

Ramarama School

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 8

School News

A special welcome to Haven, Jayda, Sephie, Jemima and Jeriah who have joined our school in the past week. Our roll is currently sitting at 190 students. We hope you love coming to our school and we are happy to have you all with us.

Over the past two weeks we have had a focus on our School Value- Whakatūhura, which reminds us to be curious, creative and resourceful.

Two students from each learning space were awarded certificates at our assembly today for demonstrating these attributes!

Last week we took a very enthusiastic group of Year 4, 5 & 6 students to the ECCS Football Funday. Our teams all had a great day- they all played seven 20 minute games each and the skill and sportsmanship they all showed was outstanding! Thank you to all the wonderful parents helpers we had on the day- we couldn't do these events without your support.

This week both the Junior and Senior teams are heading to Clarks Beach as part of our Science learning- The Rocky Shore. I know the students are really looking forward to these trips- let's hope for fine weather.

Next week we finish school on Thursday 28th March at 3pm for the Easter break. School is closed from Friday 29th March through to Tuesday 2nd April. **School opens again on Wednesday 3rd April.**

The last day of Term 1 is Friday 12th April and we finish at the normal time of 3pm. Term 2 starts on Monday 29th April.

Reminders

- Easter Mufti Day this Friday- please send along one Easter treat for the Easter raffles if your child would like to wear their own clothes.
- Ice blocks for sale every Friday lunchtime in Term 1- \$2 each.
- Rock Your SOCKS- Thursday.
- Our school website has a live Google Calendar if you need to check school events and also all the teachers contact email addresses.

BE

Respectful
Connected
Caring

TIAKI TĀONGA – TREASURE

BE

Courageous
Resilient
Collaborative

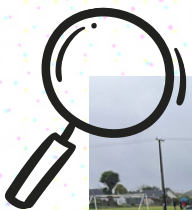
WHAKAWERO – CHALLENGE

BE

Curious
Creative
Resourceful

WHAKATŪHURA – EXPLORE

ECCS Football



Friends of Ramarama School

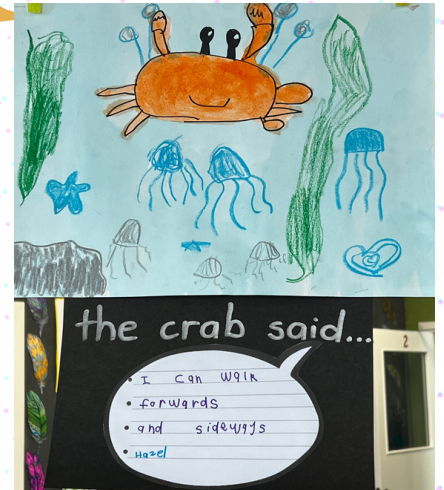
Second Hand Uniform Sale

Next used uniform sale Wednesday, 3rd April. Small coins or transfer to the school account accepted.

As always, donations accepted anytime. Donations made to Andrea in the school office.

Easter Raffle and Bulbs Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has been selling the raffle tickets and bulbs for the school. You can get extra order forms and tickets from the office.



Writer of the Week- Juniors

Writer of the Week- Seniors

Mandarin Fish, also known as the Dragonet fish, are sometimes referred to as the most beautiful fish in the sea. They are found mostly in the warm waters around Australia and the Ryukyu Islands of Japan. They belong to the Perciformes family (the Perch-like fishes). Mandarin fish love to snack on easy to kill prey, like baby snails and different types of crustaceans. But, the Mandarin fish have to watch out while searching for food because their main predator, the Scorpion Fish, also loves to eat baby snails and crustaceans.

Mandarin Fish have a triangular shaped head and large protruding amber eyes, paired with alluring bright colours and blue and green stripes painted across its back along with elegant yellow patches wrapping it all together. It has an undercoat of brown and yellow with all types of different fins like two dorsal fins, caudal fins, 2 pectoral fins, another 2 pelvic fins and finally 1 large tail fin.

A weird thing about the Mandarin fish is that normally all fish have scales that stop them from getting that hurt from their predators, but the Mandarin fish don't have any scales because instead they have sharp spikes covered in a thick mucus that covers their whole body from head to toe. Apparently this slime smells terrible but that is so you will know not to touch this fish because if you do the fish will inject a highly toxic poison into your bloodstream and it will probably kill you.

