

Week 8 Term 3 - 2020

Kia Ora Ramarama School whanau,



I think if I had to choose a phrase to sum up this year it would have to be, “flying by the seat of my pants.” With often little more than a couple of hours notice this year I have had to formulate plans and procedures for our school that have never been done before. Not once or even twice this year everything we have planned has had to be changed or cancelled. **Resilience and Co-operation** were selected by the staff as our 2020 theme late last year when we started our planning. How apt that this has never been more fitting, we really have had to work together harder than ever to ensure that we stay connected and supportive of one another. Bouncing back from things and returning to school and trying to transition back into school routines again and again- but we have done it and so have our students!

How quickly things have changed, now words such as bubbles, clusters, lockdown, alert levels and borders have become a part of our daily vocabulary. Nothing about this year is normal, last night I sat in my bedroom on a Zoom call with members of the PTA discussing Calf Club and trying to formulate a plan that would limit the adults on site to 100. Nothing about this situation is fair or ideal but we are trying our best to ensure that we can honour the rural traditions of the school in some way.



So this will be the plan for Calf Club if Auckland gets moved to mass gatherings of 100 by Saturday 19th September.

On Saturday only the students with animals and their parents will be on-site. The calves and goats will be judged first and then these people will leave the grounds. The students and parents with lambs will then enter the site for their judging. There will be no games, activities etc- there will be a BBQ, coffee, drinks and ice blocks for sale. If your child is rearing an animal you will have received an email yesterday asking you to send me the names

of the adults who will be attending with your child. This is so I can ensure we are adhering to the mass gathering protocols and not going over 100 people per session. Please ensure I have these names asap.

For the **students who are completing the Calf Club Project** of either the knitted scarf or the bird feeder you will need to bring your completed project to school on Thursday 17th September. You will take your projects to the hall to go on display. The projects will be judged on Thursday afternoon and then on Friday 18th September we will invite your parents in to view the judged projects. We will also have to stagger the viewing times to ensure we meet the mass gathering protocols.



- **Puriri parents you can view the projects between 9:00- 10:00am**
- **Rimu parents you can view the projects between 10:00- 11:00 am**
- **Kauri parents you can view the projects between 11:40- 12:40pm**
- **Nikau parents you can view the projects between 1:40- 2:40pm**

We will have the students from each Awhina group in the hall at that time so they can see each other's work.

The hall will also be open after school till 4:00pm for people who may not be able to come during the day- there will be a staff member on the door ensuring we meet the protocols.

Also on Friday 18th September there will be a BBQ for the students with projects- the PTA are organising a free sausage and drink or ice-block for every child that has completed the project.

We hope that this plan ensures that the hard work students have put into completing either the project or raising an animal will be acknowledged and celebrated. Thank you to the members of the PTA who are working hard behind the scenes to ensure we can run this event.

Speech and Poem Finals

This Thursday 10th September we will have our annual speech finals and poem showcase. Unfortunately we can not have parents on site at this event so we will be recording the speeches and poems and sharing them with you digitally. The ECCS speech finals have also been cancelled so our winners will not be going on to compete further- but we also feel that it is important to continue this tradition at our school.

I know lots of our students have put in hours of work on their speech and it will be great to acknowledge this at the speech finals and poem showcase.



This Friday is MUFTI DAY and the rescheduled Pizza lunch. If your child chooses to wear MUFTI then the PTA would like them to bring a grocery item as the donation. The grocery items can be handed in to the classroom teacher in the morning.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 8 Samosa fundraiser. Thank you to all the parents who helped with organisation and collection. We raised a total of \$1,800 for the Year 8 graduation and day out.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me- principal@ramarama.school.nz

Tania Campbell- PRINCIPAL



*Thank you to **Takanini Auto Service Centre** for their sponsorship of our Calf Club Ribbons for 2020, we really appreciate your support!!!*



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PTA News

Hi everyone

Let's hope all that hand washing and sanitising starts to pay off and we are down to Level 2 next week.

