



Developing Independence Through Learning

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

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Newsletter Term1 Week 3

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Welcome 2024 to week 3

Welcome to 2024 and a big welcome to our new families at Rukuhia School.

We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday and made the most sunshine.

- Below are some import reminders, so please take the time to read through these, we have attached is also the uniform information for your reference.
- Our next school assembly will be on Friday 23rd February at 2.30 in the Hall
- Just a reminder we have school lunches available for ordering on Fridays unless otherwise notified (see menu further down)
- I have a box of lost property in the office so please remember to check there if your child has lost anything.
- The school interview portal will be opened this week. You will get an email once this has be activated.

**"Welcome back, if you are needing before or after school care,
email "Rukuhiasavedbythebell@gmail.com"
for an online enrolment form to be sent to you.**

Lisa



Important Reminders

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders:

Morning Drop Off:

So as to keep our students safe please do not drop children at school **before 8.30am** as we are unable to provide supervision. If you need to drop off before 8.30am we strongly recommend that parents/caregivers make use of the private before and after school facility located next door to the school. A charge applies. This is set by the Before and After School Care providers. Supervision before 8.30am remains the responsibility of the parents/caregivers.

Classrooms will be **open at 8.30am** and we encourage students to be at school between 8.30- 8.45am to prepare for the day.

Classes start at 9.00am. It is very disruptive to the morning procedure if children turn up late. To avoid unnecessary disruption to our students learning, please have your children at school **before 9.00am.** If you are late parents/ caregivers are required to sign your child in at the office.

Afternoon Pick Up:

So as to keep our students safe and ensure that all students get home safely, the following procedures are in place: If you are picking your child up early parents/ caregivers are required to sign your child out at the office.

Years 1 - 3

1. All parents will need to collect their child/ren at their class.
2. Students need to be collected from class at 3.00pm and no later than 3.15pm as we are unable to provide supervision after this time.
3. If they are attending After School Care, students will be sent to the meeting place / Red Room at the hall.

Years 4 - 8

1. If walking or biking - Go straight home
2. If you are being picked up by a parent or caregiver go directly to the arranged pick up area.
3. If they are attending After School Care, students will be sent to the meeting place / Red Room at the hall.
4. If they are meeting a sibling in a junior class, students go straight to their brother or sister's class and wait quietly until the class teacher invites them in and they are then to be collected by parents / caregivers.

If you are unable to collect your child/ren by 3.15pm we strongly recommend that parents/caregivers make use of the private before and after school facility located next door to the school. A charge applies. This is set by the Before and After School Care providers. After 3.15pm students become the parents/caregivers responsibility.

If you are not collecting your child/ren and have made arrangements for a family member or friend to do the pickup please let the school / teacher know. We do not release students into the care of people who are not authorised to collect your children.

Any variations to these procedures **MUST** be requested via email to the classroom teachers.

Please do not be offended if you are reminded of the drop off and pick up procedures.

Important Reminders continued

Swimming :

Swimming is a curriculum requirement. We are lucky to have a pool and staff that are able to teach the basics of swimming and swimming survival. New Zealand has the worst statistics in the OECD for fatal water incidents and already we have too many drownings this year.

We want every child to be able to swim to at least get themselves out of trouble should they find themselves in a situation. To do this we expect every child to swim every day and take advantage of our amazing pool. Swimming is weather dependent.

If your child is unable to swim please send a note /email to the classroom teacher explaining the reason and length of time they are unable to swim.

Let's make a difference and change these dreadful stats.

Rubbish :

We encourage all students to take their morning tea and lunch rubbish home. This is a good opportunity to organise morning tea and lunches into reusable containers. Encourage your children to be part of the process.

Friday Lunches :

All students are able to buy their lunch on a Friday – we have a Tomo's Bakery selection and a Sushi selection. Please bring cash only to the office after 8.30am on Friday morning and place your order.

Stationary :

We hold a small amount of day to day stationary. If your child requires additional stationary you can either pay cash / online bank or hold a credit in a stationary account (preferred option). Ask at the office if you require further information.

Important Reminders continued

School Policies and Documentation :

All Rukuhia School Policies and Procedures can be found on School Docs

link : <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

User name : Rukuhia School

Password : respect

If you have any questions please contact the office / Principal.

Absent / Late or Appointments:

If your child is going to be absent from school please inform the office via phone or email before 9.00am. We do contact all in parents/caregivers if we have no notification of an absence.

If your child is late (arrives at school after 9.00am) **parents / caregivers** must sign their child / ren in at the office.

If your child has an appointment during the day a **parent / caregiver** must sign them out and back in if returning.

