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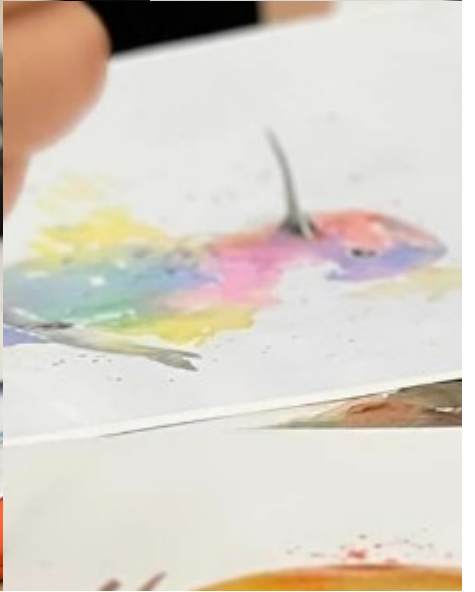
Newsletter Term2 Week 5

KIA ORA Welcome to Term 5!

Reminders

- Our next assembly is the 2nd of June at 2.30 pm all are welcome.
- Thanks for supporting pink shirt day we raised \$114.
- A huge thank you to the PTA for hosting the Paint and Sip, what a successful event! Thanks also to those who supported the event!
- A small update on the office, as you may be aware I am currently studying in the Graduate programme of teaching and have been in the classroom on Monday and Tuesday each week this year, we are incredibly lucky to have a familiar face return to the office this week to help out over these days, Robyn Day is back! I will be away for five weeks for my practicum placement from the 22nd of May this term, so Robyn will be the office contact over this time, she will be in on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
- Lower Waipa sports day for the senior school is coming up on Friday the 9th of June at Ngahinapouri School, please keep this in mind if you are wanting to take the day off to support, you will be very welcome! The postponement date is Tuesday the 13th.

Have a fantastic week!



THANK YOU from the PTA!

Last Friday we hosted our first PTA fundraiser for the year with our paint and sip evening. What a success! We've had some great feedback and it seems it was an event enjoyed by all... even those who were adamant they weren't artists! Looks like we will have our new slide in no time.

This night couldn't have been what it was without the generous support from our sponsors and staff...

Firstly, a massive thank you to Mr Jepsen for gifting us your time and talent. You were the star of the show and made the evening what it was.

Our generous raffle and spot prize donations and sponsors... THANK YOU! These were some of the best raffle prizes yet! Thank you for supporting our school community. If you have an opportunity to support any of the following businesses moving forward please do!

Thank you...

Beautifully You

Maple & Co Hair salon

Rebecca Ahmadi & Associates

Your Beauty Within

Fresh choice Te Awamutu

Countdown Bridge street

The Fun Zone

Fresca cafe

Lacy's hair design

Glenview Unichem

Southcity Pharmacy

Ventura Inn & Suites

Lawrenson Group

Metro by Hoyts

Thank you to the PTA for using your skills and talents to pull this event off. Events like this take a lot of time and effort and we appreciate all you gave to make this happen.

And lastly, thank you to everyone who brought a ticket to the event and/or sold raffle tickets. Fundraisers are a team effort and work the best when everyone does their bit, so thank you for coming and making the night such a success.

Have a blessed week!

Gina & Jen

Important Dates

Important Dates Term 2:

Monday 5th June—King’s Birthday (Public Holiday)

Friday 9th June—Lower Waipa Senior School Sports Day

14th, 15th 16th & 17th of June - Field days are on, please be mindful of increased traffic over this time

Wednesday 28th June—Lower Waipa Senior School Speeches

Term Dates

Term 1 2023

Tuesday 31st January—6th April

Term 2 2023

26th April—30th June

Term 3 2023

17th July—22nd September

Term 4 2023

Photo Day 1 November

9th October —TBC

In-Term Public Holidays 2023

5 Jun—King’s Birthday

23 Oct—Labour Day

Photo Day

1 November 2023



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>

Last week Room 1 read the big book story 'The Bunyip in the Billabong' by Jill Eggleton. This was a delightful story full of amazing describing words and beautiful illustrations. This also linked to our poem of the week, 'We Saw A Taniwha'. The students really enjoyed singing this and learning actions to go along with the song. We then created our own taniwha/bunyip or creature with pastels and dye. These have turned out amazing!!! Afterwards we learnt all about similes and have included these in our writing to describe our taniwhas. Pop in to Room 1 and check these out on display...A huge thanks to our Room 5 buddies who helped us publish our stories.

Room



In Room 2 we have been learning about flags recently. We have enjoyed exploring different flags and creating some to display in our classroom. This week we are trying to remember which flag belongs to which country. We also explored different accents and had a lot of fun trying them. Room 2 is full of a wide range of different cultures. It's great seeing how excited and engaged all the students are. The students have also had the opportunity to share something with the class about a country that is special to them. This has created many meaningful discussions.

We are also beginning report writing this week. First we are looking at the structure of a report. Then students will work in small groups to complete a template. Each group has been given an animal to write about first. Then they will share their report with the class.

I am so impressed with the culture and attitude in Room 2. It makes being their teacher an absolute joy.

Kind Regards
Olivia Andrew



3/10th of the way through the term! Room 3 have finished looking at fractions for maths and this week are starting on multiplication and division. It is our aim in the next few weeks to be able to recite our 2, 3, 5, 10's time tables as well as either recalling or calculation our 4 and 8 tables. Following this we will be looking at division. We have found a maths website that lets us compete against each other in class – it is proving to be fun and challenging.



