or need more information, please see your child's teacher.

We are hoping to get the lamb and goat creche set up in the holidays- so we will let you know when it is ok for the students to bring their animals to school. This is an option for students who still need to feed their animals during the day.

Reminders:

 If you would like to go on the list to raise and rear an orphan lamb please contact Joyclen Wintle-027 6986107 and she will put you on the list. A donation towards colostrum will be required.

Upcoming events

Date	Event	Who	Contact
8 July	Reports go home	All students	principal@ramarama.school.nz
9 July	Last day of term. End of term assembly starts at 2pm in the hall. PTA are selling ice blocks after assembly- bring along some money to buy an end of term treat.	All welcome	principal@ramarama.school.nz
26 July	Term 3 starts- Takahe at Technology		
30 July	NZ Olympics Headquarters Visit	Year 5-8 classes	m.paton@ramarama.school.nz

Community Meeting regarding the Proposed Corrections Facility in Ramarama:

At the community meeting held on Sunday 4 July at the Ramarama Community Hall the organisers stated that the school did not allow them to use our school hall for the meeting as we had a conflict of interest. There was no conflict of interest, as a BOT we made a decision to keep the community meeting separate from the school as no meeting agenda had been shared, we had not been asked to share a statement and the Department of Corrections had not been invited to the meeting to answer any concerns or share information.

As stated in previous updates as a BOT we held a meeting with concerned parents and community members that had emailed the BOT their questions and concerns. We invited the Department of Corrections to this meeting and the parents/community members were able to ask their questions directly.

The BOT is in the process of writing a formal letter to the Department of Corrections stating our opposition to this proposed facility in the proposed location.

Nga mihi nui, Tania Campbell- PRINCIPAL

Board of Trustees News:

Kia Ora Ramarama School whanau,

Firstly, the BOT would like to show our thanks to the substantial work put in to deliver another amazing Term. The Year 7&8 camp at Kawau Island was a real highlight but also visits to MOTAT, Howick Historical Village and many ECCS sporting activities.



This Term we held our first Whanau Hui and while we would have loved to have had more families able to attend it was a great start to obtaining more input from our school community on what the school does well and future opportunities. A real highlight was the sense of community that exists and our ability to fully leverage the amazing diversity we have. If anyone has any ideas on how to bring this to life or has anything to share then please feel free to reach out to any member of the BOT or via our email.

One of the key challenges this term was the conversation around the Corrections Facility planned for the Ramarama/Ararimu area. On the 15th June the BOT hosted a meeting with Corrections representatives and the invited families who responded to the BOT email addressing this topic. If anyone would like minutes of this meeting please contact Jane via the BOT email address. It was a good opportunity to clarify some of the misinformation around the facility and be able to ask very direct questions to the corrections reps. While no one argues that facilities such as these are necessary it was very clear that the chosen location in a rural setting was not something that could be agreed upon. The corrections team welcome direct contact and said they would be happy to meet with smaller groups, here are their contact details: Stephen.wolfgramm@corrections.govt.nz.

We are continuing to work directly with the Dept of Corrections, Franklin Local Board and local MPs on this issue, the BOT will be sending a formal letter to the Corrections Department restating our concerns and reasons for opposing this location.

Also, thanks to our amazing PTA who have delivered many activities this month and specifically the very successful Bingo night. They are well underway with the Calf Club organization so remember to let them know if you can help in any way.

Wishing our children and staff, a restful two weeks before returning to school refreshed for Term 3.

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PTA NEWS:

Hi Ramarama Whanau!



A huge thank you to everyone involved in the organising, set up, running and pack down of Bingo Night. The night was a huge success where we raised over \$4500! This wouldn't be possible without the support of our sponsors that helped us make up our raffle prizes and reduce our running costs for the night.

This Wednesday 7th July is our end of term PTA catch up at 7pm in the staff room. If you have any questions about Calf Club or want to get involved, Denise McCorry will be with us or feel free to contact her denise@everest.org.nz if you're able to lend a hand. This includes any past pupils who would like to join in on the day and help out.

