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Newsletter Term 4 Week 8



KIA ORA Welcome to week 8!

Reminders

- Can we please have readers and library books returned by the end of this week.
- Please read further in this newsletter for the school organisation update for 2023.
- We are calling for all potatoes to come into school on Monday the 12th of December, further information in this newsletter.
- Final Assembly and last day of school will be Wednesday the 14th of December at 11 am, school finishes after the assembly, afterschool care will be available.
- First day of school for 2023 will be the 31st of January 2023!



This is our last Newsletter for 2022, so may you have a wonderful sparkling Christmas with your family and friends. Wishing you Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!



Monday the 14th of December

If you have participated in the Bucket potato challenge, please bring in your complete potato plant/bucket this Monday along with a shopping bag so you can take your crop home at the end of the day!

3 Prizes up for grabs:

- 1. Heaviest yield**
- 2. Biggest potato**
- 3. The potato that looks the most like a staff member**

Yesterday we had a lovely afternoon attending our Rukuhia School Choir performance at St Stephen's Church in Tamahere, they did a beautiful job of representing our school.

A huge thank you to Mrs Adam for organising that experience, she always does a fantastic job!



School Organisation 2023

Farewell and Welcome

Firstly farewell to Mr Jackson – Well it's not really farewell it's more - see you in 12 months. Mr Jackson has applied and received 12 months leave for 2023. He will be recharging the batteries and getting ready to re-join us in 2024.

Secondly we extend a warm welcome to Mr Cam Strother. Cam has been teaching at Pirongia School just down the road and will join our team for 2023. He brings with him some exciting new ideas, languages and adventures.

This does mean a reshuffle and to keep class numbers down the introduction of a 6th class.

Room 1 – Year 3 Mrs O'Brien

Room 2 – Year 2 Miss Andrew

Room 3 – Year 4 Mrs Adam

Room 4 - Year 5 and 6 Mr Strother

Room 5 – Year 6, 7 and 8 Mr Jepsen

Room 6 - Year NE and year 1 - Ms Coles

Important Dates

Important Dates this Term:

Final assembly & last day is the 14th of December at 11 am.

Term Dates

Term 1 2023

Tuesday 31st January—6th April

Term 2 2023

24th April—30th June

Term 3 2023

17th July—22nd September

Term 4 2023

9th October —TBC

In-Term Public Holidays 2023

6 Feb—Waitangi Day

25 Apr—Anzac Day

5 Jun—King's Birthday

23 Oct—Labour Day

A message from the PTA

Rukuhia School PTA news:

2022 has been an awesome year of events for our pta.
We managed 11 different events this year!

Gumdrops fundraiser
Mothers day raffle
Pink Shirt Day - funds went to this charity
Non-uniform day 1
Non-uniform day 2
Disco
Cross country & colour run
Dominos
Ag Day
Slip & slide - juniors treat from PTA
Christmas festival

We've had a huge goal to fulfil in the last few years of \$20,000 that is going towards the interior of our schools new shed building - which this year we made the final numbers just before the festival! (Extra special thanks to a school family that gave a VERY generous donation when we had our pizza fundraiser, to help push us over this line - you know who you are!)

We also made money for 2 lots of pots for our new garden (first lot got stolen!), a new chicken feeder, and \$2000 went out as camp donations!

We organised the pink shirt day bake sale, where funds went directly to that charity to support stamping out bullying and promoting kindness.

We also organised the junior school slip & slide/iceblocks while the seniors were away on camps. This was a treat from the pta rather than a money making event.

Our Christmas festival was a HUGE success, even though the weather was moist to say the least! The kids definitely didn't seem to mind, which was awesome. We look forward to seeing a brand new slide in the new year, with the funds raised!

We would love to say a huge thankyou to all our Rukuhia families. Thankyou for all the support you continue to give us, to support our children, our school, and our team to help make the events run smoothly.

