



Ruawaro Combined School

Newsletter: Week One/Term Four

Friday 10th October 2025

Kia ora everyone

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 4.

As usual, preparing for our upcoming Flower Show and Calf and Lamb Day has been the focus for us all during this first week back. The students have been working hard preparing their artwork for display and are looking forward to sharing these with you at the end of week 2.

We are pleased to report that over the holiday break we had some roofing work done here at school. A new roof was installed over the Whare Kea block, clear roof areas were replaced and all other roof areas were refixed. Luckily the weather did not hold the contractors up too much and all work was completed before school came back.

Today we are sending home a box of Weetbix and 2 cartons of milk per family.

Next week will also be a busy one, with the added complication of the Targa Rally on Wednesday, so please read the following information carefully.

Targa Rally:

On Wednesday 15th October, many of our local roads will be closed due to this event and because of the timing, we realise that this will impact many of you on that day.

The school bus will be running at the usual time in the morning.

School will be open from 7am to allow students to be dropped off and enough time for parents to get back before the roads close. We will be providing weetbix for any student who does not have time to have breakfast.

If you need to drop your child off earlier than that, please contact school and we will see if that can be arranged.

If you cannot get your child to school before the road/s around you close, we will understand, but please let us know.

At this stage we believe that the School Lunches will be allowed through. If this information changes, we will let you know.

Learning Journey Books:

Thank you to those who have returned these already, it was lovely to see all the positive comments in them.

Please return any outstanding books to school as soon as possible.

Strike Action Reminder:

You may have heard that the recent negotiations between NZEI and the Government were not accepted by school staff across New Zealand. As a result members have voted in favour of taking strike action on Thursday 23rd October.

The Board has agreed that school will be closed on this day as all teaching and administration staff here at school are union members. We will keep you updated if there are any changes to this information.

School Calf and lamb Day/Flower Show :

Please see attached information with this newsletter.

PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities

This is an annual fundraising opportunity they run each year whereby farmers can support our school when they purchase Ballance fertiliser and selected ag chem through their PGG Wrightson account between September and November.

See information flyer attached.

Awapuni Nurseries Fundraiser:

From 1st October to 15th October you will be able to support our school by making a purchase from Awapuni Nurseries online shop. You will pay the same price all customers do, but by entering the code **ruawaro2025**, 20% of that sale (excluding delivery) will come back to our school.

Here's how it works

1. Shop seedlings online only at <http://awapuni.co.nz>
2. Enter our assigned code – **ruawaro2025** at the checkout
3. Click apply

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Upcoming events:

7 November- Junior Games hosted by Ruawaro Combined
14 November – Athletics for Year 4-8 – Glen Massey School
5 December – Beach Education Day at Raglan – Whole school event

Term Dates:

Term 3: 14th July – 19th September
Term 4: 6th October – 15 December

Many thanks to Genesis Energy for their ongoing support.



Reminder: Flower Show Day – Friday 17th October

Please note that this is a half day. School is only open from 9am-12pm.

Information regarding the Flower Show Categories for each year level with what the school provides and what students will need to provide was sent home with students at the end of Term 3, this information is also available on Class Dojo.

Students are able to use a mixture of fresh and fake flowers for all categories.

The bus will run as normal in the morning but students will need to be picked up no later than 12pm on this day. The school bus will not be running in the afternoon. This enables the Flower Show Judges to come in and judge the entries and allows students to spend time with their animals, preparing them for Saturday.

You are welcome to come and help on the morning of Flower Show if you would like, however, we respectfully ask that you do not help your own child/children and allow all students to make their own displays. You are able to take your child/children home as soon as they have completed their entries as classrooms will be out of bounds until Saturday morning.

Please complete the attached form regarding student pick up from school on Friday, this form needs to be returned to school by Tuesday 14th October, thank you.

Reminder-New Categories:

This year we have two new categories in our Flower Show. We are holding a **Colouring Competition** for all ages and a **Scarecrow Competition**, information went home at the end of Term 3.

FLOWER SHOW FRIDAY - 17TH OCTOBER

(Please return this form to school by Tuesday 14th October)

My child/ren..... will be collected

at 12.00 on Friday 17th October by.....

Parents name and signature.....

I will be attending as a parent helper on Friday Yes / No

Calf & Lamb Day – Saturday 18th October:

Grocery Raffle: We are having a grocery raffle which will be drawn on Calf Club Day. Can all families please send along a grocery item to be included in this raffle by Friday 10th October or at the latest Tuesday 14th October.

Kids Books and Toys Raffle: We are also be having a Kids Books and Toys Raffle. We do not require donations for this.

Tickets for both of these raffles have been sent home with students

Raffle Sale at Calf and Lamb Day:

We will be selling tickets for a Weber Charcoal BBQ and an umbrella. Tickets will be \$2.00 each and will be drawn on the day.

Cake Stall: As in the past, we are asking each family to provide a contribution of home baking, preserves or produce to sell on the day. Please send these along to school on Friday October 17th or bring along with you on Saturday October 18th.

On Calf & Lamb Day the Art & Craft and Flower Show exhibits will be available for viewing from 10.30am, the refreshments and sales table will be open for business from this time also.

We will require helpers with cooking sausages on the BBQ and to assist with the sales table. if you can help, please contact the office by Monday 13th October.

CALF & LAMB DAY– Judging commences at 10 am sharp, so please ensure that you are here and prepared well before this.

CHECK LIST FOR CALF CLUB DAY

- ☺ **Know your calf/lambs date of birth and breed.**
- ☺ **NAIT Cards for calves. Calves must have approved NAIT ear tag**
- ☺ **Electric fence standard/tie out peg for tying lambs up to. On a hot sunny day try and find some shade to tie your calf/lamb**
- ☺ **Halter and lead for calves, collar and lead for lambs.**
- ☺ **Brushes etc for grooming and cleaning calf/lamb.**
- ☺ **Bucket for giving your calf a drink of water, bucket and or bottle for giving lambs a drink of water. If your lamb is still having a bottle during the day it is advisable to wait until after the ‘most obvious pet’ and ‘leading’ events to give your lamb its bottle. If this is not possible please feed your lamb out of sight of others waiting their turn by the ring (ie go around the front of the school buildings).**
- ☺ **For children suitable footwear, sunhats/sunscreen, warm/waterproof jacket.**
- ☺ **Group Day is at Te Kauwhata Domain on Thursday 23rd October – 10.30am start. Any child who wishes to go to Group Day is encouraged to do so.**

- ☺ **Details for Group Day Registration: Information to pre-register online for this was sent home with the last newsletter of Term 3. A reminder that registrations close on Sunday 19th October at 9.00am**
- ☺ **Waikato A & P Show - Boys & Girls Agricultural Club Day is on Friday 31st October: More information to follow at a later date.**

NEW CALF EVENT:

We will be holding a new event this year for calves, it will be an obstacle course challenge (see diagram below).

This was trialled last year at the Lower Waikato Group Day and was a huge success so they have now incorporated it into their programme.

We have had a bridge built for the course for school and encourage those with calves to give it a go on the day as a fun event. We realise that people will not have a bridge at home but students may be able to practise by walking their calves over wooden boards or something similar you may have at home, weaving through poles stepping over ground poles and walking over a tarpaulin.