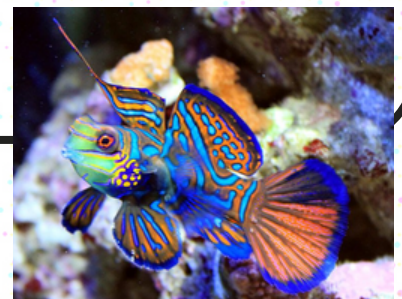
These fish occur from the Philippine Islands to the Great Barrier Reef, Australia. Dragonet fish live and eat mostly on the sea bed swimming through coral and protected areas around where they live at depths of about 3-60 feet (1-18m) below sea level. Mandarin fish always have a small group of fish around them spread out across the small area where that family of Mandarin fish live. Found mostly around the beautiful Ryukyu Islands, Japan.

Yummy crustaceans like copepods and amphipods are a hungry Mandarin fish's favourite food, as well as little innocent baby snails and protozoans found crawling along the sea bed around the coral. These fish are a huge fan of easy to kill prey because it's hard work being so beautiful.

The dangerous Scorpion Fish sneaks around looking for tasty snacks that will fill them up, and small Mandarin Fish are the perfect choice because while the dragonet fish are carefully looking around the reef for their next yum dinner, the Scorpion Fish also love the exact same food as they do. So while the fish is looking around for food their predator will use them to find the food for them and then will sting Mandarin Fish in the head or the chest and slowly swallow them.

Now you will understand why the Mandarin Fish is definitely the most beautiful fish in the sea and hopefully this will make you want to have a trip to the Great Barrier Reef or to the Ryukyu Islands in the great country of Japan and have a quick peek at the marvellous Dragonet fish and the only word that will be coming out of your mouth will be "WOW".

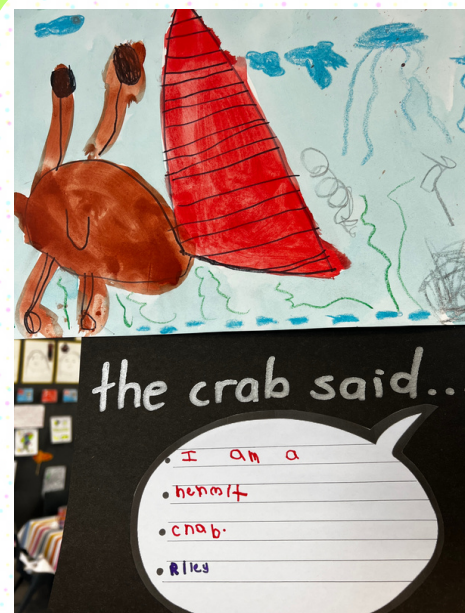
By Rose



Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 19th March- Senior School trip to Clarks Beach
- Wednesday 20th March- Junior School Trip to Clarks Beach
- Thursday 21st March- Rock Your Socks!
- Friday 22nd March- Easter Mufti Day- bring along an Easter treat for the raffles.
- Wednesday 27th March- Easter Raffles Drawn
- Thursday 28th March- Year 7 & 8 Technology
- Friday 29th March- Tuesday 2nd April- School Closed for Easter Break.

Writer of the Week- Juniors



Ramarama School Policies

Our school policies are housed in a website called: School Docs

You can read these policies anytime you like.

Just visit the website
www.schooldocs.co.nz

The username is: ramarama
The password is: calfclub

As part of our Board Assurance Statement we are required to share the latest policy regarding Physical Restraint with our community. At our school we are trained in de-escalation techniques and only restrain a child if there is immediate harm or safety risks to themselves or the students around them.

The Principal, Deputy Principal and all full-time teachers have undertaken training modules on this and are authorised to restrain if needed. You can read these policies and more on the School Docs Website- as stated above.

Bulb Fundraiser

We are doing a fundraiser to raise money to contribute towards E.O.T.C activities school-wide. Education outside the classroom is an important part of learning at Ramarama School.

In order to maintain manageable costs to families we are doing some fundraising so we can continue doing the activities without it being a such financial burden on our families.

Order forms are being sent home with the oldest and only children. More order forms are available at the office.

Please feel free to ask your friends and family if they would like to order spring bulbs too!

Garden Post BULB FUNDRAISER



**Orders close -
25th March 2024**

Bulbs will be delivered from
Week 2 Term 2

For further information contact - Andrea -
admin@ramarama.school.nz

DRURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

FANTAILS

Our Fantails hub is kicking off for Term 1 so come along to join the Girls with Coach Phil for summer football fun.

Who? Girls aged 5-12yo
When? Every Thurs 4:30-5:30pm starting 7th March 2024

Check out the full info on our website:
<https://druryfootball.co.nz/fantails-hub>

Join a Fantails Hub today!

FANTAILS

For more information head to
NZFOOTBALL.CO.NZ/FANTAILS