



Developing Independence Through Learning

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

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Newsletter Term3 Week 2

KIA ORA Welcome to week 2!

Reminders:

- We have an assembly this afternoon at 2.30 pm.
- Our next assembly is scheduled for Friday, August the 11th at 2:30 pm. We warmly welcome everyone to attend.
- Calves, Lambs & Kids—Ag Day is coming!
- Please see information regarding the booking of Parent Teacher Interviews further in this newsletter.
- Production is also coming!

Thank you, have a fantastic weekend!



Ag Day is Coming

Ag day will be held on the first week of Term 4.

More details to come.

-Can we please have any Ag Day trophies returned to the school office as soon as possible.

-It is time to start the Ag Day conversations and thinking about taking on a calf, lamb or kid.

Get In! Get Involved!

Please let the office know if you need help sourcing an animal, our neighbour Ray Cotterell is kindly running his calf rearing programme again this year!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Interviews are on the 15th and 16th of August, 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

You can book your interview be visiting:

- <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
- Enter the event code **9yf45**

Please flick the office an email if you have any trouble.



Important Dates

Important Dates Term 3:

Aug—ICAS exams.

15 & 16 August Parent Interviews

23 Aug - Wednesday, School Cross Country.

1 Sep - LWS Cross Country at Paterangi School.

13 & 14 September—Production.

22nd of September - Final day of Term 3.

Term Dates 2023

Term 1

Tuesday 31st January—6th April

Term 2

26th April—30th June

Term 3

17th July—22nd September

Term 4

9th October —TBC

In-Term Public Holidays 2023

23 Oct—Labour Day

Photo Day

1 November 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. We are delighted to extend our warmest invitation to our upcoming school production, Try A Little Kindness which promises to be an enchanting and memorable event.

Production and Ticket Information

This is a Two Part Message:

Part one:

Performance Dates and Times :

Due to the high demand in the past, we are extending the usual 3 performances to 4 performances this year:

Wednesday 13th September

12.00 pm matinee performance RED **Ticket**

6.00 pm Evening performance BLUE **Ticket**

Thursday 14th September

12.00 pm matinee performance GREEN **Ticket**

6.00 pm Evening performance YELLOW **Ticket**

Please note: you will not be allowed to use cameras or phones to record or take photos of the production, this is a copyright and privacy issue and is also a distraction for the performers, and other audience members. We will make photos available after the productions. The photos will be taken during the rehearsals.

Part Two : Tickets Sales

Ticket sales will be cash only \$10 per ticket, through the PTA via the school office.

This year, to ensure all immediate families get a chance to purchase production tickets we will be opening up 'Family Sales' on Week 6 - Monday 21st - Friday 25th August.

During this week all families will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for their immediate family – Mum, Dad and siblings- each family member must have a ticket if they are attending.

Through Weeks 7 and 8 all remaining tickets will be available for general purchase.

e.g. If you have 4 RED family tickets you can now purchase another 2 RED tickets for the grandparents, if seats are available.

This is a cash only \$10.00 per ticket, first in first serve basis and we cannot book or hold tickets.

As we gear up to present an outstanding performance, we would like to kindly request your cooperation on a small matter. While we cherish having all of our students' families in attendance, we would like to create the best possible experience for everyone involved.

Considering the nature of the event and to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of all our guests, we kindly request that parents make arrangements for childcare for babies and very young children. We understand that sometimes it may not be feasible, but we genuinely believe this will allow everyone, including parents, to fully immerse themselves in the performance without distractions.

Please rest assured that we are taking all necessary measures to make the event accessible, comfortable, and memorable for everyone. We hope you understand our request and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

We truly value your presence and support, and we look forward to seeing you at Try A Little Kindness. Thank you for being part of our wonderful school community.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Room One has had an excellent start to term 3 so far! Our focus for the start of the term has been all about Matariki. We have created some great recounts using our senses. We have been learning to use similes, adjectives, interesting verbs and adverbs in our writing. We also used chalk pastels to create amazing silhouettes of the night sky and a mountain range. These looking absolutely amazing and on display in our classroom. A huge thank you to all the whanau members who came through our classroom to see our learning.

In maths, we are learning all about fractions. This is a great opportunity for you to talk about fractions at home, especially if you are doing any baking.

