

Developing Independence Through Learning

**RUKUHA SCHOOL**

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# A note from the Principal

Welcome back

2022 is under way. I trust that you all had a good break and didn't over indulge in the Xmas festivities.

The children look refreshed and ready to go and the staff have plenty of exciting topics and units planned for the year.

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year. The classes are buzzing, and the children are already working hard – keep up the great effort.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new pupils and families to Rukuhia School and district. We look forward to finding out about you and where you have come from.

Please take some time to read through the newsletter, it contains valuable information about aspects of the school and it also has a Covid update.

If you have any questions please call into the office and see myself or any staff member and we will do our best to answer any questions.

Finally – welcome back

Regards,

Kevin Drury

Principal

Rukuhia School

Thought of the day.

How come you pay an extra 50 cents to get something extra put on your hamburger but they don't take anything off the price if you get something taken off?

# Newsletter Term1 Week 2



**KIA ORA** Welcome to Week 2!



The Pre-Order stationery worked really well the students and teachers have been really happy to come in and pick up their boxes. Thank you to everyone who took part.

The Newsletter is going to include a couple of the school policies as a reminder and to inform new parents so please have a read through:

- Pick up / Drop off
- Uniform

Unfortunately at this level we are unable to hold our fortnightly community assemblies, we look forward to their return in the future. Also, our optional Music teacher will be unable to visit the school at this stage but she will return as soon as this is viable.

2022 Financial letters and Family statements will be sent out in the next few weeks.

If you see any new faces around the school please help them to feel welcome - Have a great week Team Rukuhia!

# Covid Update

To Parents and caregivers,

You will all be aware, there are several local schools that have Covid cases in their school and/ or community.

The following is an overview of if we receive a notification at Rukuhia School.

Firstly, let me thank all those parents and caregivers that are wearing masks and social distancing on school grounds. This does help and while it may not prevent an outbreak, it will defiantly limit the spread if we continue to follow and respect the health guidelines.

If we do get a reported Covid case, the directive from the MOE is that we contact the Covid SPOC Hotline (SPOC – Single Point of Contact ) and the MOE Covid Response Team. Once a notification is made and the relevant information is gathered they will then direct us as to the requirements regarding isolation, testing, attendance etc.

This information will be passed on via email to all parties and will be updated as new information is received.

The staff are preparing to teach from home. Classroom teachers will run through the programmes with their class and inform parents / caregivers via email.

Please note that if a staff member is sick the distance learning may differ due to the severity of the teacher's condition.

As a staff we ask for your support and patience – everyday updated requirements and procedures are thrust upon us. There is a lot of conflicting information out in the public, depending on what site you visit. We work under the direction from the MOE and MOH, these are the procedures and policies that we work to and pass on to our community.

Again many thanks for your support and any questions please contact the school.

- Rukuhia Leadership Team



**If you are unwell and have any of these symptoms:**

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath
- sneezing or a runny nose

**then please don't enter this building.**

For updates and more information on keeping yourself safe, visit **Covid19.govt.nz**

**Stay home  
if you are sick**

New Zealand Government

# Important Dates

## Important Dates this Term:

15th of March	Sport Waikato are coming in to do a Cricket session with the school
18th of March	Lower Waipa School's Swimming sports
28th & 29th of March	St Johns in schools

## Term Dates

### **Term 1 2022**

Tuesday 1st February—14th April

### **Term 2 2022**

2nd May—8th July

### **Term 3 2022**

25th of July—30th September

### **Term 4 2022**

17th of October—TBC

## **Public Holidays 2022**

6th of June                  Queens Birthday

24 of June                  Matariki

24th of October          Labour Day

**Please note event dates are Covid level dependant and events could be postponed or cancelled.**

# Uniform Supplier

**Logo U2 are now able to offer your school uniform to be ordered directly from their online shop**

[www.logou2.com](http://www.logou2.com)

- A note from Logo U2: Please wash our shirts inside out. When printed apparel is turned inside out when washing the printing will last longer as it is not getting rubbed against other clothing.

**Logo U2**  
Proudly NZ



**first**  
credit union

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Rukuhia School.

