



Developing Independence Through Learning

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

E māhi hari kia akonga

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Newsletter Term1 Week 4

KIA ORA Welcome 2024 to week 4

- Assembly is this Friday 23rd February at 2.30pm in the Hall
- Thank you to all those who have paid their fees, for those of you not wishing to run a credit account, please ensure you pay all invoices in a timely manner.
- Below are a few more housekeeping reminders for the beginning of the year regarding contact information and Medical. Please read through and action accordingly.
- Next week the office will be unattended. Lunches will go ahead as usual on Friday, however for anything else urgent please contact your classroom teachers, preferably by email, if it is essential to see them in person please make an appointment.
- Please keep an eye on the important dates for upcoming events.
- **Logo U2 update:**
Due to increasing freight costs LogoU2 has to increase their freight costs to RD addresses by \$9. They have previously absorbed this cost but can't continue to do so.
For any orders received by the first Wednesday of the first week of the school holidays, the orders will be delivered to the school on the first week back, this will be free delivery.



2024 Updates :

To Parents and Caregivers

Following our financial letters last week, we are now on our annual updating of medical records contact details etc.

If your details have changed over the past 12 months can you please contact the office with :

Medical:

1. Any changes or updates to students' medical conditions.
2. Any medications requirements or changes.
3. Any allergies updates and treatment plans – i.e. is your child's EpiPen up to date.

We have medication that has not been used – if this is out of date it will be destroyed. Please contact the office and check.

Contact Details:

If your address / email / emergency contacts or phone numbers have changed, please inform the office to update your file.

Thank you and if there are any other details we need to know or be reminded of please let the office know via email – office@rukuhia.school.nz

Kind Regards

Rukuhia Office

Thank you to the following students and their whanau for their lovely acts of kindness -

Flynn, Beau, Noa, Jack Henderson, Ava Walker, Kace, Kalani, Thea and Ivy.

And thanks to our neighbours - Ray, and Jason and Dar.



Rukuhia Parent and Whanau Group facebook page.

Kia ora community. We have a facebook page available to parents and whanau if you would like to join. Just search the above group and let us know what your connection is to the school e.g. parent of child in Room 6 or Grandparent of a child etc. Only encouraging, positive, supportive comments about school life are permitted on this page. Any negative comments will be deleted by the admins and your access removed. This is a closed group.

The purpose of this page is to provide a forum for parents to ask questions, share news etc. All important school notices will be emailed home from the office. The PTA also use this forum, as well as the school newsletter, to communicate about their events. Mr Jepsen (Room 5) takes amazing photos of your children, interacting with their peers and having a great time, when he is on duty and these are often displayed on this forum.

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

- ◆ Tuesday 27 Feb—BOT Meeting
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Monday 18th March—NZEI Paid Union Meeting / First Aid Training Day
- ◆ Friday March 29th—Good Friday
- ◆ Monday April 1st—Easter Monday
- ◆ Tuesday April 2nd—Easter Tuesday
- ◆ Monday April 8th—Friday 12th Life Ed van and Harold
- ◆ Friday 12th April—Last day Term 1

Term 2 2024

- ◆ Monday 29th April—First day Term 2

Monday 18th March - NZEI Paid Union Meeting / First Aid Training Day

On Monday 18th March Rukuhia School staff will be attending an NZEI paid union meeting (PUM) and attending a Worksite first aid course.

To minimize disruption to our school community, parents and caregivers we will be running both on the same day.

This will mean school will **not be open** for instruction.

Saved By The Bell will operate that day if child care is required — please contact Lisa directly .

Thank you for your support

Rukuhia School



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

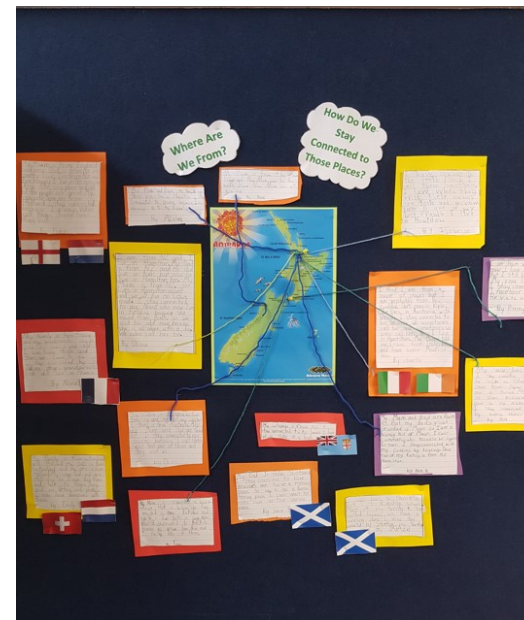


Our big inquiry topic in Room One at the moment is 'Who Are We?' We have been looking closely into where our whanau are from and making connections to others in our class. This week we are working on creating our own Mihi and creating some art to go alongside this. These hopefully will be on display in our classroom next week.