Important Dates

Term 1 2024

- ◆ Friday 1st March—Vas Kovalski, educational magician visit
- ◆ Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th March—Parent teacher interviews School finishes at 2.45pm on these days. Please ensure your child/ren are collected at this time.
- ◆ Wednesday 13th March -Dinosaur Exhibition
- ◆ Friday 15th March—Lower Waipa Swimming Sports
- ◆ Friday March 29th—Good Friday
- ◆ Monday April 1st—Easter Monday
- ◆ Tuesday April 2nd—Easter Tuesday

- ◆ Friday 12th April—Last day Term 1

Term 2 2024

- ◆ Monday 29th April—First day Term 2



Vas Kovalski, an educational magician is performing a show

Be Bright Eat Right

for our students on Friday, 1st March.

There is a cost for this - \$5 per child.

This will be taken out of your child's activity fee. If you have not paid the yearly activity fee then please send along \$5 to the office.

We have had Vas visit before and he is not only entertaining, but his magic exhibits a message about positive attitudes towards food behaviour.

Room



Welcome to Room 1!

All students have made a fantastic start to the school year and I have been most impressed with everyone's positive attitude and enthusiasm towards their learning. We have been spending some time getting familiar with the new routines of our classroom and are now well underway with our learning. This term we will be learning all about who we are and where we come from.

Home learning books will be coming home today. In here you will find spelling words, a reading log and some basic facts practice for maths. Spelling testing will be on Friday so please take some time every evening to practice spelling words with your child.

Please feel free to email me if you ever have any questions or concerns, you may also always pop in before school or after school to come and see the amazing learning your child has been completing.

Looking forward to a great term with an awesome class!!!

Mrs O'Brien

Room 2 has been very busy in Week 1 and 2. We have created our classroom treaty including everything we need to have a safe and fun classroom. We are stuck into our swimming. We are practicing using our strong legs muscles to create powerful kicking. It's great to see everyone in the pool every day. We have had many discussions about the students holidays and made connections throughout our class. I can't wait for an awesome term.

Room 



Kia Ora and Tēnā koutou. Welcome back to the parents of children I have already taught, I love getting siblings in class and welcome to the new Room 3 families. I have really enjoyed getting to know your children a bit better over the last 2 weeks.

We are now into our daily routines of learning. Your child will be bringing home their homework book this week, so look out for it in their school bag. Homework goes home on Mondays and comes back to school on Fridays. Over the next couple of weeks, there maybe some extra activities in there as we work on our mihi or pepeha.

We have been looking into the Treaty of Waitangi, with a fantastic series of clips through the Aotearoa History Show. They present a series of short movies explaining New Zealand's history. We will then following this up with our own histories and looking into the history of Rukuhia.

The children in Room 3 have been incredibly patient setting up their new laptops and I thank all the parents who have been able to support this Ministry of Education's initiative – "digital curriculum" from year 4 and above. We have ironed out lots of the bugs and most students are up and running. Our first task is to work on our typing. All the students have 'typing.com' and are learning about their keyboards. We will be adding apps/website links as we need to. If you know or use any educational apps / websites, feel free to share them with me.

Remember to pack togs every day, even if the weather looks a bit uncertain in the morning. With the increase in drownings in our waters, the fundamentals of water safety are so important. Remember that if your child is not swimming for any reason, you need to let me know. Swimming is compulsory part of our school curriculum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to either pop in an see me or send an email. I look forward to meeting those of you I haven't already at Parent interviews in March.



Room 4

Room 4 is settling into its new class environment, a huge welcome to Cohen who has already proved he is an asset to our room!

The students have started learning about wellbeing and how we can apply "Te Whare Tapa Wha wellbeing model" (this model has been adopted by the Ministry of Health, Education and NZ Defence Force), its purpose is to prompt us to ensure we are strengthening all areas of our wellbeing; mental, physical, spiritual and family/community.

As a class, we have had some great discussions regarding the Treaty of Waitangi, its purpose, its effects, and its controversy. The students have demonstrated that they can think deeply and look to understand both sides of a disagreement. The class has used their learning about the well-being model and the Treaty of Waitangi and applied their knowledge to create a positive well-thought-out set of rules for our class.

The class has been listening to a diary of a child during the Christchurch earthquake. This is a fictional story written to be appropriate for their age range, but full of facts from the event. The conversations from this book have been fantastic they have blown me away with their interest and empathy.

The class has stretched their legs with some team building/strategy P.E. games and has demonstrated their abilities in the pool. Looking forward to seeing what this extraordinary learning team will achieve this year!



It's all up and go in Room 5 this year. We have big numbers in a big room full of some big personalities, just the way Mr Jay likes it.

The senior students have taken on their role as the school leaders with pride and enthusiasm.

Spelling has kicked off with a great start this term. Students are already willing to push themselves beyond expectations which is great to see

A lot of research around the Treaty of Waitangi has taken place this week. Some super strong connections have been made around the development of New Zealand over the years and the novel 'White Lies, Maori Legends and Fairytales' Mr Jay is reading to the class.

The anxiety levels have been tested over the past 2 weeks while times table knowledge is being drilled into the children to give them a good start to the mathematical year ahead.

On the horizon we have the Lower Waipa Swimming competition to look forward to in week 7, along with parents interviews in week 5. If you are a new parent of Room 5 please ensure you get an interview booking as I would love to meet you.