The first event of 2023 will be a Family Fun Event in term one - looking forward to it!!

We wish you all a safe, happy & adventurous holidays!
From the PTA



The New ERO Initiative: Te Ara Huarau

Dear parents/caregivers

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off event
- connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey
- work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners

As a result, each school will:

- have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school
- have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus
- be on a three-year evaluation cycle

What will public reporting on ERO's website look like?

As schools' transition into the approach, ERO will work with schools to publish a one-off **Profile Report**. This will focus on the strategic goals schools have in place to improve learner outcomes and what the school is seeking to achieve through the evaluation.

Within a three year cycle all schools will then have a **Te Ara Huarau | School Evaluation Report**. This report includes information about the school's improvement journey, what the school has achieved for learners and their future priorities.

All schools will receive a **Board Assurance with Regulatory and Legislative Requirements Report** about their board's attestation to meeting those requirements. **Provision for International Students** and **Hostel Reports** will be published where applicable.

Other reporting

Progress Reports - These reports are not published on ERO's website. Progress reports will provide specific information for specific audiences such as your board, the community or the Ministry of Education.



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE
Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga



Room 1
Santa Art!



Room 1

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

We are very impressed with students reading, writing and maths results. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home. Keep up the reading of stories (home books or library books) throughout the holidays and feel free to encourage your child to write in their writing books (these will come home next week). Children could also use the left over space in their printing books. **PLEASE return all library books and readers by this Friday.**

We have been focusing on Christmas stories and Christmas artwork - Room 1 have a display in the office foyer. Their pictures are delightful. We hope that you liked the children's snow globe that they made. This week within maths we will look at probability. This is about possible or impossible events and the mathematical language we will use will be: chance, unlikely, likely and very likely. You could follow this up at home with asking what is the 'chance' of it... snowing tonight/raining tonight/seeing a dog on the street/ seeing a hot air balloon in the sky?

Thank you for all your wonderful support this year and all the best for the summer break.

Kind regards

Jane and Rachael

Room





Room

2



Room 2 has been learning about onomatopoeia this week. We have had fun creating silly sentences using sounds to make them even better. Next we created some awesome art to display and remind us what words we can use in our writing. We have been trying our best to pronounce onomatopoeia. Our next challenge is to spell it!

Room



The countdown is on. Room 3 has created their own advent calendar in class and we are squeezing 24 days into 9 days!

It has been lovely having the children back to myself, but we are always grateful for the students teachers that join our class.

I always believe a student teacher has had the best impact when both her and the students get tearful on their last day. Thank you to the awesome parents of Room 3 and other classes around the school who so kindly bought in plants for the Christmas festival. We still have some in class so if you would like to pop in and either take back the plants you donated, or take home something different, please come and see us. With the year winding down, we will be completing some Christmas crafts this week and reflecting on the various meanings of Christmas. 9 Sleeps to go!

-Leanne



Room 4

To finish off an incredible year of learning, fun and growth, Room 4 has been designing and creating their very own board games. Each student has been required to create an entire back story to their board game idea. This included a theme, plot, setting and characters. A copious amount of problem solving has taken place over the past week while students refine their games, resolving any issues that may occur during playing. While this has taken place Mr Jepsen has been falling off his chair with happiness while he assesses the students' achievements in literacy and mathematics. Each student deserves a gold medal for their efforts this year. We have 8-year-olds reading at the age of 14 years. We have spellers who could confidently spell the entire dictionary and mathematicians working at an intermediate level here at primary school.



Room



In Room 5 we are finishing off the year by enjoying following the Football World Cup and investigating all the countries involved, and some of the famous players. We are keeping fit by playing games and swimming when we can. In maths we are looking at Roman Numerals and enjoying challenging each other with different numbers. Our Year 8 students are busy compiling their farewell speeches and getting ready for the final assembly next week.

Ngā Mihi

Mr Jackson



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

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
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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

- 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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