

# Ruawaro Combined School

**Newsletter:** Term 2 Week 1

Thursday: 02 May 2024



Kia ora everyone

Welcome back to Term 2. We do hope that you were able to enjoy time with your children over the break.

This term we will continue with newsletters going out every second Thursday with any other important updates being put out over Class Dojo and Skool Loop as necessary. If you have trouble accessing any of these please let us know and we will endeavour to get you connected.

As we move into changeable weather with cooler days, please ensure that all uniform items, especially Polar Fleece are correctly named so that they can be returned to the correct owner as soon as possible.

Cellphones Away for the Day

As you are no doubt aware this became law at the beginning of this term. Although not a big issue here, our policy is that if your child needs to bring a phone or digital device to school that it is to be handed in to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the day and will be returned at the end of the school day. This policy can be found on our School Docs site- Community username: ruawaro Password: bainroad

School Photos

Photolife Studios will be taking school & sibling photos on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. An information brochure (regarding online ordering) along with sibling photo requests will be sent home with students on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and the signed sibling request forms will need to be returned to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Winter Sports at the Te Akau Complex for Year 4-8 students on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Information for Year 4-8 students regarding this event will be coming out separately today.

Fun Run:

We are looking forward to holding our Fun Run at the Huntly Lake followed by a swim at the Huntly Pools next Friday and fingers crossed that the weather stays fine enough for this to go ahead.

Thanks to everyone who has replied and to those who have offered transport for this event. We are hoping that parents will be able to run/walk with students and also that we can have several parents standing at strategic places around the track please.

Term 2 Curriculum Information – attached to this newsletter is an overview of what we will be covering this term.

*-Kia Ngatahi ki ako- Learning Together-*

Upcoming events

Friday May 10: School Fun Run (Huntly)

Friday May 17: Winter Sports (Years 4-8) - Te Akau Complex

**Friday May 31- Ministry Allocated Teacher Only Day (School Closed)**

**Monday June 3 King's Birthday (School Closed)**

**Friday June 28 Matariki (School Closed)**

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

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**For your Calendars:**

**2024 Term Dates:**

Term 2 – 29 April – 5 July

Term 2 Public Holidays: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Kings Birthday & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day

## **Term Two Curriculum Information**

### **Reading:**

All classes will continue to do Daily Guided Reading (including aspects of structured literacy) with a focus on comprehension.

### **Writing:**

Students across the school will continue developing their understanding of different sentence types and structures this will include paragraphing skills as appropriate. This term students will write using a variety of genre including; narrative, poems, letters, and transactional - non-fiction.

### **Maths:**

All classes will continue to build on students number knowledge relevant to each child's individual stage. This will include basic facts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with whole numbers and decimals where appropriate. There will also be a focus on measurement and time.

### **Technology**

Students will participate in a range of technology challenges this term. This will include design and unplugged (coding without using devices) technology. We are also looking forward to using the resources that were kindly provided to us by Genesis Energy.

### **Te Reo/Tikanga Maori**

Daily use of Te reo will continue to be incorporated into all classroom programmes with weekly focused lessons relevant to the age of the students.

We will continue to look at different Maori Myths and Legends with a particular focus on Matariki. We look forward to hosting a special Matariki assembly on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, to share our learning. This assembly will be followed by a shared lunch.

### **Health and PE**

Daily Fitness

Winter Sports - Large Ball skills

Cluster Schools Winter Sports Day - Years 4-8 (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

School Fun Run (May 10<sup>th</sup>)

### **Science:**

We begin the Term with an Inquiry - 'Food for Thought'.

# CONCEPT MAP Food for Thought

**BIG IDEA:** Each ingredient in a product formula or recipe adds different functionality.

Future Food Innovations

Research and development focusing on sustainable food production options.

Earth's resources are limited.

Food production will need to double to meet the nutritional demands of all the extra people.

World's population is increasing.

Texture  
Structure  
Taste  
Colour

Gluten strands trap gases.

Leavening agents are substances that cause a foaming action.

Some food ingredients attract and hold water molecules from the surrounding environment (hygroscopic substances).

Adding heat to food causes physical and chemical changes to occur.

Gelling agents are used to thicken and stabilise food.

Curdling is a process by which a liquid is transformed into a soft semisolid or solid mass.

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Curriculum Level

**STARTING CONCEPT:** Adding or removing an ingredient can alter the structure, texture, colour and taste of food.