We have investigated the contents of the school rubbish bin – Yuck, is an understatement and this has certainly motivate the children into making some changes. We have photographed the rubbish and will share it with the classes this week and at assembly on June 2nd. Our next step will be to instigate some changes at morning tea and lunchtime. Keep an eye out in the newsletter later this term.

Our writing will be focusing on writing instructions and procedures in the next few weeks. We have started with how to make popcorn and it will progress from there. I'm looking forward to the children writing directions to get a friend around the school.

Room

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In Room 4 we have had a week long experiment watching our soda bottle flytraps. They ended up getting very mixed results and getting pretty stinky (The off brand Nutella we used for bait started to go sour). We ended up catching 39 flies, one cockroach and two spiders! I feel like catching spiders might have been conflicting with our goal of reducing the flies around Mr. Cam's desk. One team was responsible for catching 28 of the 39 flies so we'll have a think about what they might have done to catch so much more than the rest of us.

We have speeches coming up this term so we have started to share our writing in front of the class to help us build our confidence in a public speaking scenario. EVERY student in Room 4 has a beautiful and expressive voice. I'm excited to hear more of that as we move forward.

In Maths we have been learning how to measure the perimeter and area of quadrilateral shapes. Some students have even gone outside to measure flower gardens and air conditioning units (the outdoor unit ...the condenser?).

Room 5 students turned their classroom into a kitchen on Thursday morning as they explored the art of cooking French Toast for breakfast. Mr Jepsen is reinforcing some Life Skills into his students this year and what a better way to kick this off with ensuring all students know how to cook the yummiest breakfast around. The senior students visited Rukuhia Schools Year 3's on Wednesday to help them publish their amazing writing on Taniwha's. Room 5 students showed off their computer skills as they created fancy borders, exciting titles and even some sneaky coloured fonts to enhance their incredible writing exploring Similes. Reading with fluency, clarity and expression has been our main focus in Reading this week as students work their way towards Speech writing next week. Mr Jepsen is super impressed at the level of comprehension in his classroom. Students are displaying a deep understanding of the texts they are reading and now working on the development of vocabulary to help explain this robust understanding of what they read with their peers. Room 5 had the privilege of Mrs Esselbrugge taking the class on Tuesday where students baked bread and learnt a ton about yeast and other fungi in our world. Oh to be a student at Rukuhia School, the fun never ends!

Room



Kia ora Parents/Whanau

I am super impressed with Room 6 students learning...they are focused and so enthusiastic! Thank you for your support with the home learning, be it listening to reading each evening or supporting your child with their spelling. Keep filling in the reading logs and this gives your child a sense of achievement, especially when he/she receives a number sticker. Remember to send in spelling books every Thursday. The letters this week are: l v y r h and the letters for next week are: qu z j u. The word family this week is en/then/den and for Week 5 it is: an/can/ran. Students are revisiting their learning about report writing. As our nursery rhyme was Little Miss Muffet last week the students expressed a keen interest in spiders. Hopefully I will have their spider reports on display this week.

Within maths we continue to look at addition and basic facts. Students are learning to count on from the highest number, for example, $5 + 8 =$ (hold 8 in their head and count on 5 to get the answer). Next week we will move onto subtraction.

We have looked at our large floor map of New Zealand and talked about the following: North Island, South Island, Stewart Island, Lake Taupo, Wellington, Auckland, Waitangi and Kirikiriroa (Hamilton). Feel free to discuss The Treaty of Waitangi with your child - the children have identified some key ideas about the Treaty.

Our physical education programme is about ball skills - catching and throwing. We have had some fun sessions including some great team games.

ROOM



COMMUNITY MEETING-HUI

New Melville Year 7-13 College

- Announcing our new school name and vision -
- Meet our new Middle Leadership team -
- Hear more about our plans and development -



22 May 2023

Glenview Club

Peacockes Road

5.30pm

Agenda

5.30pm Refreshments

6.00pm Presentation

Q & A Session

We look forward to seeing you there!

MELVILLE HIGH & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
FRIDAY 23 and SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023

Join Melville Intermediate and High Schools celebration of 60 years of schooling and service to our community.

Information and registration available at; [Registrations open 11 May]
www.melville-high.school.nz OR www.melvilleintermediate.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 or email 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.



RUKUHIA SCHOOL



EXCITING new ANNOUNCEMENT:

Saved by the Bell out of School Care is coming 12th June 2023

Kia Ora Whaanau,

I thought it was time that I introduced myself and share with you the exciting new venture of the before and after school care and holiday program coming to Rukuhia School.

My name is Lisa and I have been apart of the Rukuhia community for over 10years as both my children have attended this amazing school.

I am a qualified early childhood teacher and have over 16yres experience in this industry. I worked for a number of years at Glenview Kindy so a lot of children at school know me as "Lisa G" I am very passionate about quality childcare and will bring this passion with me.

I am excited to be taking on this opportunity and getting to know you all. Be warned I do love a good yarn, so talking comes very naturally to me.

If you are wanting to use this service you will have to enroll your child/ren. Please email me at Rukuhiasavedbythebell@gmail.com and I will send you out an enrolment form and the fee schedule or if you have any questions.

Ngaa mihi

Lisa Gifkins

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.