We have also been exploring the practice of mindfulness. So far we have practiced taking deep breaths, calming our mind, recognising our feelings and mindful walking. Mindful walking was a great way to connect us back to the present moment and nature all around us.

In maths, we are moving into addition and learning a number of strategies to help us with this. The students are already soaring through their various basic facts warm ups and are excited to see their own progress each day. The students track their results on a bar graph so they can easily see the amazing progress they make.

Keep up the amazing work Room One!!!



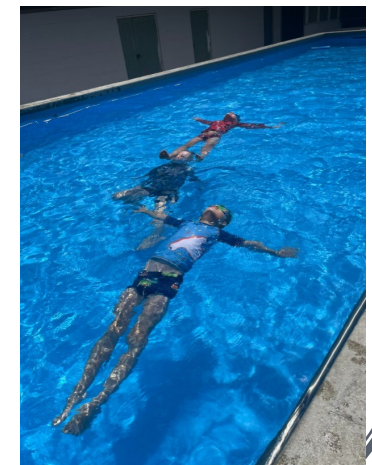
In Room 2 we have been exploring different colours and art tools to create some abstract portraits. The students did extremely well following multiple instructions.



Writing this week includes character descriptions and adjectives. The students will each describe their own character using adjectives and draw a picture to match. Our reading programme is under way with students reading every night and smashing their reading goals in class.

We have begun our basic facts routine and the children are loving the challenge of getting at least one more right than the day before. We are also reviewing number bonds and how we can create different numbers. Room 2 are adding numbers together quickly, by counting on from the biggest number. The children have blown me away with their teamwork during maths. Working together with their maths buddies to complete hands on maths challenges.

Room 2 has already made some amazing progress in the pool. This week our goal was to float on our back. Some students challenged themselves to see how long they could float for. We had multiple children floating for more than 2 minutes! This is a great success!



Kia Ora and Tēnā koutou.

This week Room 3 students have been working on a simplified pepeha to use a means of making connections with others. We have been practicing hard and once we are confident, we hope to share some of them at assembly.

Reminder that homework books come home on Mondays with spelling words for your child to practice. This book needs to be returned to school on Friday, ready for the following week. Spelling word practice is something that your child can do independently – you don't need to support them in this, other than maybe providing coloured pens or pencils to write their words. Repeated practice, particularly of tricky words, is a great way to reinforce the learning.

Laptops continue to be causing a bit of a problem. Thank you to all the parents who have tried, repeatedly, to set these up. Mr Drury has hopefully fixed that problem and it should be smooth sailing from here.

Swimming will be definitely continuing for the next 2 weeks and then we will review the temperature etc, so please keep sending togs everyday.

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

Leanne



In Room 4 the students have finished up their Holiday brochures and their Te Whare Tapa Wha learning.

Room 4

We are now moving into our Inquiry subject, which is New Zealand's Explosive Past!

We are covering Zealandia moving away from Gondwana, its subsequent effect on creating our unique fauna and flora, and the forces that lead to this movement:

Tectonic plates.

The ring of fire.

How volcanos and earthquakes come about.

We will also cover the amazing teams and people who rally to protect New Zealanders in need during modern day emergencies.

This enquiry will supplement our next art project of unique features of native birds and our upcoming report writing which will be on volcanoes.

In Maths we have been concentrating on place value and multi digit addition and subtraction.

In our reading groups the students have been working on making connections between their world and the stories they are reading and finding the underlying themes of the story.

Looking forward to sharing our art with you next newsletter!

Kind regards,

Tyler





This week students have been taking control of their spelling and truly pushing themselves towards their goals. Some students have 5 words for the week, some have 15. Some are discovering the definitions of these words and some are confidently using them in sentences. We are all at different levels and we are all working towards our own independent goals.

Reading has dived deep into comprehension. We have groups reading novels whilst making predictions and writing summaries as they go. Another group learnt about Mrs. Winchesters house in California. A 20 million dollar home built with guilt from the money earned from Winchester Rifles. Another group explored the dark journey of Edmond Dantes and how his tale has been twisted over time. Some robust discussions are being had around how time can change things, even truth.

The uniqueness of each student and what gets their blood pumping with enthusiasm is about to be tickled as students begin to dive into our whole class inquiry unit focussing on our roles as individuals and as part of a group within our community. What challenges does our community face? How do we have the power to make a difference? I am very excited to see where this project takes us.

Thanks for reading and have a wonderful week.

