



Developing Independence Through Learning

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

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Newsletter Term2 Week 10

KIA ORA Welcome to week 10

Reminders:

- Our next Assembly is scheduled for tomorrow, June 30th, at 2:30 pm. We warmly welcome everyone to attend.
- Please note that LOGO U2 will be closed from July 7th until July 17th. If you wish to place any uniform orders, kindly ensure you do so before the closure period.
- Congratulations to our students who participated in the Lower Waipa Schools Speech competition last night. We are extremely proud of your efforts and the way you represented the Rukuhia School spirit.
- Wishing you all safe and restful holidays. We are looking forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for Term 3.

Thank you, have a fantastic weekend!

Important Dates

Important Dates Term 2:

Last Day of term 30th of June

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

Go superstars from Room 4 and Room 5

The students who participated in the Lower Waipa Inter-School Speech Competition were incredible. They presented their speeches with confidence, courage and resilience. Harriet, Misiviliamu, Harlow, Lachie, Isabelle, Lorenzo, Jamie and Luca represented our school by showing respect towards others, displaying excellence and a positive attitude, and outstanding leadership skills. Mr Cam, Mr Jepsen and I were so proud of them all, and no doubt, their whanau are too!

Thank you to parents/whanau for supporting your children and thank you to Zeke and his whanau for attending to support his classmates. What a wonderful gesture! We had a morning tea to celebrate their success!





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



Saved by the Bell - Out of School Care						
Week 1: Monday 3 - Friday 7 July 2023						
Hours	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:15 - 9am	Free time					
9 - 12:30pm	Competition day: Paper planes, hot air balloons, play doh creations, biscuit decorating	Wheels day: Bring along some wheels and plan your own obstacle course. Don't forget your helmets	Games day: Treasure hunt, dodge ball, bring along a game to share with friends.	Nature day: Bring along some flowers, leaves, some nature and we will make some art work.	Special guest: Appearing this morning only - the one, the only Mr Jepsen. Explore your inner Artist or be your own Lego Master. Extra \$5 for this session.	
11:30 - 12:30pm	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break - Share Lunch Friday - Bring something to share.	
12:30 - 3pm	Competition day: Paper planes, hot air balloons, play doh creations, biscuit decorating	Wheels day and Scavenger hunt: Create your own scavenger hunt around the school.	Game Challenge: Challenge your mates to your favourite game. Get your name on the challenge board!	Nature day: Come exploring around the school as we find treasures in our environment to turn into unique pieces of art.	Fridayitis: Chill zone time with a movie and kicking back	
3 - 5:30pm	Free Time, quiet games, creating, story time	Free Time, quiet games, creating, story time	Free Time, quiet games, creating, story time	Free Time, quiet games, creating, story time		

School Holiday Fee's	
Full day: 7:15am - 5:30pm	\$45
School day: 9am - 3pm	\$35
Half day: 7:15am - 12:30pm	\$30
Half day: 12:30pm - 5:30pm	\$30

All Prices are INCLUSIVE of GST

If your child/ren is part of the morning session on Friday 7th July, an additional \$5 per child applies. This is to cover the cost of our special guest Mr Jepsen, who will be doing some art and lego demonstrations with the tamariki.

Saved by the Bell - Out of School Care						
Week 2: Monday 10 - Friday 14 July 2023						
Hours	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:15 - 9am	Free time					
9 - 12:30pm	Sports day: come dressed up in your favourite sports team gear, active wear or something sporty. We will have fun been active	"Zen" day: If you have a yoga mat or fitness mat bring it along. We will be doing some yoga, children's meditation and gratitude.	Baking day: We will be baking for a high tea afternoon tea party.	DISCO party Come dressed up ready to DANCE and party the day away.	Matariki - Enjoy your day with your whanau	
11:30 - 12:30pm	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break - Share Lunch - Bring something to share	
12:30 - 3pm	Sports day: come dressed up in your favourite sports team gear, active wear or something sporty. We will have fun been active	Bubbles Bubble art, making our own bubbles. Bring something along that is special to you and you can share it with the group.	High Tea afternoon tea party. (2pm) Dress up posh, bring your favourite toy.	DISCO party Matariki, star art and then chill with a movie		
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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 1 had an awesome time at the disco last Friday! Here is some feedback from some of the students...

“Raina’s Dad put on some really good songs”- Oralee

“Our decorations took a lot of time to make and I tried to do lots of smudging to make Venom and Thor’s hammer realistic, it was super fun!”- Asher

“I liked how the lights were going up in the air and I also liked that the disco ball was making dots all over the walls”- Maddy

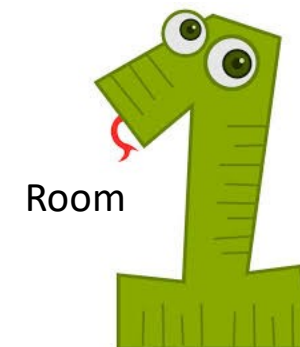
“I liked it when I got pictures of the superhero’s that came”- Jayne

“I liked dancing with my little brother Jack”- Celina

We wrote some recounts of our experiences at the disco and have displayed some of these in the foyer of the office. A huge thanks to the PTA for providing this amazing experience and fundraising opportunity for our students.