A note from First Credit Union

**As we have now moved into the red traffic light setting and the uncertainty around us with Covid and Omicron, we wish to advise you that we will not be starting school banking until further notice.**



# School Reminders

## School Times

8.30am	Classrooms Open
9.00am	School Starts
11.00-11.30am	Morning Tea
12.45-1.40pm	Lunch
3.00pm	School Finishes

## Office Hours

8.30am—3.00pm  
office@rukuhia.school.nz  
07 843 6967

## Financial Information

2022 Financial Information letter will be out in the next couple of week, please let us know if you do not receive these.

## Absentees

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, could you please call the office before 9.00am. If the phone is unattended please leave a message.

## Signing In & Out

If you are late for school or need to take your children out of school for any reason during school time, **parents/caregivers must** come into the office and sign them out and then sign them back in if they are returning before school finishes.

## School Bank Account

If you are wanting to make online payments to the school below are our bank account details:

12 3152 0019783 00

Please make sure you note the child's name and what the payment is for.







## Rukuhia School Uniform

The Rukuhia School uniform is often the most visual statement of our school's identity in the wider community and reflects on who we are and what our school stands for. How our students wear the uniform conveys a strong message about our school. Parents / caregivers, students and staff have a shared responsibility in maintaining uniform standards – i.e. keeping the uniform clean, presentable and ensuring it is worn with pride.

### **Purpose**

The correct wearing of the Rukuhia School uniform helps set the tone and atmosphere of the school, and;

1. Gives students a sense of identity and pride in themselves and the school.
2. Maintains a standard reflective of Rukuhia School.
3. Promotes equality amongst all students.

### **Below Are the School Guidelines**

1. Wearing the regulation uniform is a condition of attendance at Rukuhia School and has been since January 2015. This was the completion of the 7 year introduction process.
2. The Board of Trustees in consultation with the school community will set the regulation uniform. Any changes to the regulation uniform will be advertised and will become effective immediately or phased in over a twelve month period.
3. It is expected that the uniform will be worn with pride in an appropriate and presentable manner as determined by the school management.
4. Students not wearing correct uniform require a note from home. Where there are financial or other difficulties, parents / caregivers should approach the principal who may grant individual dispensation in cases of genuine need.
5. Parents / caregivers of children who regularly wear incorrect uniform will be advised in writing and given an opportunity to rectify this.
6. It is recommended that all items of uniform be clearly named.
7. Students must wear correct uniform to and from school. Correct uniform shall also be worn on all school outings except when excursions require alternative clothing, i.e. shoreline studies, bush walks etc.
8. Rukuhia School requires students to:
  - Wear a regulation sunhat during Terms One and Four.
  - Wear only one plain stud or sleeper per earlobe, if ears are pierced. Suitable earrings will be determined at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team.
  - Wear any religious or cultural items under their shirts.
  - All other jewellery will be at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team.
  - Hair must be a natural colour other than organised events I.e. Crazy Hair Day
9. Suitable, older clothing needs to be worn on the field during winter months for



Girls

Top

Regulation Rukuhia School monogrammed shirt

(Plain Navy or Black Thermals may be worn underneath)

Regulation Navy Polar Fleece

Bottom

Regulation Navy Skort – (Plain Navy or Black stockings) or black socks only may be worn underneath)

Regulation Navy Long Pants (Plain Navy or Black thermals may be worn underneath)

Regulation Navy Shorts

School Shoes

Plain Black School Shoes– with black laces

Plain Black Velcro School Shoes

Plain Black School Sandals

Plain Black Socks

Please avoid black shoes with coloured soles / laces or markings

Boys

Top

Regulation Rukuhia School Monogrammed Polo Shirt

(Plain Navy or Black Thermals may be worn underneath)

Regulation Navy Polar Fleece

Bottom

Regulation Navy Shorts

Regulation Navy Long Pants (Plain Navy or Black thermals may be worn underneath)

School Shoes—as above

Hats

Regulation Hat **Compulsory in terms 1 and 4**



Above are examples of what is considered a 'School Shoe' slight variations and brands are acceptable.

# Before and After School Supervision

Rukuhia School is committed to ensuring students' safety before and after school. The school will provide out of school supervision of students from 8.30am – 9.00am and from 3pm-3.15pm. Outside these hours, students' safety is the responsibility of parents and caregivers.

## **Guidelines**

The school is unable to provide supervision for students who arrive at school before 8.30am.

Children dropped off before 8.30am, who do not attend before school care will remain the responsibility of the parents until 8.30am when the school will provide supervision.

We encourage students to be at school by 8.30am – 8.45am, to prepare for the day.