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

A huge welcome to Arlo, June and Toby and their families.

Our swimming sessions have been very successful. Lots of students have gained considerable confidence in the pool and really enjoy showing off their swimming skills. Please continue to send along your child's togs and towel each day. Zorawar has lost a towel and maybe it has gone home to your place by mistake (it is named), if so, could you please return it to school. We have a towel just inside our classroom that no one has claimed. It helps me to return items if they are clearly named.

Within writing students are learning to say words slowly to hear and record sounds. We are focusing on learning the names and sounds assigned to letters. It would be great if you could support your child with this learning. Our letters this week are: l v y r h and next week they are: q z j u a. The word family this week is: big/wig and next week is: in/pin. I am pleased to see the filled out reading logs—thank you for listening to your child read each day. Reading mileage is so important for children.



Our maths focus is addition - joining two groups together and counting all. We are still practicing counting forwards and backwards.

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



GIRLS RUGBY MUSTER

TUE 19 MAR '24

4PM-5.30PM | TE AWAMUTU INTERMEDIATE

REGISTER FOR A GIRLS-ONLY SEASON HELD ON MONDAYS 3.30-5PM IN TERM 2 & TERM 3, 2024!
- We need a cool name! Scan the QR code to enter..



GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FUN + BBQ

GIRLS YEAR 3-8 - all experience levels & abilities welcome!

NO FEES!

REGISTER WITH YOUR NEAREST CLUB OR ON THE DAY AT THE MUSTER

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA!



Pirongia Rugby Club
neil@nfbuilders.co.nz
andrew@taconstruction.co.nz



Ohaupo Rugby Club
ohaupojuniorrugby@gmail.com



Te Awamutu Sports
tasjuniorrugby@gmail.com
heath@qubik.co.nz



Kihikihi Rugby Sports Club
chynahohepa@hotmail.com
kihikihirugbysportsclub@gmail.com



Te Awamutu Marist
tamaristjunior@gmail.com



Fees apply if you choose to also play in the Saturday mixed competition

FEATURING POSITIVE VIBES ONLY!





Melville Junior Rugby

2024 Registration Open

Melville Junior Rugby Player Registration

Complete the form, remember to attach a current head and shoulders only photo to complete player registration.



2024 Weigh In
Sunday March 10th 11am – 2pm
Thursday March 14th 6:30pm – 8pm

2024 Fees are payable by cash or EFTPOS only

Single \$45.00

2 x Siblings \$65.00

3 or more Siblings \$85.00



OHAUPO JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER 2024

Where: Ohaupo Rugby & Sports Club
Forkert Road, Ohaupo



WEIGH IN DATES

All Grades: Rippla 6th - 7th Grades & Tackle 8th - 13th Grades

Wednesday 6th March 6.00 -7.00pm

Saturday 9th March 11.00am - 1.00pm

(Sausage sizzle on Saturday only)

Wednesday 13th March 6.00 -7.00pm

Please ensure you pre-register prior to weigh in

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/ohauporugbysports/REGISTRATION-1/Junior-Rugby-Registration>

New players must bring a birth cert or passport & register via the above link. Previous Players will receive an email.

Fees

\$50 Individual child

\$25 Per child thereafter
(Siblings only)



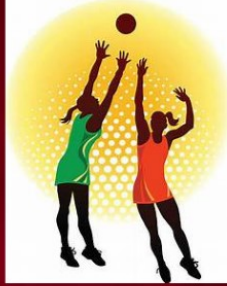
Pay Fees Online : 03-1564-0052695-000



Ohaupō School

Growing Together, Learning Together
Tipu ngātahi, Ako ngātahi

Ohaupo School Netball Muster 2024



When: Thursday 21st March at 3:40pm
Where: Ohaupo School Netball Courts

Please register your interest at the link below
or email Miss Shannon
sthornton@ohaupo.school.nz.
<https://forms.gle/uNnGk8eJpBS7BQyK6>

Cut off date is Monday 17th March at
3:30pm. Please bring appropriate footwear
and a drink bottle!

If you have any questions or queries please
email Miss Shannon.

Netball Skills



When: Tuesday 27th February, Tuesday 12th
March at 3:30pm-4:15pm

Where: Ohaupo School Courts

Who: All age groups

FREE

This is an opportunity for all students interested in
playing netball to come along and have two fun afternoons
improving their netball skills ahead of trials and the upcoming
season with Miss Shannon.

We will be doing ball skills, fitness and practice games.
Please bring a drink bottle and appropriate footwear.

If your child is interested, please fill out the form or
register your interest with Miss Shannon at
sthornton@ohaupo.school.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.

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

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.

Logo U2
Proudly NZ



first
credit union

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Rukuhia School.

