



Developing Independence Through Learning

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

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Newsletter Term1 Week 8

KIA ORA Welcome 2024 to week 8

- Assembly is this Friday 22nd March at 2.30pm in the Hall
- Please keep an eye on the important dates for upcoming events.
- There has been a change to the lunch orders, we are no longer able to order ham naan wraps. See updated list below.
- The new cell phone legislation coming into effect on first day of term two please see below.
- Unfortunately we have been notified by First Credit union they are no longer able to offer in school collection for banking. We are looking into an alternative and more details will follow once it is confirmed.

- **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.





The weather is changing and children are moving into Winter uniform.

Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the school uniform.

Attached is a copy for your convenience and this is also available on our website.

If you are unsure, please use this reference or talk to us prior to purchasing any shoes etc.

There is also information in this newsletter regarding uniform orders.

Crocs are NOT part of the school uniform and not to worn at school.



Dear Parents, Whanau and Community

We kindly request that you refrain from using the staffroom facilities and using the staffroom as a short cut to the office. The staffroom is a designated area for our teachers and staff to collaborate, plan lessons, and take breaks during the school day.

While we appreciate your involvement and support in your child's education, the staffroom is a professional space meant for our educators to focus on their work and recharge during their limited breaks.

Your cooperation in this matter ensures that our teachers have the necessary privacy and environment conducive to their productivity and well-being.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Regards

Kevin Drury

Important Dates

Term 1 2024

- ◆ 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—No Lunch orders this day!
- ◆ Friday 12th April—Last day Term 1

Term 2 2024

- ◆ Monday 29th April—First day Term 2



All cell phones are banned from NZ schools as per Government legislation effective Monday 29th April 2024. Term 2 day 1.

We appreciate that there are circumstances around cell phone use, therefore If you would like your child to be able to bring a cell phone to school for i.e.travel organisation/pick up etc, please contact the office via email with your reason and it will be taken into consideration. If an exemption is granted please be aware that the cell phone cannot be used other than for its intended purpose and it is required to be handed in at 9am and is able to be picked up at 3pm.

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
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

Room



Dinosaur Darren

Room 1 had an amazing morning yesterday with 'Dinosaur Darren'. We learnt all about the different types of fossils- body fossils, trace fossils and articulated fossils, and some amazing facts about dinosaurs. We had some brave students who were volunteers for part of the presentation too, well done to Joshua, Hazel, Jack, Theo and Azalea for taking up the challenge! Check out some amazing photos below. There were some great hands on activities after the presentation. Room 1 loved digging for dinosaur bones with brushes where we sure felt like real palaeontologist! Also, panning for gems that we could take home was pretty amazing too. We were even lucky enough to be able to touch all of the fossils. In class we also have painted our own trace fossil that we can take home.

This was a great link to our learning in class where we have been learning about bird dinosaurs. So far we have looked closely at the archaeopteryx and this week we have been learning lots about the NZ Haast Eagle. In the next few weeks we will be learning lots about NZ native birds that are alive today.

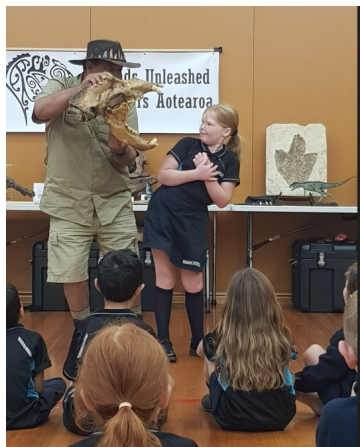
Swimming

This is our last week swimming so no need to pack togs from next week onwards. All of the students have had huge successes in this area and this was evident in our swimming display. Thanks to all our whanau who came along to support us with this. We have also practiced backstroke for the last week and half. Some students have shown some great skill with this new stroke.

Maths

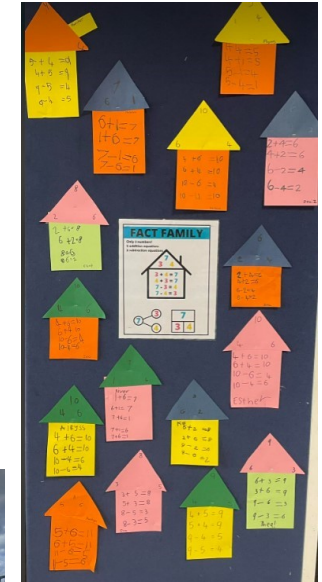
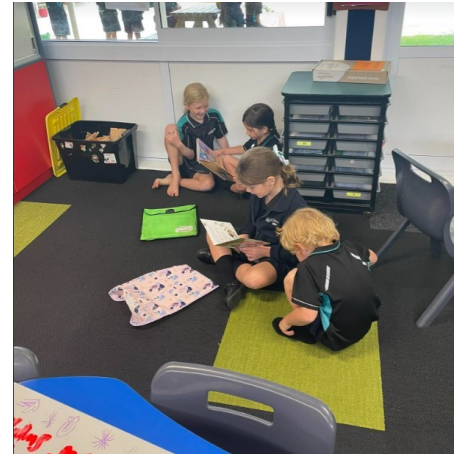
In maths we are still practicing our basic facts daily but are now learning all about measurement for the rest of the term. This is a great discussion point to talk about at home with your child to deepen their understanding. So far we have practiced measuring accurately in metres and centimetres.

Keep up the great learning
Room 1!