In maths this week, we shared our board games that we created with the students in Room 6 and Room 2. It was great to see Room 1 showing some fantastic leadership skills as they supported the younger students with their games. Enjoy these lovely snapshots...

Have a fantastic holiday, be safe and enjoy spending some precious time making memories with your child.





Room 2 have been lucky enough to have the amazing Mrs Esselbrugge, for 2 days recently. The children have been immersing themselves in the wonders of native trees. They have explored the importance of these trees, learnt about different species, and explored their unique features. This hands-on experience has encouraged the children to grow their love of nature and instilled environmental responsibility.

Room



We are also finishing up our earth topic for the term, by creating some fantastic posters. I encourage you to discuss this topic at home as the children are eager to share the knowledge they have learnt.



Well, the last week of term is here! I think we are all ready for the holidays. This week we are meeting our student teacher who will be with us for all of Term 3. The children are looking forward to it and it is always nice to have extra learning support in class for all the students.

We have just started a maths unit on time. Over the holidays it would be great if you could talk with your child about reading the hour, half hour and quarter hours on an analogue clock (ones with hands). Highlighted in our pre-test was that a lot of children aren't confident with months of the year. We will be working on that next term, but you could get a head start in the holidays.

Next term we will be starting by looking at Matariki and this will be our focus for the first 2 weeks. Our PE focus will be cross country, so if your child is into running, this could be a great holiday activity.

I want to thank all the parents who have supported their child's learning this term by practicing their spelling at home each week and encouraging regular reading at home. It has become evident in the spelling and reading testing that I have just completed. Congratulations to Chelsea for completing all the Essential Spelling Lists. She is the first one in class to do so. Quite a few of the other children are not far away from joining her.

Have a great holiday. I hope the weather lets you get outside into the environment and gives your children the opportunity to burn their energy.



Room

4

We've all had a nice term 2 together. We've been working hard, getting all our testing done. It has highlighted some areas that we can focus on next term (Like fractions!). I think everybody is ready for a well deserved break.

We all had fun at the disco! Thank you to the PTA for putting on a cool event with lots of yummy treats and funky beats. I saw some really cool movie themed costumes, worn with style!

Harriet and Misi represented Room 4 well at the Lower Waipa Speech Competition. It was great to see them deliver their thoughtful speeches so well in front of strangers.

Room



We cannot believe we are already at the end of term 2.

After weeks of assessment in Spelling, Reading, Writing and Math, Mr Jepsen could not be any prouder of his students and the results they have achieved. During this time the students have also been working super hard on writing and practicing their speeches. This year's speeches were such a success that some super talented students have been invited to enter a speech competition between a number of neighbouring schools. I think we can all admit that it's no walk in the park to stand up and speak in front of a large crowd, so I'd like to personally congratulate all the students who delivered their speeches, and a special acknowledgement to our finalists and their outstanding efforts.

Last week Room 5 had the privilege to work with ex Rukuhia student Leo Juby. Leo arrived and turned our school hall into a fully functioning science lab complete with hands-on activities, experiments, live demonstrations and even his home built electric bikes. To say that Room 5 was inspired is an understatement. Thank you, Leo, for thinking of us, taking the time out of your busy life to work with us, and most of all for inspiring the students to follow their dreams.

Mr Jepsen would like to wish everyone a happy and safe break. Bring on term 3!

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

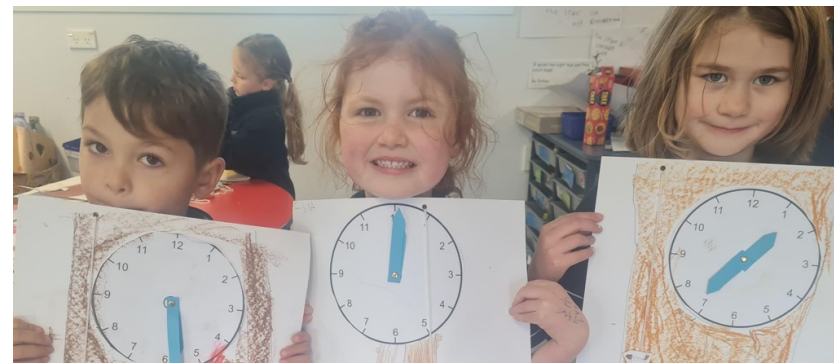
Room 6 students are loving learning about **time**. We have discussed years/seasons/weeks/days/hours/minutes/seconds. The students have made clocks with moveable hands and have been identifying o'clock and half past times. Students will take their clocks home after assembly on Friday so feel free to follow up on 'telling the time' at home over the holidays.

Students are right on track with their reading and writing. Some challenges have been set and will continue next term. It would be beneficial for students to do some kind of reading over the holidays, be that reading by themselves or having stories read to them. Remember to ask your child questions about the stories and encourage your child to retell the story. This experience impacts greatly on your child's ability to write.

There are lots of odd and pairs of socks in Room 6—please check to see if they belong to your child.

Have a safe and happy break from school. 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

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.



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.

