



Developing Independence Through Learning

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# Newsletter Term3 Week 4

**KIA ORA** Welcome to week 4!

Reminders:

- We have an assembly this Friday the 11th of August and the next assembly will be the 25th both are 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.—**Bookings close tomorrow at 3 pm.**
- **Can you please pick your children up at 2.45 pm on the 15th and 16th of August to allow the for the teachers to be prepared for their first Parent interviews.**
- Finally, our school cross-country on Wednesday the 23rd of August.



## 2023 Cross Country

Parents arrive between 10.30 and  
10.45 am

Racing starts on the bottom field at  
11 am

If you would like to participate in a rearing programme for Ag Day, Ray Cotterell & Rachel Hawkings have generously organised an opportunity where student feed and walk a calf daily with Sundays off. If you would like to learn more about this programme, please contact Ray or Rachel on:  
Ray: 0212460022  
Rachel: 0221556252



# Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Interviews are on the 15th and 16th of August, starting from 3 pm until 5.50 pm—Can you please pick your children up 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.

Bookings close tomorrow at 3 pm.



# Important Dates

## Important Dates Term 3:

Aug—ICAS exams.

15 & 16 August Parent Interviews

23 Aug - Wednesday, School Cross Country. 10.45 am

1 Sep - LWS Cross Country at Paterangi School.

13 & 14 September—Production.

22 September - Final day of Term 3.

9 Oct - First day of Term 4

12 Oct - School Ag Day

18 Oct (TBC) - Group Day

## 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)

(TBC) To Be Confirmed

## **In-Term Public Holidays 2023**

**23 Oct—Labour Day**

## **Photo Day**

**1 November 2023**

## Rukuhia School Production

12th September Afternoon Performance 12.00 pm Evening Performance TBC

13th September Afternoon Performance 12.00 pm Evening Performance TBC



Kia ora Parents/Whanau

Our rehearsals are well underway. The students are super excited about production. We are so impressed with the students thanking us for the opportunity and for supplying the costumes, so parents/whanau, take a pat on the back for teaching your children how to thank others. Mrs O'Brien has two dancing groups practicing each lunchtimes - I have had a sneak preview at those groups - they were just delightful!

**Many thanks** to those of you that have sent in items for our set and costumes - we really appreciate your contributions. We are still needing the following things for our set and for costumes:

textured wool, artificial flowers/greenery of any size, white satin fabric, white lace, green fabric, brown fabric, ribbons, yellow wigs, bright coloured leotards.



No doubt we will continue to add to the list as we work through costume requirements, but appreciate any donations. If you want some items returned please name them. All donations can be taken to Room 6.

**We are on the lookout for some sponsorship for our production** as we would like to do a *little act of kindness* within the show if you would like more information about this or to donate something towards this please see one of us. We do not wish to spoil the surprise for the receivers so that is why we are not sharing too much about this in the newsletter.

Jane & Rachael

## Room 1

To the parents of room.

As you will all beware Mrs O'Brien has been absent from school this week. Obviously, the learning programme has been slightly different. However, all the students have all been engaged in learning activities related to multiple curriculum areas.

### READING

On Monday, the students followed their regular reading programme left by Mrs O'Brien. The rest of the week we read activity sheets on the seasons and weather.

The class read two "nonsense" poems - "On the Ning Nang Nong" by Spike Milligan and "The People Upstairs" By Ogden Nash. The class completed Art activities related to the poems.

### MATHEMATICS

Each day the class has completed basic facts tasks focusing on addition and subtraction. We also studied the thermometer and now understand where we use them. We also have completed task on how to read them.

### REPORT WRITING, SCIENCE AND ART

We combined these three aspects of learning. The class studied aspects the weather. The first task was to write a draft report and then complete a final publication for presentation. An art activity required the students to sketched and collage an autumn tree. Special thanks to Mr Jepson for sketching a template on the white board to assist with the task.

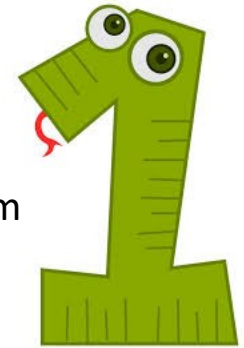
### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Production singing
- Cross country running
- Spelling
- Hand writing
- Music and movement

The student's in Room 1 are all dedicated learners who a have fabulous relationships with each other. It has been a pleasure to work with them this week.

