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# Newsletter Term 3 Week 9



**KIA ORA** Welcome to week 9!

## Reminders

- The next assembly is this Friday the 23rd of September at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.
- There is a public holiday on the 26th of September in honour of the passing of the Queen, the school will be closed on this day.
- **Due to unforeseen circumstances, unfortunately, Wheels Day on Tuesday 27th September has been cancelled.**
- Ag Day entry forms are available in the office, these are due back by the 30th of September (the sooner these registrations come in the sooner we can give you a discount voucher for PGG Wrightson).
- On the 29th of September Jess from St John will be visiting the school teaching our students some First Aid skills to empower them to act in an emergency.

Please continue to read through this news letter for more information on these events.

**Have a fantastic week!**



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# Important Dates

## Important Dates this Term:

Tuesday 27th September **Wheels Day** - This event has been cancelled

Thursday 29th September St John in schools (Please see further in Newsletter)

## Future Events

Thursday 20th of October - School Ag Day

Thursday 27th October - Group Day (Inter-school Ag Day)

Year 4 & 5 Camp 7- 9 November

Year 6, 7 & 8 Camp 7-11 November

Friday 18th November - Christmas Festival

## 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**

**26th of September - Queen Elizabeth II  
Memorial Day**

**24th of October Labour Day**

## **BOT Meetings**

27th Sep

25th Oct

**School Photo Day Friday 28th October**



**Room**



Room One celebrated Te Reo Maori language week by reading the big book story, Hatupatu and the Birdwoman. Many students had a go at retelling this story for their writing and have done an outstanding job. We also have created some amazing art pieces of the Birdwoman. We used feathers, pastels, dye and googly eyes to complete these. Please feel free to pop into the class to have a closer look at them, they sure look amazing!



In week 7 it was Tongan language week. I invited David Latu a students dad, into Room 2 to celebrate Tongan language and culture. He brought a special guest, current All Black Samisoni Taukei'aho. Samisoni was born and raised in Tonga. So he had plenty to share with us. David also shared with us some keke Isite a Tongan doughnut. These were amazing. We were then lucky enough to have Zera from Room 5, David's daughter preform a traditional Tongan dance. Room 2 had so much fun learning about the Tongan culture and we continue to celebrate the culture daily. Room 2 is very grateful for everyone taking the time to share with us the Tongan culture.

Olivia Andrew



**Fakakoloa Aotearoa 'aki e Loto 'i Tonga**  
**Enriching New Zealand with the spirit of Tonga**

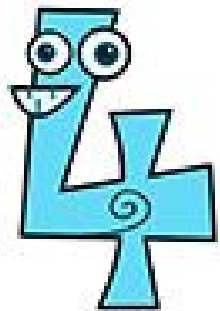
**Room**



Room 3

Kia ora

Room 3 has been very busy. We have begun our health unit Keeping Ourselves Safe. I hope you have been following up with the home learning tasks that have been coming home – they don't need to return to school. This is our last week of learning about time where we have been working on telling minutes and hours in digital and analogue time. After this we will be looking into picture graphs and bar graphs. The children are also finishing their report writing with their reports on a town/city in NZ and posters. Hopefully they will be done by the end of the week.



Room 4

Kia ora

Room 4 displayed brilliant resilience over the last 2 weeks with different teachers and different teaching styles. They have completed a maths unit on Money and their knowledge and ability to make change was impressive. They also researched about Queen Elizabeth and produced a report with this information. Mrs Esselbrugge completed some koru art with pastels as part of Māori language week, which are now displayed in class.



Kia Ora,

Room 5 students have had a busy term so far. They all worked hard on their speeches and many pushed through their fear of speaking in front of the whole class to deliver well-structured, informative speeches in a variety of topics.

In Science the students having been learning about seed germination, photosynthesis and the carbon cycle. They have grown seedlings that will hopefully, later be planted in the garden. We also tested the ph of our garden soil and used red cabbage as an indicator to find out if various liquids were acid or alkaline.

Room 5 students have shown amazing artistic talent in their bird lino-prints and still-life drawing and lemon paintings. We invite you to come and check them out.

Anneke Esselbrugge

Room



Mr George Brooks

Term 3 has been a busy term for the Room 5 family. The shared teaching in the class has provided the students with a wide range of learning activities.