Many thanks for an awesome term and see you for Term 3. We are selling ice blocks after assembly on Friday- bring along some small change to buy an ice block.

Aliesha and Adele Co-Chairs, Ramarama School PTA pta@ramarama.school.nz Facebook: RamaramaSchoolPTA **CALF CLUB PROJECT 2021-** This year the students not rearing an animal have a choice between 2 projects.

The following information will be important for your child if for whatever reason they are **unable** to have an animal for Calf Club Day on Saturday 25th September.

All students who **do not** have an animal are required to complete one of the Calf Club Day Projects in their own time and bring it into school the day before Calf Club. The idea behind this is that rearing an animal takes time and effort on a daily basis, therefore working on a project over a number of weeks provides students with the same type of sustained learning and effort.

Families are welcome to support their child's efforts and help them develop their concept, but the majority of the work needs to be completed by the child.

Option Number 1: Design and build a clock out of recycled materials.

- 1. Draw or find a design of the clock you would like to create.
- 2. You will need to source a working clock mechanism yourself.
- 3. Collect materials to use, these need to be mostly recycled or repurposed materials.
- 4. Build and decorate your working clock.
- 5. You will need an A3 sheet or booklet that goes with your clock, this shows the judges your research about clocks, your design process and your construction process. Your project will not be included in judging without this paperwork. This should include photos, hand drawn designs and research.



Option Number 2: Animal or Farm Theme Cross Stitch/Embroidery

- 1. Draw or find a design of the cross stitch/embroidery image you would like to create.
- 2. Source the materials you will need-thread, needles, fabric etc
- 3. You may choose to purchase a kit to use or design and create your own using materials of your choice.
- 4. Start stitching. Your cross stitch/embroidery can be 10cm x 10cm or bigger- you decide
- 5. You will need an A3 sheet or booklet that goes with your cross stitch, this shows the judges your design process and your construction process. Your project will not be included in judging without this paperwork. This should include photos, hand drawn designs and a photo of the final product.

Whichever project you choose to do you need to ensure that the project is completed by the child. Parents can help and support but not complete the project for the child.

Please bring your projects to school on Friday 24th September along with your paperwork. These will go on display in the hall in sections. Year 0-2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8.

We award 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each section as well as Merit and Highly Commended certificates. If you have any questions regarding this task, please contact your child's teacher.

We look forward to seeing the wonderful projects on Calf Club Day.



Bombay Netball Registrations are now open for Future Ferns (Year 3 & 4), on our website at the following link:

Bombay Netball 2021 Registrations

Registrations will CLOSE 15th August 2021

Team Naming 18th August

First game 24th September



RED SHED PALAZZO CHRISTMAS BUFFET An arrangement of Hors d'oeuvre on arrival for each table Champagne Ham on the bone honey glazed with whole grain mustard sauce (carved at buffet table) Chicken Au Vin chicken drums saute with onions, garlic & finished in a tomato butter chicken style sauce John Dory Goujons of crumbled John Dory with homemade lime tartar sauce Vegetarian Pumpkin & Spinach Tortellini Pasta With roast pumpkin finished in spinach garlic pesto cream sauce Vegetables Palazzo lyonnaise scalloped potatoes Julienne vegetables with seasonal greens sautéed with cumin & lemon grass Salads Riscossa Orzo with peas, chorizo with red onion, tomato & caesar vinaigrette Pasta & green bean salad with tomatoes, feta, capsicum with curry yoghurt dressing Palazzo coleslaw with red & white cabbage, apples & sultana's honey mustard dressing Garlic pesto bread **Temptations** Brandy snaps filled with frangelico & fresh cream

Individual pavlova's topped with fresh cream, kiwi fruit & passionfruit couli

Raspberry cheese cake with fresh cream

Tea and coffee