George Brooks

Room

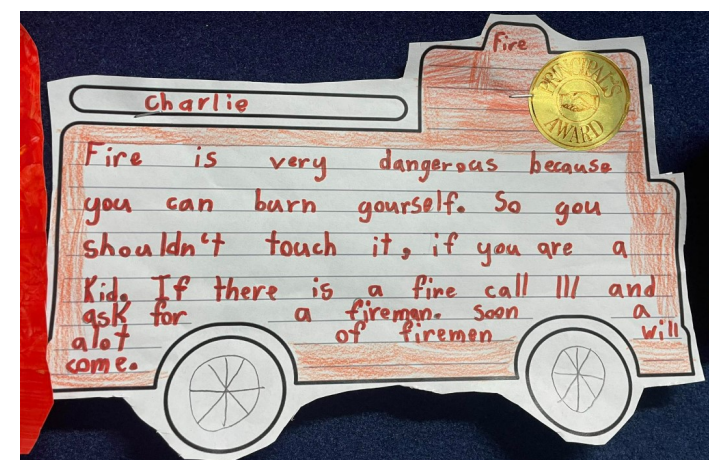
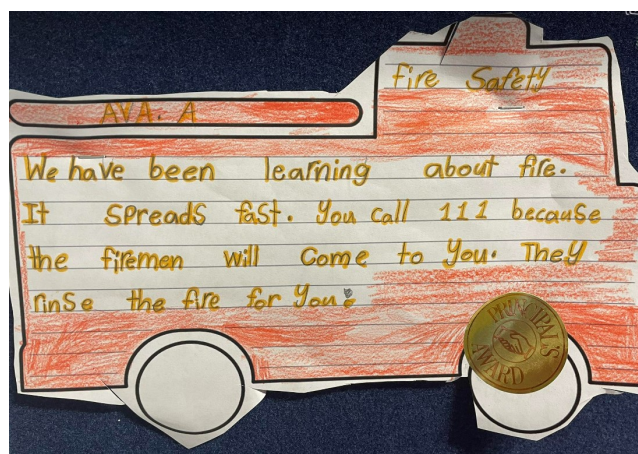
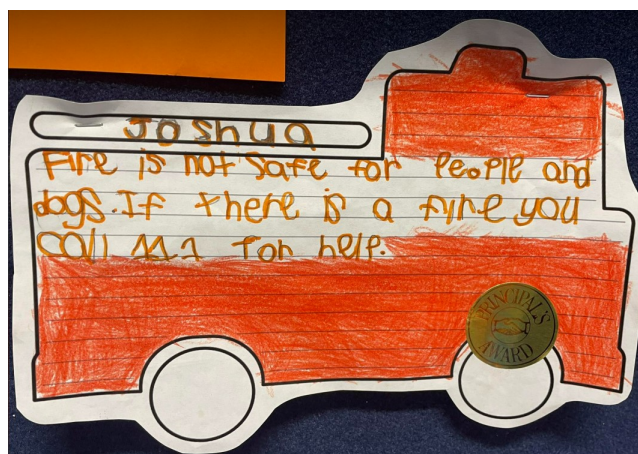




Room 2 have been learning about everything fire safety. What is a fire? What do we use fire for? The difference between tools and toys. We were lucky enough to have a local fire fighter Steve, come into class and teach us the fire wise programme. We learnt about lighting fires safely, checking our fire alarms, having a safe meeting spot at home and get down, get low and get out!

Room **2**

We have also been training for cross country. We have been finding our jogging pace and working on our breathing. So we last the whole race. We have also spoken about using our whole body as we run to help us go faster. Using our arms and having longer strides. The children are improving so quickly! I am so proud of the positive attitude of all of Room 2. This is the school value we are focusing on this term. So it's awesome to see everyone giving it a go.





Room 3 are currently writing letters. We have had some interesting discussions about why we don't write letters anymore. The children are going to be writing one letter to someone that they know and then a letter to someone from another planet. This should produce some awesome creative writing. If you want to encourage your child to write at home, look at writing letters/emails to other members of the family who don't live with you or friends from holiday spots. It's a great way to communicate and get something in the letterbox!

Our kites and Matariki stars will be on display in the classroom shortly. Feel free to come in and see them if you didn't see them at assembly last week.

Our cross country training has started and the children seem to be enjoying our fitness games. We will start some long distance running at school. If your child prefers to run in sneakers, please send them to school in a mud proof bag that they can keep in their cubbyhole. We are hoping to run every day – weather permitting.

In maths we are working on addition and subtraction, exploring different strategies to decide which is the most efficient way to solve problems. Ask your child which strategies they are currently working on or show them how you would solve addition problems using 2 digit numbers such as  $54 + 32$  or  $50 + 40 + 20 + 60 + 80$ .



## Room

# 4

Our recent big news is that we had some windows ripped out and covered up. We now have more wall space where the windows were but more importantly this will enable the rain/sun cover to be extended the whole length of the classroom so we can open our blinds without being blinded! We spent the two days of construction up at the hall and the attached red room doing some fun worksheets and writing challenges and playing different versions of dodgeball.

For writing we have been working on writing information reports for different animals. Hopefully we can use our increased wall space to display these when they're completed.

