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# Newsletter Term1 Week 7



**KIA ORA** Welcome to week 7!

## Reminders

- The next assembly is being held on Friday the 24th of March, 2.30pm. All are welcome.
- 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 attended the Family fun night! Have a fantastic week!**



# Important Dates

## Important Dates this Term:

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



**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.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that Rukuhia School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

**What is ICAS?**

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas)

If you would like your child to participate you can use the details below to purchase tests

ICAS will close for orders on the 17th of July

Your school access code is: **FVX848**

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Room



Room One have had another fantastic week!

We really enjoyed having James in from Te Ahi Ora to teach us some fire performance tricks with the staff. All the students took on this challenge with positive attitudes and had lots of success with these different skills.

Many of these skills incorporated balance and co- ordination.

Room One demonstrated some perseverance as they practiced hard to master a number of these skills. Check out some of these amazing photos of Room One in action.

We also wrote some amazing recounts of this experience. These will be on display in the classroom next week. Feel free to pop in and check them out!



Room 2 has been learning about adjectives.

An adjective is a describing word. Room 2 had a challenge this week. They needed to describe a food enough so someone could guess the food without looking at the picture.

We have created a book to share in class with everyone's finished copy. I'm very impressed with how they all turned out!

We are expanding our vocabulary to make our discussions and writing more interesting.



### Room 3

I hope you managed to catch the amazing Room 3 girls at assembly on Friday. They had been working hard on the song about friendship and kindness. The boys opted out of singing and chose to do knock knock jokes instead. This was a challenge for some of them as they have quiet voices.

Our swimming finished on Monday with a great session in the pool – fully clothed. Thanks to the parents who sent along clothes with their children. It was an interesting experience for them to try and swim and then get out of their clothes in the deep end of the pool. Hopefully they all understood the message of not swimming with clothes or how to get out of a tricky situation if they fall into water.

Now that swimming has finished, we are really getting into our maths. The children are currently looking at equivalent fractions and how they work. It is providing lots of discussion and it's great to see the children working together.

This has been a very disrupted week and there will be no spelling testing on Friday. The children will have their current set of words for 2 weeks.

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 have been learning about persuasive writing. We have been working on writing an opinion piece on a topic we are passionate about. It's been interesting to see the different opinions that the students have. Some prefer cats to dogs while others find dogs to be the superior pet. We're aiming to display the finished writing pieces on the wall somewhere so please keep an eye out for them next time you visit our classroom.





Room

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In Room 5 we have been doing a ton of reading. From Ancient Roman Baths to Maya the Yale University student who became a world-famous architect. Students have been answering comprehension questions based on the text. More importantly students are using examples from the text to justify and support their answers. Vocabulary is explored each Monday as students identify unknown words and implement these into their writing. During Writing students are developing the main components of a narrative. Characters' personalities have been explored and how these different personalities can enhance the story's pace and dynamics. Numbers to 1,000,000 has been our focus this week, but we decided to push it up to 100,000,000 because Room 5 students mean business. Our new student Ezra introduced us all to a new game that the students are growing to love because of its strategic approach. We have also managed to squeeze in some art this week to help brighten up our classroom. Students have been exploring complementary colours, line work and detailing techniques. The look fantastic! Thanks for reading and have a enjoy the week.

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

We are so excited about the progress that the students are displaying in the swimming pool. Their confidence has developed immensely and this is the result of swimming daily for six weeks.

A special thanks to Elliot and her mum for donating the amazing high frequency word games - that was very generous of you. Also thanks to Beau and his whanau for kindly donating the light box - it has created huge interest in Room 6 and one last thank you to Esther's family for the fairy trinkets!

Next week our letter focus is: f p t c i and the word family is: un/fun/sun. The students are experiencing success learning to hear the sounds within words and recording the letters that match the sounds. Thank you for supporting your child with learning their spelling words at home.

Our mathematical unit is addition and subtraction. At present the students are using materials and pictures to join sets together and count all or to separate sets and count the remaining items. Their next step is to use imaging to solve addition and subtraction problems by counting all the objects in their heads.

Remember to make an interview time online - if these days are not convenient let me know and I can meet at another time.

Kind regards

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](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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