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Newsletter Term1 Week 10

KIA ORA Welcome 2024 to week 10

- Assembly is this Friday 5th April at 2.30pm in the Hall
- Please note there are **NO** school lunches on the last day of term. Friday 12th April
- The School office will be **unattended** on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th April. For anything urgent please contact your child/rens classroom teacher via email.
- The new cell phone legislation coming into effect on first day of term two please see below.

- **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.



Important Dates

Term 1 2024

- ◆ Monday April 8th—Friday 12th Life Ed van and Harold
- ◆ Thursday 11th April and Friday 12th April—School office will be unattended.
- ◆ Friday 12th April—**No** Lunch orders this day!
- ◆ Friday 12th April—Last day Term 1

2024 Term Dates

Term 1 2024

Tuesday 30th January—12th April

Term 2 2024

29th April—5th July

Term 3 2024

22nd July—27th September

Term 4 2024

14th October —TBC

Lower Waipa Swimming Sports

On Friday 15 March, Mr Jepsen and Mrs Adam had the pleasure in taking a group of students to the Lower Waipa Swimmings Sports. We had a fantastic day and came home with an awesome range of certificates. We would like to congratulate all the students for their participation and for the effort that they put into the event. The follow students gained placings in the finals:

1st place	10 year old girls Freestyle	Lexi Turner-Ballantyne
	8 year old girls Breaststroke	Lizzie Crispe
	8 year old boys Breaststroke	Eli Millin
	10 year old boys Breaststroke	Alan McConnell
	10 year old girls 50m Freestyle	Lexi Turner-Ballantyne
	10 year old girls Backstroke	Lexi Turner-Ballantyne



2nd Place	10 year old boys Backstroke	Guus Holloway
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3rd Place	8 year old boys Freestyle	Eli Millin
	8 year old boys Breaststroke	Flynn Neal
	11 year old girls 50m Freestyle	Emily Einkamerer
	11 year old girls Breaststroke	Mackensie Bailey



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.

Room



In the last two weeks Room One have been learning a new waiata called, 'E Kereru'. This is a beautiful Te Reo Maori waiata and the students have worked hard to learn the tricky new words. Alongside learning this new waiata we have also been learning lots about the kereru. Ask your child if you haven't yet already and see if they can tell you some interesting facts about this native bird. We have also been working on a kereru art project where students have practiced sketching, using water colours and even outlining with Indian ink. These look absolutely incredible and are now on display in our class. Please pop in to have a look one morning or afternoon.

This week in maths we have been learning all about temperature and how to read thermometers. Everyone is excelling with this! Next week, we will be learning about mass and how to measure in grams and kilograms.

A reminder that we have our class trip around Lake Kareaoahi (Lake Cameron) next Wednesday that we are all very excited for. Keep an eye out on your emails for some reminders about the day early next week.

Keep up the amazing learning Room One!



Room 2 have been very busy! As the end of term approaches, so does testing. I am so proud of all the students' progress throughout the term. I'm excited for what's to come.

We had so much fun last week creating Easter crafts and baking hot cross buns.

In maths we have been learning positions. We are learning our lefts and rights, you may have noticed the L/R on their hands. Please try and encourage using this vocabulary at home or even when driving. We have also been identifying places (first, second, third). This has been lots of fun identifying carefully who came each position.



Kia Ora and Tēnā koutou.

Wow, hard to believe that it is the end of the term. Moments seemed to have flown by.

We are finishing off the term looking at division for maths, in particular what this means i.e. equal sharing. I have included links to the times tables we have been singing again, in case you didn't get a chance to look at the last time.

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

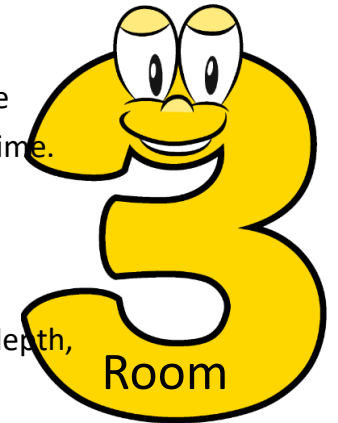
In writing, we have continued writing short reports on a range of topics. We haven't dug into anything in great depth, but have been practicing the formatting and selecting information to be included. The children have all been assigned a NZ native bird that we will begin researching in week 11. I will also send home what we will be looking for in case you want to do some research together over the holidays. We won't begin our reports until the beginning of term 3. Remember to keep sending in their laptops every day as we are using our laptops to find information on our inquiry – Magnificent Manu.

Reading comprehension will continue to be our focus until the end of the term. I have just finished testing all the children and am very impressed with their reading and the strategies that they were able to use to decode words or to find meaning in the text. While I don't send books home to read every night, there are books in the classroom if you want your child to bring some home as well as our weekly visit to the library. The expectation is that they read for a minimum of 15-20 minutes per night on week days.

I hope you are all looking forward to the holidays and I hope you manage to get a bit of a break from the school day routines.

Have a great week.

Leanne



In Room 4, we have finished up our volcano report writing, and the students have taught me so much about our amazing New Zealand volcanoes! We are now working on using descriptive words and similes to help us build tension in our spooky stories.

We are dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" (its lyrics fit very well into our storytelling) as we learn coordination and keep fit.

In math, we are moving into multiplication strategies.