Room 2 teamed up with Room 6 to create some awesome encouraging posters for swimming sports. Junior swimming was super successful. The kids showed off the new skills they have learnt. We also did some buddy reading with Room 6. It was great to see the leadership qualities from Room 2 students.

In Maths we have been learning about family of facts. This is when we can use three numbers to create 4 different equations. The students were engaged and eager to participate in our maths. We created houses to display our learning.



On Tuesday we had our last swim in the pool for Term 1. The progress has been outstanding. This term we practiced floating, freestyle, kicking and begun diving.



Kia Ora and Tēnā koutou.

What a crazy 2 weeks we have had. I would like to commend the students for their ability to be kind and respectful to other teachers in our class and for being flexible with their learning in the last 2 weeks.

Our math focus of 3, 4, and 8 tables continues. Many of the children took the opportunity for take home some times tables charts for this. This would make for some great singing or chanting together. We have been singing to the following 2 songs, making the learning more interactive.

3x table - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7eGyNUwP6o>

4x table https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QU_E0u-tP4&list=RDMM8QU_E0u-tP4&start_radio=1 .

In writing, we have been writing reports on creatures from around the world. This is in preparation of writing a report on a NZ Native bird, which is our current inquiry focus. Remember to keep sending in their laptops every day as we are using our laptops to find information on our inquiry – Magnificent Manu.

Have a great week.

Leanne



Room 4

In Room 4 we are working hard publishing our Volcano reports and practicing a song for assembly. In reading we are focusing on our ability to summarize the key points of a story and place them in the correct order.

We have just finished our class book on My New Zealand Story “The Canterbury Earthquake” and will be moving into Pax, a story about a boy and his fox, I am really looking forward to sharing this book with the class it has fast become one of my favourites and I know it is going to generate some wonderful conversations.

Our classroom had its first rewards block, they have been earning stones when caught doing something good, for their rewards block that had the option of spending their stones on activities like lego, art for kids, craft table, STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) challenge. Blake impressed me by taking on the STEM challenge his task was to build a bridge strong enough to hold a few books, he put his engineering skills to the test and superseded all expectations with the amount of books his bridge could hold.





Last week some students were focusing on swimming sports trials, to get into the Lower Waipa swimming sports competition. With the stress of the competition on students' minds they got in as much practice as possible no matter the temperature of the pool or the short amount of time they had. The day came around and these people were ready to win the competition. Great thanks to our runners Manaia and Rylan for supporting the teachers and swimmers. Rukuhia school had some great 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements and we are very proud of all of you swimmers and runners who came along.

This week we have had a teachers only day on Monday, and the students enjoyed a 3 day weekend. We have also started 2 experiments in our class. First the bread experiment, we rubbed bread on things that have lots of invisible germs including laptops, door handles, Lego ect. Our second experiment is about rice and how words/emotions can affect almost everything.

Written by Zeke Hollows & Max Goodson

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

Thank you for your amazing support and positive feedback with the Junior Swimming Display. The students loved showing off their skills. We have finished swimming in Room 6. **Special thanks to the PTA** for organising the lunch fundraiser.

Our learning around **Ruben the Bear and Road Safety** was successful. The students created some super stories to show off their knowledge.

Our letters this week are: b h n o and for Week 9 they are: g l v y. The word family this week is: he/she and for Week 9 it is: bug/chug. The students reading logs are looking incredible so thank you for listening to your child read each night. When your child turns 6 years of age they are expected to be reading at Level 14. Within writing students continue to practice saying words slowly to hear sounds and then to write the letters that match.

Students have been measuring with non standard units. One fun task was to draw a moa and to share ideas about the height. We also investigated our body size while we drew around our body shapes.

Last week we focused on a shared book Do-Wacky-Do which is about clowns as well as a clown poem. The students are creating some awesome clowns - they will also create stories to go with their clowns.

Kind regards

Jane



Enrolments are currently open (<http://www.glenviewsoccer.co.nz/>) for all football players 4-14 years old, in mixed and girls-only grades. Enrolments are open until **31 March** and the muster is on Saturday 6 April at 10am at Glenview Park.



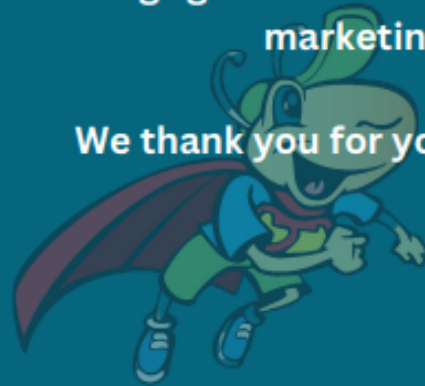
SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

First Credit Union has made the difficult decision to cease our school banking programme at the end of Term one (12 April 2024).

This decision was not made lightly, we acknowledge the positive impact this programme has had on our school children and their families.

If you have any queries, or would like to know how you can continue to support your children's savings goals with First Credit Union please email marketing@firstcu.co.nz.

We thank you for your support over the years.



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Concussion Recovery Assessment of New Zealanders in Adolescence and Childhood



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We are looking for families of children and teenagers (age 5-17 years) who have had a concussion or mild TBI in the last ten days, to take part in a study to find out how long it takes them to recover.

We would like to talk to families up to five times over the 6 months after injury. The interviews can be conducted by phone, on zoom, or in person at a time that suits you. Each participating family will be given a \$20 voucher for each assessment in appreciation of your time.

To find out more, email concussion@waikato.ac.nz, ring 0220159773 or [facebook.com/craniac.nz](https://www.facebook.com/craniac.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 a green base. 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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