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Newsletter Term1 Week 5



KIA ORA Welcome to week 5!

Reminders

- The next assembly is being held on Friday 10th of March, 2.30pm. All are welcome.
- Family Fun Night—Save the date 13th of March, please read on further in the newsletter for more information.
- Parent Interviews are on the 21st and 22nd of March, starting from 3 pm until 5.50 pm—**School will finish at 2.45 pm on these days to allow the for the teachers to be prepared for their first interviews**
- Parent interview bookings are available from today, Please see the instructions further in this newsletter
- **Thanks to all who have donated to for Wheels day we have raised \$621.50 this morning and still counting to give to Omahu Primary School a small rural school just outside of Hastings.**



Important Dates

Important Dates this Term:

13 Mar—Family Fun Night

21 & 22 Mar—Parent Interviews—2.45 pm pick up over these days

Important Dates Term 2:

24 April— Teacher Only Day

25 April—Anzac Day

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

25 Apr—Anzac Day

5 Jun—King's Birthday

23 Oct—Labour Day

RUKUHIA SCHOOL PTA
**FAMILY FUN
NIGHT**

**MONDAY 13 MARCH
2023**

**HOTDOGS, LOADED
POTATOES AVAILABLE
FOR PRE ORDER**

RAFFLE

**COME ON DOWN TO THE
SCHOOL FIELDS FROM
5.30PM ONWARDS**

**ICE BLOCKS & COLD
SOFT DRINKS
AVAILABLE ON THE
NIGHT**

**Fire
Display
6-8pm**

**THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT SO
NO ALCOHOL, SMOKING OR
VAPING PERMITTED - THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



Parent Interview Slots are now open please visit:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

and enter the event code **4w5vj**

to book in your interview time, please flick the office an email if you have any trouble.

Waipa District Council—Community Meeting—8 March

What will Waipā look like in 2050?

Waipā District Council is in the early stages of developing **Ahu Ake - Waipā Community Spatial Plan** which will be a blueprint for our district for the next 30+ years.

This plan will have a direct impact on our future, and the future of our children and grandchildren and will be the most important plan we create.

Now the plan needs you.

Council will be coming to our school on **Wednesday 8 March from 2.30pm-4pm** to speak with parents about what is important to them for the future of our village and the wider district.

There will also be entertainment for kids and the chance to win some cool prizes.

So, when picking up your children on the Wednesday, please feel free to drop-in at their event and have your say.

If you can't make it, they'll also be at the **Ōhaupō Memorial Hall from 6pm-8pm** that evening to speak with residents.

You can find more information about this project and have your say online at www.ahuakewaipa.nz/have-your-say.



In Room One has continued to blow me away with their learning! Here is what we have been up to lately...

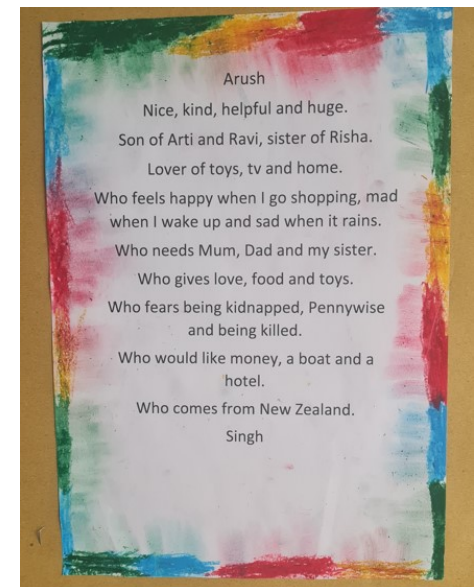
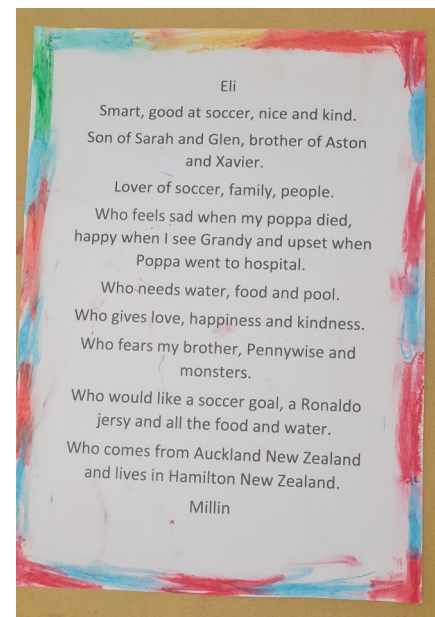
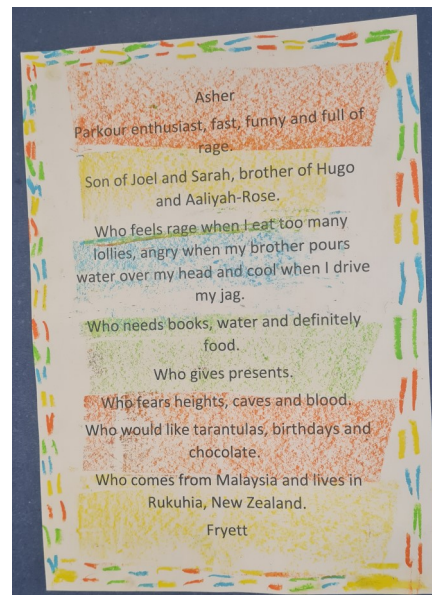
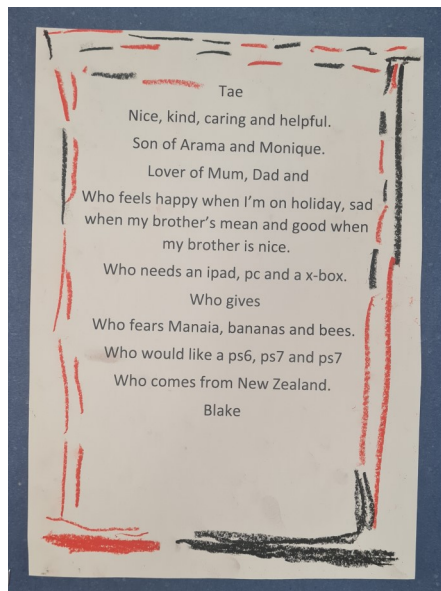
Writing: We have been focusing on using describing words in our writing to make our writing more interesting. We have made lists of more interesting words to use for sizes and words we can add to describe colours. We have put these new words to good use by creating wanted posters for the Big Bad Wolf. These will be on display in our classroom next week. Feel free to pop in and check them out.

