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Newsletter Term2 Week 6

KIA ORA Welcome to Term 2

Reminders

- Assembly is today 2nd of June at 2.30 pm, all are welcome.
- Reminder the School is closed on this Monday 5th June, for the Kings birthday public holiday. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable long weekend.
- 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.
- **With the change in weather we are noticing a lot of sickness please remember to call or email the office by 9am.**
- Please ensure that you name your child's school uniform clearly so anything left lying around can easily be returned.

Have a fantastic long weekend

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**

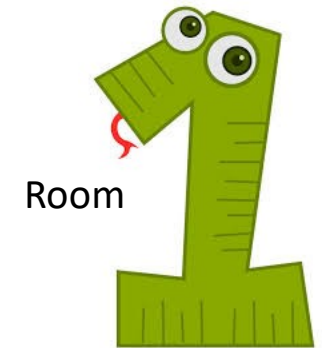
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Room One has been absolutely blowing me away with their excellence this past week. Everyone is consistently trying their best in everything they do; learning, friendships and attitudes.

This past week we have created an amazing shared story- Kupe and the Giant Wheke. This has tied in to our Inquiry about Aotearoa as it explains how Aotearoa was found. We watched a video and read a journal story with a buddy to familiarise ourselves with the story first.

Students then worked in pairs to write, edit and revise their part of the story. Some amazing sequence words, adjectives, verbs and similes were used and this really helped to paint a picture in our readers head. Students then created an illustration to go with their part of the story. On Friday we enjoyed sharing this story to other classes. This is all on display in our classroom now so please pop in and see the amazing work your child has produced.

This week students are working on creating their own retell of a Māori myth or legend. Already student's again are blowing me away with their writing so far. Keep up the amazing work Room One!!!



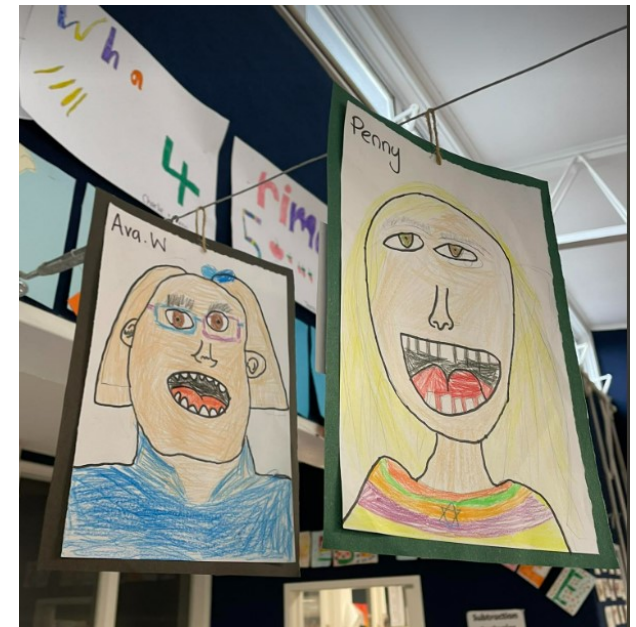
In Room 2 we have been learning to write reports. We made a class book including our reports about ourselves. We have also displayed our reports in class with a self-portrait. We spent lots of time working through the different facial features. Then we added all of these features to create self-portraits. If you have the chance please come and check them out in Room 2. We are very proud of our creations.



Our next step in writing reports about something we are passionate about. I can't wait to see what the children chose to write about.



We are also doing fractions in maths. The children in Room 2 have blown me away with their motivation, attitude and excellence. We have recently been focusing on showing excellence as it is one of our school values.





Wow, half way through the term!

We are having a wonderful time with learning about multiplication and division. Some students are working on their 2, 5, 10 times table and some are working on the 4 & 8 times table. Ask your child which one they are doing. As a kid my mum hung a times table chart on the back of the toilet door – we all became experts! The best way to learn times tables is rote learning – it's just repeating them over and over!

Room 3 is hosting assembly this week. Lewis and Ngalu will be on the chairs.

We are continuing our writing of instructions and procedures. As soon as the rain stops, we will be testing our instructions on the playground.

The students are also using their laptops for both reading and writing at the moment, so can you please help support your child in making sure that they bring their charged laptop to school everyday.

Room 4

We recently said goodbye to our awesome classmate Diezel. He had many friends and was a positive influence in our class. He was polite, kind, clever and fun. We hope he has a great time at his new school, and we also hope to see him at our upcoming community events.

I've been really happy with the variety of learning taking place during our Free Learning Friday (Previously Curious Kids) block. I've seen tennis, netball, art, chess, videos and animations being created, reading, plays, dancing and science kits being used. I was particularly impressed with some painting this week, so I'll include some pictures of that.

We are hosting the Week 8 assembly and we just started working on a performance item to share at it. Hopefully you can make it on the day and watch!



Room

5

Room 5 students are continuing their wonderful success with comprehension as each reading group quickly moves their way up the levels. Mr Jepsen is very excited to share this success with his students' whanau' in our mid-term reports coming your way at the end of term. This week our Mathematics focus moves into measurement. To kick this off, students have been measuring the unfathomable size of Plankton and scaling these measurements into a unit we can actually comprehend. This particular area of learning has encouraged students to make some powerful connections with the word 'scale' and how it has been used in their own lives. A big congratulations to all the Room 5 students and the outstanding effort they put into their Friday lunch-time activities to help support school wide friendships. There is a noticeable difference this year with the seniors and how they are viewed by the younger students and I put this down to their inclusive, supportive and all round positive leadership skills during these activities. Well done, you guys are absolute legends! Room 5 is at the last few pages of their whole class novel 'The Leaving', and everyone is on the edge of their seats as the suspenseful plot unravels itself. Last but not least, Room 5 has joined forces with Room 3 to put together a very impressive surprise for the rest of the school that will hopefully be shared in a few weeks time. It's a first for the history of Rukuhia School so we are super excited. Watch this space. Have a wonderful week!



Kia ora Parents/Whanau

Room 6 students are whizzing through their daily readers. It is lovely to hear students using expression and noticing the exclamation marks!

The letters this week are: a x w m s and the letters for Week 7 are: f p t c i. The word family this week is nose/pose and for Week 7 it is: duck/luck.

This week we are writing about icing our cupcakes. This task was an extension to our maths focus on subtraction using Pete the Cat and his missing cupcakes.

We plan to make a book with subtraction stories and equations.

Within art our goals are:

- to explore a variety of materials and tools and discover elements and selected principles (NZ Curriculum);
- to share the ideas, feelings, and stories communicated by their own and others' objects and images.

These goals will be explored through shared reading of the book, *Monster, Monster, Big and Hairy*. We will be making some monster puppets.

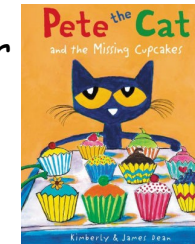
You may have noticed the drain layers and the plumber around Room 6 - the toilets are in and we are just waiting for the connection to happen now.

The next project is the sink bench and cubby holes for bags.

Many thanks to Dan, Isla's Dad, for repairing our whiteboard stand!

Kind regards

Jane



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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

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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.