Pizza Lunch.

This Friday, 11th Sept, PTA will be hosting the postponed Pizza Lunch for those who ordered before lockdown. Thanks Rachel Tayler for organising this lunch.

Save the date!

Pizza Lunch Makeup Day – Fri 11th
Sept

Mufti Day Grocery Raffle– 11th Sept
Don't forget to follow our Facebook
page **Friends of Ramarama School**



With the chance we will not be in Level 1 in time for Calf Club we are now working on a Level 2 plan. This incorporates a max gathering size of 100 (excluding students) and social distancing requirements.

Thankfully at this level our costs are fairly low and have either been sponsored or will be covered by raffles and produce sales. All other activities, including baking and 2nd hand stalls, are now cancelled.

Sausage Sizzle Lunch for participating students – Fri 18th (Projects) or Sat 19th (Animals)

The PTA will be providing a free sausage and drink or ice-block to students who have participated in projects and/or animals.

Mufti Day This Fri 11th Sept

It would be appreciated if your child can bring an item for either the family basics box or Saturday night treats pack. Family Basics – e.g. Pantry staples, packets, jars, tins and bottles. Saturday Night Treats – Eg. Chocolates, crackers, popcorn, desserts.

Raffles:

Raffles will be for sale from early next week before school at the top carpark. We will also send home an order form too. In addition to the grocery raffles we have some great prizes that have been donated. Details of the goodies to come.

Produce:

Balle Bros have offered us some produce. As we can't host the produce stall we will be doing preorder/prepay bags of veges. These will be available for collection on the Friday or Saturday. Details and how to order to come.

Helpers at Animal Judging:

We need helpers to assist with BBQ and general running of the day on the Saturday. If you are able to help please get in touch with Frances.

Cheers and keep safe.

Frances Hayes
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Calendars! Diaries! Cards! Notebooks!



It is that time of year again...

Your children have started creating artwork that can be ordered for calendars, diaries, cards or notebooks.

Calendars are A4 size and have one artwork with a 12 month tear off calendar.

Card packs include 8 cards and envelopes that are blank inside, so they are suitable for lots of occasions.

Diaries for 2021 are spiral bound with a hard cover. They are A5 in size and are a week per view.

Notebooks are unlined, A5 in size and also spiral bound.

Please note we are NOT offering sibling OR multiple options for artwork this year.

Artwork can be viewed in Learning Spaces or via Seesaw. Samples of the products available are in the office.

If you wish to order calendars, cards, diaries or notebooks, please fill in the slip below and return with payment to the school office.

ORDERS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER (LAST DAY OF TERM – NO LATE ORDERS TAKEN!)

Name of child	Learning Space	Artwork	
Product ordered		Quantity	Cost
Calendar			(\$15 ea) \$
Greeting cards (pk 8)			(\$13 ea) \$
Diary			(\$15 ea) \$
Notebook			(\$15 ea) \$
Total amount payable			\$
Paid by: cash cheque internet banking (please circle choice)			
School Bank Acct # 12 3031 0175368 00 (Please use family name as reference)			



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Ramarama School 150th Jubilee

RAMARAMA SCHOOL 150th JUBILEE AND REUNION

Kia ora.

Do you remember the School's 150th Jubilee and Reunion (really a rather special birthday party) almost three years ago?

There has been one project that the Organising Committee promised to do at that time but it has only just been completed.

If you go into the School Hall and look to the right, you will see a new Roll of Honour Board above the Fire Exit. This board contains 25 extra names of school students who have served in the New Zealand Armed Forces since the South African War.

The Committee felt that it was really important to get this very important information correct for ever and this update has now been finished.

We must thank the Franklin Local Board and the School for their support of the project.

We hope that you like the new Roll of Honour Board and that it gives you a chance to reflect on the service of former students and the sacrifice of others to make this world a better and safer place.

Farewell and haere ra from the Jubilee and Reunion Organising Committee. Now to start making plans for 2067!



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