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Newsletter Term2 Week 8

KIA ORA Welcome to Term 2

Reminders

- Assembly is today 16th of June at **2.00 pm**, all are welcome.
- School Disco is Friday 23rd June, see details later in the newsletter
- Just a reminder that First Credit Union offer in school banking, if you wish to take up this opportunity please come and ask in the office. It's a great way to start the children saving.



- **REMINDER** if you have a sports day top this needs to be returned to the office cleaned to avoid being charged.
- There are **NO** school lunches next Friday 23rd June.
- **LOGO U2 will be closed from 7th July until 17th July.** So if you are wanting any uniform orders ensure you get in before then!

Have a fantastic weekend

Important Dates

Important Dates Term 2:

Friday 23rd June—School Disco

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

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

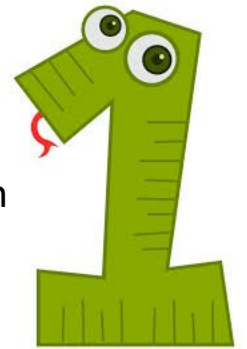
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Room 1 have been working hard on completing their retelling of a Māori myth and legend these past two weeks. They have created some beautiful illustrations of key parts in the stories. Their writing has also blown me away with lots of interesting describing words, action words, sequence words and even some similes too! These will be on display in our classroom so come and have a read when you can.

In maths, we have been learning all about statistics. We have learnt about the statistical cycle and created our own posters to display our individual investigations. Students are confident in using tally charts, creating pictograms and making statements about their findings. We will be moving back into addition and subtraction strategies for the end of the term.

Excellence has been a huge focus within our classroom this term as it is one of our important school values. Students are always encouraged to try their best and produce high quality work. It has been great to see students strive to achieve this without being prompted. Feel free to use this word at home lots with your child too! Check out some of these super students who are showing excellence in their work...



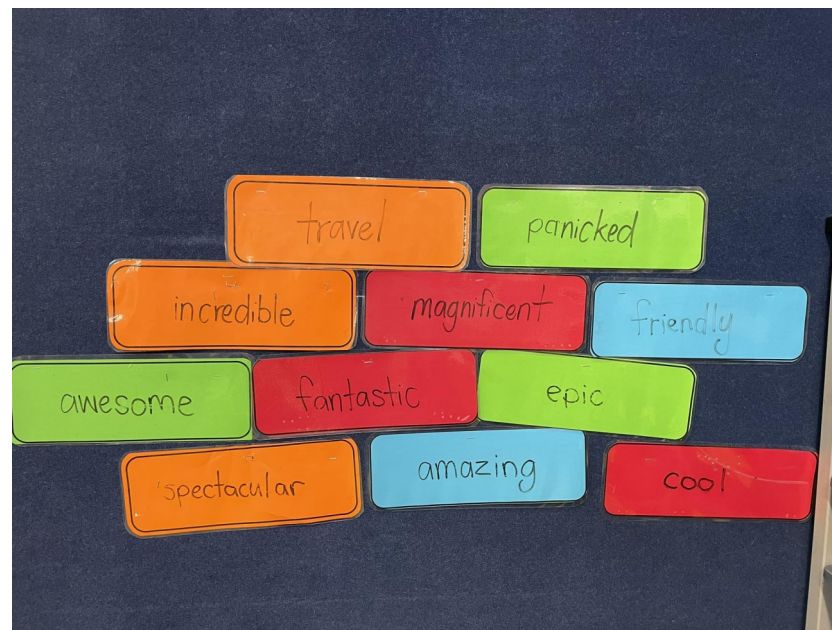
Room



In Room 2 we are exploring a thesaurus. A thesaurus gives us new and interesting words to include in our writing. We have put these words on our wall and we are creating a word wall to refer back to when we are writing.

We have also been doing measuring during maths. We have been using our body parts to measure objects around the room. We have learnt that there are a few important rules when we are measuring to ensure we have an accurate measure.

Room 2 have learnt about the 5 oceans. We have learnt where they are and the names of them. We also learnt the Pacific Ocean is the biggest ocean.



What a crazy week last week was. Congratulations to the students who represented Rukuhia at the Lower Waipa Sports. Those who stayed behind had an awesome day learning about the Maori legend, The battle of the mountains, as well as completing art work based on this. They were also fantastic 'big kids' when we took the junior classes out for some games. It is great for the Year 4's to have leadership roles around the school.

This week has seen me testing the students in preparation for our mid year reports. I am pleased to say that the testing has been very positive.

Our instructional writing proved hilarious. I'm pleased to report that we all made it to our destinations, with some creative interpretation of the instructions. This week we have been looking at a writing component called 'show me, don't tell me'. This involves the use of descriptive language in our writing.



*I saw a big sloppy tongue
I saw a white and brown shaped creature
I saw some brown spikes
I heard slurp, slop, slip
I heard crunch, crunch, crunch.
I saw slow motion in the distance. – Chelsea*

*He smiled into the sunshine
He laughed at the blue sky
I heard splashing mud as he ran
I saw black and white skin
I saw big black, shiny eyes
I wondered where he live. – Ruby*

Room



The wonderful Room 4 students have been working hard towards various upcoming assessments. They have been doing their best writing and we have started doing maths tests too. On top of that they have started to deliver their speeches in front of the class. This takes some courage! Please give your lovely kids a pat on the back when they get home and congratulate them on all their hard work.

We have been working hard on a dance item which we'll be presenting in today's assembly. This also takes courage. I'm so lucky to be in a classroom full of heroes.

Super proud of how our students represented our school at the Waipa winter sports event too. Great job!