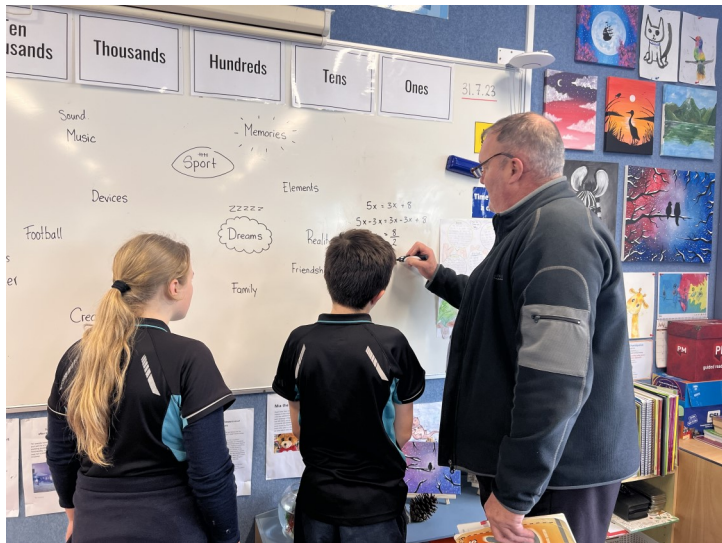


## Room

# 5

Over the last 2 weeks the students of Room 5 have been creating their very own Gods / Guardians. Each student has chosen a realm for their Gods to protect. Using similes and metaphors, students have written an in-depth character description about their Gods, discussing such things as their physical appearance, how they sound and move, how they make others feel, unique attributes and what their homes / realms look like. Using an incredible digital programme called Hero Forge, the students have also created 3D models of their characters. The imagination and creativity of these students is absolutely incredible. We have Hysstoria, the God of History. Numeros, the God of Numbers and Viretas, the God of Reality.

Last week was interesting when Mr Drury paid Room 5 a visit to challenge our knowledge in Algebra. Poor Mr Drury tried to scare us with a Year 9 math book but sadly the majority of Room 5 students are working above the Year 9 level in Algebra. Next week Mr Drury will challenge 4 Room 5 students in an addition, subtraction, division and multiplication competition. If Room 5 wins we all get a muffin each. If Mr Drury wins, Room 5 has to clean the entire school. While the students train for this Mr Drury butt kicking, they have also been learning about Spreadsheets and how algebraic formulas can help assist these. This week Arjun and Luca got out their hammers and saws and made a good start on the junior mud kitchen that they are working on while the senior students are attending Technology. They cannot wait to see the junior students faces when they hand over their woodworking masterpiece.





Kia ora Parents/Whanau

The Firewise Programme created lots of interesting discussion and the students wrote some great stories about keeping safe near fires. Feel free to look at the display in Room 6. This programme was supported by a visit from a firefighter - this generated some superb stories too.

Within maths we continue to look at fractions - sharing groups of objects evenly between our buddies. We will move into addition with an emphasis on knowing our doubles up to 20 - some students will challenge themselves even further as they already have this knowledge. Also we will do some multiplication - mainly 2's, 5's and 10's.

Our letters for Week 4 are: l, v, y, r h For Week 5 they are: qu, z, j, u,

Our word family for Week 4 is: ad, and for Week 5, it is: et.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading each night and helping your child to learn their spelling words. Their knowledge of their spelling words is transferred into their daily writing - awesome learning!

Tyler has worked hard on students fitness getting students ready for cross country. This event will take place on the farm behind school and we do have one or two practices moving through the farm safely.

We look forward to catching up with you at Parent Interviews - let me know if you can't meet on those dates and I will happily make another time.

Kind regards

Jane & Tyler

**ROOM**







# 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](mailto: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.



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## Ahu Ake – Waipā Community Spatial Plan

We're running our first ever World Café and looking for residents from across the district to join us!

The World Café will bring community members, Council staff and experts together to discuss different topics that we need further feedback on at tables around a room. It will be run as part of the development of Ahu Ake – Waipā Community Spatial Plan and is an exciting opportunity for us to share knowledge, collaborate and generate ideas on the more complex issues in the spatial plan with our community.

So, what's it all about?

Earlier this year, we received thousands of valuable pieces of feedback on what the future of our district could look like. This not only helped to confirm some of the challenges we are up against now and in the future, but highlighted areas in the plan that we need to flesh out further before progressing with its development. We'll use the World Café to discuss topics including growth, housing, the economy and parks and public facilities with residents and working through possible solutions to questions like: 'How can our villages continue to grow while keeping their rural character?'. The ideas and insights developed during this process will be presented to the Mayor and councillors to consider as we work towards finalising this important plan next year.

What's required?

Participants will be required to attend 3-4 workshops (all part of the World Café process) which will be run in September, October and November 2023. Those who take part will receive a \$150 Prezzy Card as a thank you for their time. Residents can sign-up online at [www.ahuakewaipa.nz/our-spatial-plan](http://www.ahuakewaipa.nz/our-spatial-plan) or by picking up a hardcopy survey at either of our Council offices or libraries.

Sign-ups close on Wednesday 23 August 2023. After this point, we'll make the registrations of interest anonymous and then select 40-45 community members to take part in the World Café. More information about this process is available on our website.

It is important we hear from a wide range of people with different backgrounds and experiences of living in Waipā. So, if you're a resident and over the age of 16, we want to hear from you!

# Uniform Supplier

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

[www.logou2.com](http://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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