Have a wonder week and thanks for the support you all give to Room 5.

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

It is great to be back at school with Room 6 students. A huge welcome to our new students and their whanau. The students have settled in really quickly and they are so enthusiastic about their learning.

This term we are focusing on the following curriculum areas:

English - daily reading and writing plus many spelling tasks. **Please fill out your child's reading log each day** as this gives your child a sense of achievement. In Room 6 we love to celebrate when students reach a reading milestone. Over the next week we plan to visit the school library so your child will be bringing home a school



library book. Feel free to return the book the next week or sooner if it has been read. If your child has a library book at home then he/she will not be able to get a new book.

Maths - number knowledge (counting forwards and backwards/identifying numbers before and after a given number) and number strategies (addition and subtraction). The strands that we will be looking at are measurement (length) and geometry (2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes).



Health & PE - student wellbeing (Pause, Breathe, Smile Programme) and Swimming. Please ensure that your child has their named togs and named towel every day at school.

Swimming is part of Rukuhia School Curriculum and unless students have a note from their whanau then they are expected to swim.

NZ History - understanding how the past is important and understand how the cultures of people in NZ are expressed in their daily lives. We will be focusing NZ narratives - we have already shared stories and ideas on Papatuanuku and Ranginui.



The Arts - daily drawing and creating. These tasks support students with their fine motor skills and are the result of students first ideas. Often in Room 6 you will see their artwork displayed usually with a sentence or two generated by the students.

If at anytime you are worried about your child's wellbeing or learning feel free to email me - jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz

Kind regards

Jane



Friday School Lunch Menu

All orders are cash only.

Orders are to be placed in the school office on Friday morning
between 8.30am – 9am

Mince & Cheese Pie	\$3.50
Steak Pie	\$3.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Mince Savoury	\$2.00
Chicken Naan Wrap	\$3.00
Ham Wrap	\$3.00
Chicken Roll	\$3.00
Ham Roll	\$3.00
Chocolate Chip Muffin	\$2.00
Blueberry Muffin	\$2.00
Chicken Sushi (4 pieces)	\$7.00
Chicken Sushi (6 Pieces)	\$11.00
Salmon Sushi (6 Pieces)	\$12.00
Chicken Mini Sushi Stick	\$ 4.00



Football 2024 - REGISTER NOW!!

Hi everyone, I am Mark Carver, and I will be looking after the Ngahinapouri Sports football club this year. YES - It is that time of year again! Time to organise teams and coaches ready for the 2024 season which kicks off on the 4th May (At the start of Term 2) and runs to the end of August. We are looking forward to welcoming back last year's players and meeting new faces keen to have some fun with football this winter!



NEW PLAYERS, BOYS & GIRLS 5-13 YRS OLD ARE WELCOME!!

Our club includes players from Ngahinapouri, Te Pahu, Ohaupo, Rukuhia, Paterangi and Pirongia (but happy for anyone to play). Come and join us!

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone who is interested

Games are played on Saturday mornings at venues in and round Hamilton and the local area.

To get involved just register on-line via the My Comet site via the link below. If you get stuck, guidelines to using My Comet can be found [HERE](#). Note. If you had a MyComet account setup previously, please login using that. One change this year is where you had multiple kids registered under separate accounts, they will now all be under the one account (typically the account for your oldest child). If you have any issues, please drop me an email and I will look to help. Also, to make sure we know about your registration can you please flick an email to the club address and let us know who you have signed up.

We have competitions for all ages...

First Kicks	For players aged from 4 years old to those who have or will turn 6 years old during 2024. A great format to build skills and confidence for young players.
Fun Football	For players who have or will turn 7 or 8 years old during 2024.
Mini Football	For all players who have or will turn 9 during 2024 through to 12 and 13 year olds in Year 8.
To register please click on the enclosed link Link to register for Ngahinapouri Football 2024 on MyComet	

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION ASAP OR BY 31 MARCH AT THE LATEST

We have endeavoured to keep the Fees as low as we can so for 2024, they will be **\$90 per child**. This includes use of a playing strip and club gear. You will not be asked to pay inside My Comet (it shows as \$0), please do this separately. When you have completed registration, please pay your fees at the same time to the following account:

Ngahinapouri Sports Group: 12 3134 0088558 00 (Use child's name and "Football" as reference.)

WE ALSO NEED COACHES AND MANAGERS! This is especially the case for the younger teams, so please consider helping out in these rewarding roles and let me know by email.

Finally, if you have any queries about the club or soccer, please feel free to contact me at the club's email, ngahinapourifootballclub@gmail.com. See you all soon,

Mark



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**Julie Dowden
Mob 02102414472**

- Term 1 2024 Music lessons
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- More than one child learning
per family, discount applies!
- Contact Julie, Music Waipa
- Mob 02102414472



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TERM 1 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

<https://tagymsports.nz/register>

Website: <https://tagymsports.nz>

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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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.

