



Developing Independence Through Learning

**RUKUHIA SCHOOL**

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# Newsletter Term4 Week 7

**KIA ORA** Welcome to week 7

Reminders:

LOST PROPERTY Please if your children have lost any items over Term 3, come to the office and have a look through lost property box (It's getting full).

Next assembly is this Friday 24th November at 2.30pm

Some order deadline to be aware of are:

- ⇒ Masterpiece Photography Orders are due in by 3pm Friday 24th November
- ⇒ 2024 Stationery Pack Orders and payment are due in by 3pm Friday 24th November
- ⇒ Anyone who has not yet placed their PTA calendar orders and wants to, they have extended the deadline to this Wednesday 23rd November.

**Have a fantastic week!**

**Saved by the Bell** will be available

14th December (after final assembly) -22nd December

Then will be available again from Jan 15th until school goes back on the  
Tuesday 30th January



# Important Dates

Final assembly will be at 11am on 14th December

Please collect your children on the conclusion of the final assembly approximately 12.30 pm

Term 1 2024

Tuesday 30th January



## Room



Room One have enjoyed having the amazing Mrs Esselbrugge for a couple days while Mrs O'Brien was away sick. They learnt all about seeds and how things grow. The students will coming home today with their very own seed sprouts that they have grown from seeds. These will need to be planted and watered at home so that they continue to grow. A huge thank you to Mrs Esselbrugge for this amazing experiment!!!



### **I Planted Some Seeds**

I planted some seeds  
In my garden today.  
They haven't come up yet,  
I hope they're okay.

Should I dig them all up,  
Take them back to the shop?  
Ask for my money back,  
Say they're a flop?

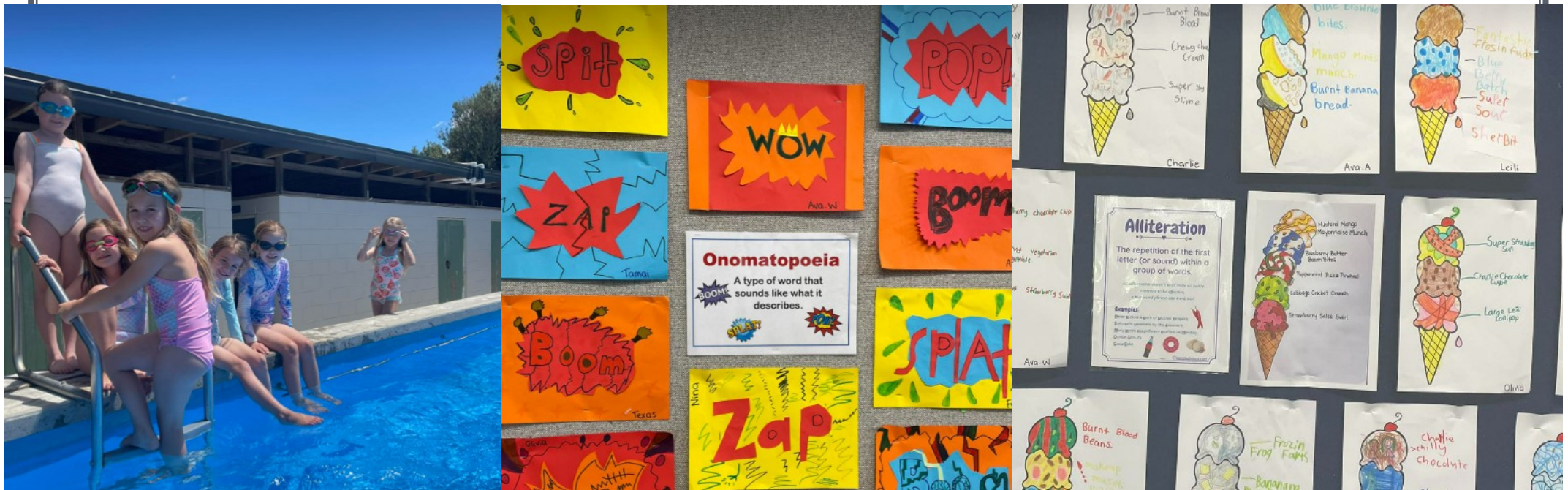
Perhaps they're faulty,  
Perhaps they were duff,  
Maybe they haven't  
Been watered enough.