Room



Last week Room 5 was extremely sad to say farewell to our good friend Hugo Fryett. Hugo has left behind some impressive benchmarks that include the delivery of his yearly speeches, his knowledge in mathematics, his skills in Parkour and his unfathomable ability to injure himself regardless of the task at hand, Hehe sorry Hugo, it couldn't go without saying. You have kept your teacher on his toes, that's for sure. We all wish Hugo the best of luck and hope he returns for a visit soon.

Speech writing, speech practicing and the infamous speech deliveries are all kicking off this week in Room 5. Students have been diligently preparing their independent speeches for a number of days now and the moment they have all been waiting for is arriving soon. A special thanks to Hugo for delivering his speech before his departure and setting the standard for what's to come. The Lower Waipa Sports Day was our highlight last week as 19 out of our 22 students attended. I cannot express how proud I was of all our

students who represented our school on this day. We have a unique and notable energy that screams that we are here to give it our best and make the most of it. Every single participant had a smile on their face, tried their absolute best but most importantly displayed sportsmanship towards each other and all their competitors. Ka pai Rukuhia.

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

With input from students I model writing sentences each day. On a Friday we write about our weekly poem in our poem books. Students are learning to hear the sounds in words and to write the letter that matches the sound. We have been learning how to make our writing more interesting by adding adjectives (describing words), direct speech and alliteration (words beginning with the same letter). Your children have written some great stories. The letters this week are: b h n o d and the letters for Week 9 are: g l v y r. The word family this week is train/main and for Week 9 it is: all/tall.

ROOM



Room 6 students love reading! Thank you again for making this such a positive experience at home. We continue to read each day at school - guided reading, shared reading, and independent reading. Plus I read picture books to students and we also read high frequency words in isolation, poems and finger plays.

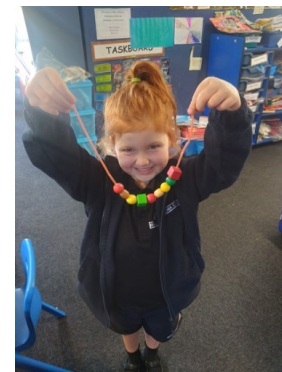
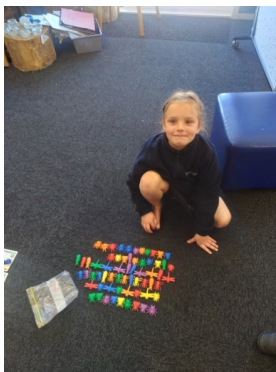
Within maths we are now looking at patterns. The students have been creating colour patterns, object patterns, number patterns and picture patterns. Feel free to support this at home by discussing patterns in the environment - patterns in curtains, bricks, pavers, cushions, clothes, fences, etc.

Our topic for maths will move into time next week. We will be focusing on both digital and analogue time.

Thank you for supporting your child to be a news reporter about places in New Zealand. The children have really enjoyed sharing their narratives. We look forward to hearing more stories.

Kind regards

Jane



2023 Lower Waipa Winter Sports Day

The 2023 Lower Waipa Winter Sports Day was a huge success. This event was held at Ngahinapouri School and the Ngahinapouri Golf Course on Friday 9th. Over half of the school's roll went and represented Rukuhia School on this day which is incredible and a first for our school. This consisted of a senior and intermediate netball and golf teams, an intermediate rugby team and senior, intermediate and junior football teams. It was a stunning day under the autumn red and yellows with the sun putting on a show. Each team looked super smart in their Rukuhia School sports uniforms and each and every player made the school proud. It didn't take a genius to work out that the other teams meet for regular training and most likely play as a team each weekend. Nonetheless the students of Rukuhia School didn't let this fact faze them one little bit. Each team attacked each game with an outstanding and noticeable effort, they surprised and influenced others with their sportsmanship and most importantly they had a day full of fun and excitement.

The highlight of the day would have to be watching students play a sport for the first time and being completely celebrated and supported by their entire team. Small victories being celebrated like championship wins, high fives and proud smiles, encouragement from the side-lines from family and friends, all mixed in with sunshine and fresh air. If you are a part of the Rukuhia community, the



Lower Waipa Winter Sports Day is a day you can be proud of.



Disco Night
Theme - Movie Hero's

Dress up is not mandatory but will be fun
Elsa, Anna and Spiderman are coming to boogie with us

Bring coins for photobooth, popcorn, mini-hot dogs and
a few sweet treats on the night.

Preferably please pay in cash to the office
\$5 per child (this includes entry treat),
or alternatively to the

Rukuhia PTA account: xxxxxx 12 3122 0283284 00.

Please reference Disco, and child's first letter and
surname and room number.

i.e. Disco R. Skomski RM1

Location: The Rukuhia Hall

Time: 5.30pm - 7pm

Date: 23 June 2023

Aleks the DJ will be in the house rocking the tunes
and with some fab disco lighting and the ever popular
FOG machine.

Primary school aged siblings and under welcome

MOVIE

\$5

Rukuhia School

Disco!!!!

23 JUNE 2023

THE RUKUHIA COMMUNITY HALL

5.30PM - 7PM

Come dressed as your favourite movie hero!!!

Bring coins for popcorn, goodies, treats, and
photo booth



HEROES



Holiday Programme:

The holidays are fast approaching and I have finally set the holiday programme. If you are wanting to attend the holiday programme please email: Rukhiasavedbythebell@gmail.com

If you are not already enrolled in the before or after school programme, you will need to fill out an enrolment form as well as the holiday form, which I will email you at the same time.

Thank you, so much to everyone been so welcoming to me in my first week here.

I really appreciate it.

Lisa

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.



MATARIKI RISING SOUTHSIDE

Thursday, 13th July 2023 | 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Melville Intermediate School
Free Entry

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Uniform Supplier

Logo U2 are now able to offer your school uniform to be ordered directly from their online shop

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- 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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