Reading: Many reading groups have been focusing on finding and locating information to justify their ideas. The students have been getting quick at skimming and scanning to quickly find the information they need. This is something easy to practice at home too. Try these questions, how do you know that? Find me a sentence to prove this.

Maths: We have been practicing using different addition strategies with two and three digit numbers. The students are having lots of success with this. Next week we will be moving on to subtraction.

Art: We have been working on our sketching skills and have been learning how to draw different facial features. We are just beginning to now put these together. This is something we will continue to work on in our afternoons before swimming and we will aim to share these at one of the assemblies at the end of

Room



Room 2

This week Room 2 have been working on our Pepeha's.
A Pepeha is way of introducing yourself in Te Reo.

It tells people who you are by sharing your connections with the people and places that are important to you.
It's been really interesting seeing where the tamariki are from and what is significant to them.
We have also been enjoying listening to the song Pepeha by Six60.

Nina taught us about her French culture. It was amazing for her to share the language, food and style with Room 2. We have had lots of fun using French in class and learning more about different cultures within our class.

-Miss Andrew



Room 3

It's been a busy 2 weeks in Room 3 and has been great that we have been able to get into the pool nearly every day and nearly every child is remembering the swimming gear. We are currently working on freestyle and backstroke. Lots of the children have beautiful freestyle strokes, which would indicate that lots of you have sourced private swimming lessons for your children. This is awesome.

Backstroke has been very entertaining as so many of the children appear to be sinkers rather than floaters! Hopefully this is something we can work on in the next couple of weeks. Remember to pack togs every day, even if the weather looks a bit uncertain in the morning. With the increase in drownings in our waters this year, the fundamentals of water safety are so important.

We have been working on our laptops in the afternoons, to familiarise ourselves with google docs and google classroom. I have set a couple of challenges for the children which have been very entertaining as we navigate these programs. I am impressed with the children's confidence with their laptops. I am currently looking into websites that support learning for reading/writing and maths. I am waiting for mathletics to come back to me. If any of you have any websites that you personally find good for learning, I would love to hear from you.

FYI – your child should be bringing home their spelling homework every Monday and it is to be returned to school on Friday. Students have a choice on bringing reading books home. Let me know if you require them to bring a book home daily. Library is Wednesday.



Room 4

In Room 4 we had fun putting together our assembly. We had some superstar hosts and audio/visual people who helped run it and we even had some brave people who sang solo parts in our class song. Thank you to the family members who attended and cheered us along. Please look forward to next time Room 4 runs an assembly.

You can find a video on facebook: [Rukuhia Parent and Whanau Group](https://www.facebook.com/Rukuhia-Parent-and-Whanau-Group)

<https://www.facebook.com/steve.jepsen1/videos/579378177451180?idorvanity=213802912107231>



Room 5

Its a little hard for myself (Mr Jepsen) to write this blurb this week as I have been sick at home all week. It is my pleasure to hand over the reporting to my wonderful students Mackensie and Jamie.

This week has been interesting as we have had a mixture of Mr Brookes and Mrs Esselbrugge teaching us. Mr Brookes taught us a new vocal warm up activity and how to identify musical instruments based on their certain attributes. Mrs Esselbrugge taught us about the amazing life of a Cicada. We went exploring outside and discovered 3 cicadas in the process of drying their skin, We also collected a ton of shells, so many that it filled a hat. "I ate one!" - Jamie Klieber.

Room

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Kia ora Parents/Whanau

We have had another great week of learning. Within maths we have focused on addition and the students have made the most amazing buses to transport their bears - these are being used to make up equation stories. For example, 'there were 3 bears on the bus and at the next stop there were 4 bears waiting. How many bears on the bus now?'

The students are increasing their knowledge of the alphabet and they are learning to record the letters for the sounds that they hear in words when writing. Feel free to have a look in your child's writing book. Our letters this week are: q z j u. The word family is: ig—big/wig/jig.

Thank you to those families that are making time to listen to their child read each evening.

Thank you for sending in the tee-shirts. The photographs and stories look great. We will be sending the shared book home for your child to share with you. Feel free to sign the back of the book and make a comment. Please return the book to school so that other whanau may participate.

Thank you to Beau and his mum for sending in the strawberry popcorn. This was a new experience for us.

Also thank you to Esther, Aubree and their mum for donating some beautiful items for our fairy house garden. Watch this space.

Jane, Shivaun and Tyler

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

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.

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