I planted some seeds  
In my garden today.  
They haven't come up yet,  
I hope they're okay.

Room 2 have been very busy! We have been learning about onomatopoeia. A type of word that sounds like what it describes (e.g. *splat*, *zap*). Room 2 have been great at including onomatopoeia words in their writing to make it more interesting. We also created some marvellous art to display some of the words we are using in our writing. Next we have been learning about alliteration. The repetition of the first letter (or sound) within a group of words. We had great fun exploring possible ice cream flavours and naming them with alliteration words.



Finally the weather has warmed up and we have been able to consistently get back in the pool. We have been practicing our powerful kicking and breathing to the side.



## Room 3 Newsletter Term 4, Week 6

This week we say farewell Mrs Te Rito. She has completed her 6 week practicum and is off to teach in her own classroom next year. Room 3 are devastated to see her go and wish her all the best for her teaching career. She has brought a new perspective to Room 3, made positive connections with all our tamariki and added value to their learning. Good luck Mrs Te Rito.

We have been learning about Kaitiakitanga through the context of protecting stories that relate to children and their whanau. We have been encouraging students to share their own taonga. It's been great to see and hear some of their stories.

Next week we are starting an inquiry into Celebrations around the World. Your child will need their chromebook/ device every day next week. Please make sure they are charged or the charger is in their bag. We will be creating a questionnaire at the beginning of the week about celebrations your family have and this will be coming home via google docs.

We won't be swimming in the next 2 weeks, but will email you if this changes. We are having lots of lost property around the classroom and some things aren't named. Can you please make sure sweatshirts, shoe or sandals are named to enable us to return them quickly.



# Room 4

In room 4 we have been lucky enough to have had Mrs. Esselbrugge a few times recently for a release day and a couple of sicks. They covered bats and the water cycle among other things. It's great to get an experienced science teacher to come in.

For Maths we have worked on place value and decimals, going down three digits past the decimal point. For writing we have written a class poem together which was fun. Each student was assigned a different feature to use in their contributions (rhyming, alliteration, line breaks etc.)

Mostly, we have been busy testing. I've been really impressed with the results from our reading tests that we recently finished. We're testing Maths currently.

Today Room 5 says farewell to Whaea Liz. Whaea Liz has been with us for a total of 6 weeks now and has made a positive impression on us all. What an experience she has had. Whaea Liz has made it her mission to do and be everything a teacher is during this practicum. Her attitude and support during camp was phenomenal and I hope she takes away a ton of life long memories because of it. She has put her heart and soul into our Year 8s during her time, ensuring each of them is prepared for highschool and truly appreciates how special they really are. Whaea Liz has immersed the student in an incredible Kaitiakitanga study, made sherbert, taught the students how to make sushi, organised an entire athletics day for the school among many, many, MANY other things, all whilst on full control as the senior school teacher.



I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Jepsen, Room 5 and the rest of Rukuhia School for hosting me in my final teaching placement. What an amazing experience I have had here. I will miss the Room 5 students very much and am looking forward to seeing them move up and through their education journeys.

Ngaa mihi nui

**Whaea Liz**





Kia ora Parents/Whanau

We had a fun writing experience on Thursday - blowing bubbles. I will hopefully display the photographs and amazing writing in room 6. Thanks to Thea, for taking the photographs. Our letters for 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: hop/top and for Week 7, it is: it/sit.

In maths we are learning about location, direction and position. We have played lots of games and some children can now identify their left and right hand. Feel free to support your child to do this.

Next Tuesday we are off to Paterangi Athletics Day on the bus. Remember to send along plenty of food for your child, a drink bottle and please cover your child in sunscreen. Your child is welcome to wear his/her togs under their school uniform. Paterangi School PTA will have a variety of food and ice blocks for sale so if you wish you can send some money in your child's lunchbox.

Some lovely acts of kindness over the last two weeks - Flynn and his mum, Esther's mum, and Beau's mum. Thank you all for your generosity!

Kind regards

Jane



# 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.

The logo for Rukuhia School is a stylized green shape with a black outline, resembling a leaf or a banner, set against a light blue background with green hills. The text "RUKUHIA SCHOOL" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters across the green shape.

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Jane and some students are keen to plant a garden by the swimming pool and they are on the lookout for some hostas. If you are happy to share some from your garden please see Jane in Room 6.



# 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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