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Newsletter Term3 Week 6

KIA ORA Welcome to week 6!

Reminders:

- We have an assembly this Friday the 25th of August at 2.30 pm. We warmly welcome everyone to attend.
- Calves, Lambs & Kids—Ag Day is coming!
- Thank you to all of those people who made cross-country such an amazing memory making event, The Graylings, The PTA, Mr Jepsen just to name a few of the many!

Have a fantastic week!

A huge well done on our school's first ever hockey team- they are putting so much effort into their training and games! It is so great to see all of the students displaying our Rukuhia School values of respect, excellence, attitude and leadership. Miss Andrew and Mrs O'Brien attended one of the hockey games a couple of weeks ago and were absolutely blown away by the teamwork we saw on display. A big thank you to the coach and manager, Natasha Dalziel for all her hard work organising our two teams, the smile on the children's faces wouldn't be possible without your hard work and dedication!





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



Important Dates

Important Dates Term 3:

Aug—ICAS exams.

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

20 Oct—Teacher's Only 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

Teacher's Only Day

20 Oct 2023

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



Kia Ora O Te Whanau

First off, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to those parents who made it in to school for parent teacher interviews. It was great to catch up with you all and share the success your child is having in Room 1.

We have been stuck into report writing lately and the students' are really enjoying this. We are becoming experts at classifying animals and have been busy reading lots of non-fiction texts. Students are working hard on locating key information and using this in their own writing plans. This should contribute to some great discussions at home so make sure you ask lots about what they are reading and encourage them to locate some interesting facts.

In maths, we have been working hard on our basic facts as well as using different addition and subtraction strategies. Our big focus is adding and subtracting numbers in parts rather than counting on.

Keep up the great work Room 1!

Room

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In Room 2 we have been practicing our drawing and sketching. We drew bumble bees last week. We were so impressed with the finished products. This week we are exploring different materials. We used white chalk and dye to create some cool fossil like pictures.

We have also been consolidating our numbers to 100. We are particularly looking at place value, comparing numbers and number patterns. In Room 2 we have maths buddies, this is someone you work with each day to complete a hands on activity. We are working on our communication, listening and patience. These are very important skills to learn and understand. It is extremely rewarding watching Room 2 develop these skills.



We are making a slow start on our inquiry. Your child should have bought home a letter asking for help in researching their chosen topic. I also sent an email at the end of last week with parent details. After cross country we will be turning our focus to this inquiry, working around Production practices.

The children have been working really well on their training for cross country and we are looking forward to seeing how they go on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you if you can make it.

In class we are noticing that lots of laptops are not charged when they come to school. Can you please check that your child's charger is named and in their laptop bag and that they know how to charge their laptop.

If you know of any good free maths and literacy games for pc's, I would love to hear what they are. We are always looking for new games to play when we have completed all our learning activities.

Last week and this week the children have been learning some basic Spanish phrases, thanks to Miss Cowling. Maybe you've heard them at home!

Por favor – please; gracias – thank you; De nada – you're welcome; tranquilo – quiet! Hola – hello!; Buenos dias – good morning; adios – goodbye.

If you want to challenge your child, see if they can remember the months of the year in Spanish!



Room

4

Cross country was difficult but fun! I was very proud of Room 4's effort. Everyone finished the race and we had some 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners too. Fantastic effort! I hope everyone got to try some of the delicious treats and sausages that were available too.

Before the race we did an art activity where we drew a picture of a crazy alien based solely on some verbal instructions. Check out a picture of the four most accurate drawings.

I've heard some positive feedback about Room 4 students doing well in production practice. We're all very excited for the upcoming event!

We've started a little library on a shelf I recently acquired. If you have any books that are age appropriate and are looking for a new home then we'd be happy for some book donations. Thank you for the kids who brought some books for our class before I had even asked!



Room



In Room 5 this week students have had their heads down stuck into their narrative writing. The level of content this year is outstanding. Inspired by the chapter books read by Mr Jepsen after lunchtimes the students have thought extremely hard about the problems their characters will experience. The goal is to make these stories relatable, rather than having fairies living in jungles saving the world from asteroids, we have students writing about characters who are battling with some of life's hardest and realest challenges. Twins of the opposite sex experiencing puberty and feeling different from one another for the first time. Heartbreaking stories from the perspective of a therapist talking to a young girl about her mother running away. We have characters trying to find the strength and courage to stand up to their parents and some just finding enough strength to stand up against themselves. They are real and they are heartfelt.

Mr Jespen would like to say a special thank you to all the parents who have touched base over the last 2 weeks regarding their students' learning progress. It is an absolute rush to celebrate your child's maturity, knowledge and social skills development over the last 6 months.

Every single Room 5 parent should be extremely proud of their Tamariki.

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

Thank you to those parents/whanau that came to parent interviews - it is always great to share the progress of your children's learning. If you missed an interview and would like one please let us know and we will arrange a time to catch up.

Room 6 students were absolutely amazing when we did the cross country practice run across the farm last Friday. They took on the challenge and finished the run easily. Thanks to Tyler for creating some fun fitness lessons to get the students prepared for this.

Students are continuing to write about their experiences and their challenge is to add more interesting detail including using describing words. Our letters this week are: a x w m s, and



for Week 7 they are: f p t c i. The word family for this week is: fun/bun and for Week 7 it is: top/hop. Within our reading programme we are focusing on retelling the stories, including a beginning, middle and end, plus finding the answers to questions within the text.

We are continuing to focus on addition and subtraction.

Mrs H reintroduced the symbols plus, minus and equals.

The students loved creating number stories with the tee-shirts.

Some of Room 6 students have been practicing their items for the production and they return to class super excited!

Finally, a huge thank you to Beau and his mum, Elliot and her mum, and Isla and her dad, for their amazing acts of kindness over the last few weeks.

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

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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.



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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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