Room



Room 2 were lucky enough to have some very cute visitors. Ava A shared her 6 golden retriever puppies with room 2. There were plenty of cuddles and lots of smiles.

Next we began our Matariki learning. We have been enjoying practicing our song and creating different stars to display in our classroom. Room 2 showed excellence when making our stars and they turned out amazing!

For writing we are working on making our stories longer. So we have been breaking our writing into beginning, middle and end to expand our ideas. Room 2 published their man and the mouse writing.

We have a very busy term ahead of us and I can't wait to celebrate our success!



Welcome back to term 3. I would also like to welcome Nicola (Nicky) Cowling to our class. Nicky is in her final practicum and thought that Room 3 sounded like an awesome class to work in. She will be here for the 10 weeks of this term.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us on Friday. The children loved having you in class. Our Matariki work is continuing this week and it is our aim to have our kites finished to share at assembly on Friday and then they will be displayed in class.

We have started some cross country fitness and this will continue until after our school cross country. The children run about 1.5 km from memory, so if you want to starting encouraging them to run at home, that would be some great maths, calculating how many times they need to run around your section to make 1.5kms.

Our big inquiry this term will be chosen by your child. Nicky and I are just working on the guidelines and expectations. We will send home all the details you should need to know to support your child at home with the researching. Don't start just yet!



Room

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It's been great seeing everyone back after a nice two-week break. This term, we have been joined by the returning Santino who has moved back to Rukuhia after a year in Germany. Welcome back Santino!

Week one was Matariki week where we learnt more about Matariki and did a lot of Matariki based school work like themed reading and writing work and even some Matariki fractions for maths. We worked hard to decorate our room and we hope that any parents/ grandparents and students who visited our class enjoyed that and hopefully left a Matariki wish on our wishing wall.

Many brave students auditioned for a speaking role in the upcoming production. That takes a lot of courage! We have started practicing whole school songs for the production too!

Room

There must be something in the air or perhaps the break was exactly what everyone needed as we have all entered term three with super positive attitudes. Our first day back was a morning full of love and cuddles as Harlow brought in her 6 fluffy little brothers and sisters for us all to meet. Nothing like a snuggle with a 6-week-old puppy to put you in a good mood for the term ahead. Students of room 5 shared their holiday experiences through the form of re-count writing. The quality of the students planning and paragraphing was outstanding, especially for the first piece of writing for the term. Just when mathematics finally started to make sense Mr Jepsen decided to introduce the concept of letters into the equations. That's right, Algebra is our focus this term and the students are building a solid understanding of this new knowledge. To celebrate Matariki this year Rukuhia School is having a whanau day where soup and bread will be shared. Room 5 wants to ensure our classroom is super inviting for the adults attending so we have been working on some stunning Matariki artwork. Mr Jepsen hopes your child's report reaches you well and that you put aside some time to sit down to discuss and celebrate your child's learning journey so far.



Kia ora Parents/Whanau

Welcome back to Tyler, who will be in Room 6 for Monday and Tuesday up to Week 8. It is wonderful for our students to receive extra teacher time. Thank you to Tyler for contributing her amazing ideas and enthusiasm.

We started off this week with a visit from Isla's puppies - what a fabulous experience for Room 6 students. The puppies generated some interesting writing by the students. Thanks to Isla and her whanau for sharing them.

This week the students have been focusing on fractions. We have discussed equal sharing and even pieces. Students are learning to identify a half and a quarter. Feel free to follow up on this at home.

We are right back into daily reading and writing. The students are so excited about their writing and want to share their stories with their classmates. Our letters next week are: p t c i u. The letters for Week 3 are: e n o d g. The word family next week is: got/not. Week 3 word family is: big/wig.

Each afternoon the students practice forming the letter of the day, writing words beginning with the letter of the day, writing a quick sentence as well as practicing their spelling words. Your child may bring home their inquiry and language book full of spelling - I will send you an email or chat about purchasing a new book.

We have had great chats about Matariki this week. The students have produced some wonderful stars and a awesome visual display of kites.

Our extra topics this term are:

- Health & PE—Firewise Programme, Cross Country
- Maths - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Measurement—Length
- The Arts - Drama and Music (Production)

Also we will be continuing with our history curriculum on New Zealand.

Kind regards

Jane and Tyler

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School Reminders

School Times

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| 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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