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Newsletter Term1 Week 1



KIA ORA



Welcome to week 1!

It is a great time to be at school!

This Newsletter includes a couple of the school policies to inform new parents so please have a read through:

- Pick up / Drop off
- Uniform

We have an assembly for the whole school approximately every 2 weeks in the Community Hall on a Friday afternoon at 2.30pm, all parents are welcome to attend.

Our first assembly of the year will be on the 10th of February 2023

Music lessons are available these lessons run during school time with a private teacher for a fee, if you are interested you can contact the teacher Julie Dowden on 02102414472.

Important Dates

Important Dates this Term:

9-13 Feb—Life Education will be visiting the school

20 Feb—A district health nurse will be in to visit the Year 7&8 students

Term Dates

Term 1 2023

Tuesday 31st January—6th April (Thursday)

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

Room 1

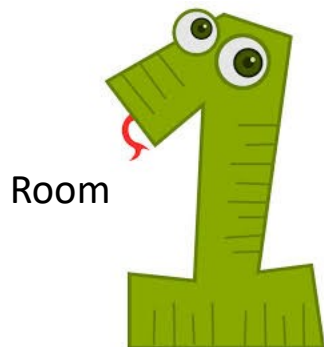
Kia ora Parents/Whanau

My name is Mrs O'Brien

I am a bubbly, energetic teacher who is excited and passionate about teaching and learning. I believe in scaffolding students so that they can achieve small steps in order to achieve great educational success.

I try my best to provide real life learning opportunities and contexts for my students to make this learning meaningful. Whilst I place great importance on independent learning, I also promote group work to give students responsibility and enable them to recognise importance of working as part of a team.

I am looking forward to working with our Year 3 students in Room 1 this year!



Room 2

Hello my name is Olivia Andrew and I'm thrilled to be your child's teacher this year. This will be my third year teaching at Rukuhia School. I have recently completed my Bachelor of Health, Sport and Human Performance Science, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Teaching. During my sports degree I focused a lot on Coaching and Hauora (well-being). Students' well-being is something that I place a huge importance on. In my spare time I enjoy being active. I am involved in social touch and netball teams. Through my life experiences I have developed a desire to be a teacher and how to adapt learning for all so that everyone has the opportunity for success, and also understand success looks different for everyone.



Room 3

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

My name is Mrs Adam

I like to create an environment in my classroom where students feel confident to give things a go. Our motto is 'I can'. Reading, Writing and Maths are the key focus in our year 3 class but we still like to have fun and find out about things in the world around us. We are learning how to become more independent with our work and we are learning about the Key Competencies so that we can be better learners and valuable members of the Rukuhia School community.



Room 4

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

My name is Cam (Mr. Cam to the kids) and I'm very excited to be teaching in Room 4 this year. I live in Hamilton with my wife and two boys (one who is now in Room 3). One interesting fact about me is that I spent 18 years living in Japan. Another one is that I hate bananas more than anything! I'm looking forward to getting to know my students and their families. I think it's going to be a great year for all of us!



Room 5

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

My name is Mr Jepsen

I believe a positive and healthy mindset can move mountains, and that's exactly what I want for my learners. Room 4 is a classroom that is full of passion, enthusiasm, excitement, positivity, and understanding of each others values and learning needs. It is a place much greater than the sum of its parts, it's a feeling that being part of the classroom will transcend boundaries and lift you to new levels of success.

It is my job to provide and maintain an atmosphere in which each child feels secure, and have the opportunity to develop mentally, physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually.

I strive to produce and deliver a stimulating classroom programme which encourages students to find passion and become successful independent lifelong learners.



Room

5

Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

My name is Ms Coles

I am passionate about teaching and learning. I have had many years experience teaching in kindergarten and in primary schools. I believe in establishing strong relationships with both children and their families. I like to set up my classroom so that children can actively take responsibility for their own learning. Children have the opportunity to develop their own special talents and interests within my classroom. The main curriculum areas in our new entrant class are reading, writing, mathematics and inquiry learning.

ROOM





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

Rukuhia Parent and Whanau Group

The school community have a facebook page called "Rukuhia Parent and Whanau Group"

The Rukuhia Parent and Whanau Group is a group open to parents, grandparents and people connected to our school.

All school related information will be sent via official school emails, the school website or school newsletters. If you do not currently receive these and wish to, contact the school office.

This is the forum to share information about community events, such as PTA events or out of school sports; lost property and sharing photos of your child at school related events. It is not the forum for you to air your complaints. The best way to do this is follow the school's complaint procedure which can be found on the school website.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding school events, please contact your child's classroom teacher, or the school office.

Please be considerate of other people's feelings and opinions when making a post.

Any inappropriate posts will be removed.

Ignoring these guidelines could result in you being removed from this group at the discretion of the administrators.

Remember, at Rukuhia we keep it R.E.A.L – Respect, Excellence, Attitude, Leadership.



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

- 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.





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 sports.
 10. Students may wear a watch and / or a Medic Alert bracelet as required.
 11. Make up and nail polish are not allowed.
 12. To avoid any doubt as to the regulation uniform, a list of preferred suppliers and their product reference numbers will be maintained by the school administration.
- There are no specific dates for the wearing of the summer or winter uniform. Students are expected to dress in either uniform as may be appropriate for the weather conditions.**



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



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

Plain Black School Shoes – with black laces

Plain Black Velcro School Shoes

Plain Black School Sandals

Plain Black Socks



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.

Friday Lunch Orders Available

H  P P Y F R I D A Y
make it a good one

You can order lunch for your children every Friday—unless advised otherwise

Payment is required at the time of making your order. (Cash only as we have no EFTPOS at the school).

Our food comes from a local bakery called Tommos and the sushi comes from Sushi Day in Glenview.

If you are ordering sushi please bring a container. No container, no sushi.

Prices as of the 4/2/21

Mince & Cheese Pie	Sausage Roll	Mince Savoury	Steak Pie	Chicken Naan Wrap	Ham Wrap	Chicken Roll	Ham Roll	Chocolate Chip Muffin	Blueberry Muffin	Chicken Sushi(4)	Chicken Sushi (6)	Salmon Sushi(6)	Chicken Mini Sushi Stick
\$3.50	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$6.40	\$9.60	\$10.20	\$3.50