If students need to be dropped off before 8.30am, we strongly recommend that parents/caregivers make use of the private before and after school care facility located next door to the school. A charge applies. This is set by the before and after school care providers.

After school, students are to be picked up at 3.00pm. The school is unable to provide supervision after 3.15pm.

If students cannot be collected by 3.15pm, we strongly recommend that parents/caregivers make use of the private before and after school care facility located next door to the school. A charge applies. This is set by the before and after school care providers

If issues arise regarding the drop off and pick up of students, parents / caregivers will be contacted by the school.

If you are not collecting your child/ren and have made arrangements for a family member or friend to do the pickup please let the school / teacher know.

We do not release students into the care of people who are not authorised to collect your children.

#### Morning Drop Off:

Classrooms will be open at 8.30am and we encourage students to be at school between 8.30- 8.45am to prepare for the day.

Classes start at 9.00am. It is very disruptive to the morning procedure if children turn up late. To avoid unnecessary disruption to our students learning, please have your children at school before 9.00am.

#### Afternoon Pick Up:

So as to keep our students safe and ensure that all students get home safely, the following procedures are in place:

##### Years 1 - 3

1. All parents will need to collect their child/ren at their class.
2. Students need to be collected from class at 3.00pm and no later than 3.15pm as we are unable to provide supervision after this time.
3. If they are attending After School Care, students will be sent to the meeting place / Red Room at the hall.

##### Years 4 - 8

1. If walking or biking - Go straight home ( Fluro Bag Covers must be on )
2. If you are being picked up by a parent or caregiver go directly to the arranged pick up area.
3. If they are attending After School Care, students will be sent to the meeting place / Red Room at the hall.
4. If they are meeting a sibling in a junior class, students go straight to their brother or sister's class and wait quietly until the class teacher invites them in and they are then to be collected by parents / caregivers.

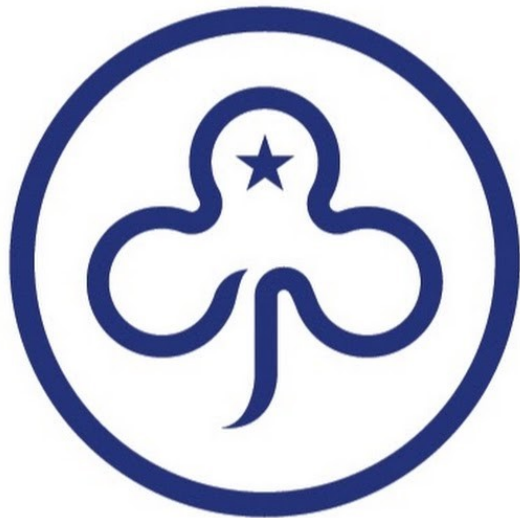
Please Note: These Guidelines may change if Covid-19 levels change, you will be notified of any changes.

## Before & After School Care Providers running from the Hall



Are you up for fun, **friends** and **adventure**, then Girl Guiding could be for you?  
We have units for girls aged between 5-17. We also are on the lookout for leaders to support these girls and even open new units in towns that don't have that age group.

We have spaces available in some of our units both in Te Pahu and Te Awamutu but if you are interested then email Michelle on [michellegirlguide@gmail.com](mailto:michellegirlguide@gmail.com) to find out more.



**Girl Guiding**  
**New Zealand**  
Ngā Kōhine Whakamahiri  
O Aotearoa

## Pirongia Netball Club Junior Trials 2022

We welcome all players from year 1 to year 8 from any school to attend our junior trials.

Head onto Pirongia Netball Club's Facebook page for the online registration link.

See ad below for trial dates and times.

**LJ Hooker**  
PAMELA THACKRAY

**Pirongia Netball Club**

**2022 Junior Trials**  
Year 1 to Year 8

**MONDAY 7TH MARCH**  
**WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH**

Register Online

**YEAR 1 & 2**  
NO TRIAL NEEDED  
JUST FILL IN THE ONLINE FORM

**YEAR 3 & 4**  
5:15PM SIGN IN  
5:30PM SKILLS & DRILLS TO 6:15PM  
MONDAY ONLY

**YEAR 5 TO 8**  
6:00PM SIGN IN  
6:20PM WARM UP, 6:35PM TRIAL GAMES  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

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**PIRONGIA NETBALL COURTS**

Be part of an awesome club!