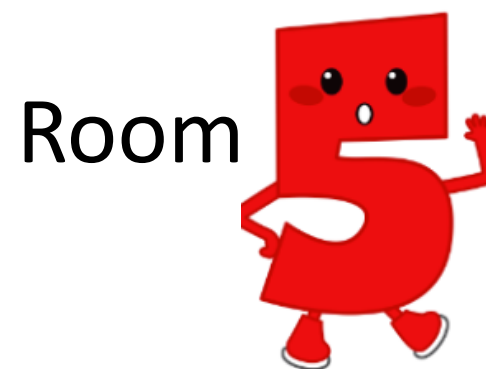
In mathematics we have been studying *Position and Movement*. What is this you may say? I did too. A quick glance at the textbook and the recognisable terms of *Reflection, Transformation and Rotation* appeared.

Great I now know what topics I have to teach. We studied the co-ordinate plain to develop an understanding of the *x* and *y* axis and the four quadrants. I am pleased to say the students have all achieved to their respective levels at these mathematical concepts.

Music has consisted of listening activities and music knowledge tasks. The students have studied instruments which have included the clarinet, saxophone and trumpet. We have also looked at the importance music play in film.

After morning break and lunch the students continued the established routine of silent reading. They take this activity seriously all reading chapter books.

I congratulate the room 5 family on the way they made their teachers part of the group this term.





## **How does our School Ag Day work?**

On the 20th of October, families who have registered an animal in our Ag Day will enter the school grounds from the field gate in the hall car park, you will be able to drive your vehicle down to the field, parking for families with calves will be behind the playground and parking for lambs and goats will be near the Vege garden area.

We welcome marquees / tents / camp chairs whatever it takes to keep you and your family comfortable on what has been known to be a very wet and cold day.

Dependant upon numbers our allocated judges will set the programme on the morning of the Ag Day.

We will require a few parent volunteers on the day to Marshall / assist the judges.

Dependant on how long the events take and how wet the day has been, at the end of the judging we will head up to the hall for prizegiving or allow everyone to head home to get warm and instead give out the awards in the next school assembly.

If you have any questions please email the school office.



# ST JOHN IN SCHOOLS



## Developing Clever Little Life Savers

The ASB St John in Schools programme aims to develop confident young Kiwi kids who care for the health and wellbeing of their communities. Our sessions deliver positive learning experiences to empower children to prevent injuries and respond to emergencies.

St John is committed to strengthening resilience and improving health and wellbeing in our community and recognise that children of all ages could make a life-saving difference in an emergency.

We visit schools across New Zealand training pre-school, primary and intermediate school-aged children to be clever little lifesavers. The programme is also available in Te Reo for all kura and kohanga reo.

## What happens in a typical ASB St John in Schools session?

One of our trained Community Educators, in consultation with the school, plans and delivers an engaging, interactive session. The programme has been developed with expertise from ACC, SafeKids Aotearoa, Civil Defence, CORE Education and St John and supports today's school curriculum. This takes place onsite at the school to a class or group of classes.

Modules on offer within the programme include:

- ***Responding to an Emergency (Available as Preschool Module through to Year 8)***
- ***Keeping Safe (Year 0-8)***
- ***Clued Up Camper (Year 5-8)***

Our sessions are between 45-90 minutes and modules are specifically designed to cater to all different age groups and learning abilities.





**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](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)**

**Stay home  
if you are sick**

New Zealand Government



# Melville Yr7-13 College Community Information Evening

The Ministry of Education would like to invite you to the first of several community information evenings.

The first community evening will cover information on.


- Boards (Melville High School, Melville Intermediate and Melville Yr7-13 college) and their roles. \*
- Where does a new school name come from?
- Uniform.
- New College structure, key roles and timelines
- Where do you get the most up to date information on the establishment of the new school.
- Next steps that will be taken

The Ministry would also like to invite you to inform us on things that are important to you and your tamariki to finish the hui.

**Wednesday September 28th, 5:30pm to 7:30pm.**

**Venue : Melville Rugby and Sports Club - Collins Road**

Any questions can be sent to: [inquiries@melvilleyr7-13.school.nz](mailto:inquiries@melvilleyr7-13.school.nz)



# 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

## 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.



# 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.

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