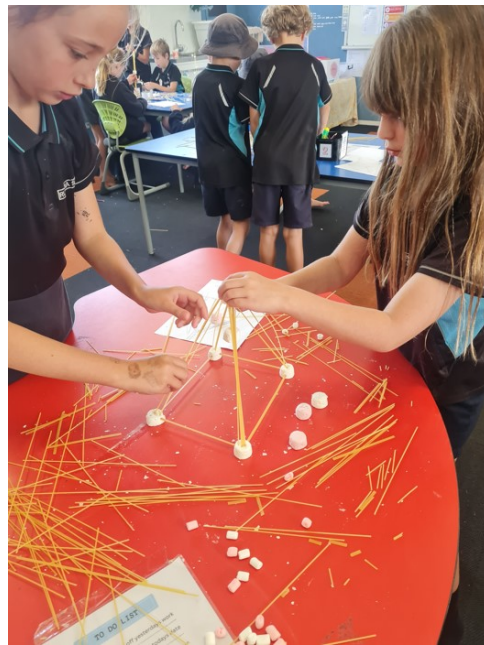
In reading, our next focus will be on point of view and being able to identify the difference between the narrator's thoughts and the characters' thoughts.

We have also been learning about the Canterbury earthquake and how buildings can be built in a way that minimizes damage in an earthquake, please see the photos, these structures were shaken on a jelly plate to see how we went creating strong buildings.

The end of term is creeping up on us, and we have lots to get through; the time is going to fly by!

Tyler Hogg

Room 4





On Wednesday 20th March Room 5 along with other classes were blessed to be given an interactive lesson from Legend Unleashed Dinosaurs Aotearoa where they showed us heaps of preserved dinosaur fossils. Each student was given a small bag of sand with miniature gems and crystals mixed into it. They were then given a gold sieve and went to sit by a large bucket of water in groups of 4-5. Eventually each student ended up with a small bag full of miniature shiny crystals and gems to take home. At the end of the lesson everybody was given the opportunity to look around and feel all the displays. After the lesson every child in the class got to take a replica of a dinosaur foot made out of plasticine to paint, and their bag of gems to take home.

On Monday 25th March room 5 began to write about their individual interest projects which is where they inform the other classrooms about their passions, some of these interests include: Skiing, terrariums, art, hunting etc. We have been working on these interest projects for a few days and the students are very excited to show off their work to the other classes.

By Zeke Hollows, Luca Neal and Max Goodson



Kia ora Parents/Whanau

Special thanks go to **Whitley**, Noa's mum for *baking Easter biscuits for Room 6 students*. The students were challenged to paint the biscuits before they got to eat them. We have produced a book of photos, pictures and stories about this experience - thanks again Whitley! Feel free to come into class and have a look at our book.



Room 6 students are super excited about showing off their clowns at this Friday's assembly.

Darren Dinosaur and his exhibition was outstanding. The students had lots of discussion and willingly shared their new learning.

Our letters this week are: a s m and for Week 11 they are: . The word family this week is: lip/hip and for Week 11 it is: bug/chug. Next week I will be completing running records to find out what level your child has attained this term, also there is the 'big' spelling test. We have practiced the List 1 and some List 2 words at school so we are all looking forward to celebrating the students progress. If you are unsure of the process feel free to ask me. Thanks again for supporting your child with learning the first 10 words!

Please return all readers next week so that I may check our resource boxes for missing copies.

Kind regards

Jane



Hey Team,

The holidays are fast approaching, so if you are needing care in the holidays, please email Rukhiasavedbythebell@gmail.com and I will send you the online booking form.

Thanks Lisa



<p>Monday 15 April Sports Day/ Wheels day</p>  <p>Let's get these holidays started with a fun sports day and bring along your wheels to show us your tricks,</p>	<p>Tuesday 16 April Costume Day</p>  <p>Come dressed up in whatever you like, the more creative the better! We will also be making our own wearable costumes in teams.</p>	<p>Wednesday 17 April Colour Day</p>  <p>We are making masterpieces and trying new things, today is about everything to do with colour!</p>	<p>Thursday 18 April Scavenger Hunt Day</p>  <p>Are you good at solving puzzles? Finding clues and reading maps? If so, come along and help us find the missing treasure!</p>	<p>Friday 19 April Creating Day</p>  <p>Today is all about making amazing things to give away. Kerry is also excited to make KITES with you all.</p>
<p>Monday 22 April Crazy Hair day/ Nerf gun fun zone</p>  <p>Get creative with your hair and bring your "A" game for some nerf gun fun. Bring your bullets and guns if you have any, at your own risk.</p>	<p>Tuesday 23 April Science experiments</p>  <p>Come and join us for a day filled with fun experiments and testing hypotheses!</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 April Master Chef Day</p>  <p>Have you got what it takes to be the next best chef in your house? Come and show us what you're made of!</p>	<p>Thursday 25 April</p>  <p>CLOSED FOR ANZAC DAY</p>	<p>Friday 26 April Slumber Party/Movie Day</p>  <p>What better way to finish off the holidays than a slumber party! Come along in your PJ's if you want, bring along your teddy bear and get comfy for movies and fun.</p>

- Please make sure that you have appropriate footwear and attire.
- All children will need a packed lunch that will suffice for the following: morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea.

PRICES: All prices are inclusive of GST
Full day: 7:15am - 5:30pm \$45
School day: 9am - 3pm \$35



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Public Open Day

Saturday, 6 April 2024

10am–2pm

1716 Cambridge Road
(then follow Hanlin Road)

FREE ENTRY

Visit a working dairy farm!

Watch cows being milked (11am-12.30pm).

Visit the wetland area (Tours at 11am and 12.30pm).

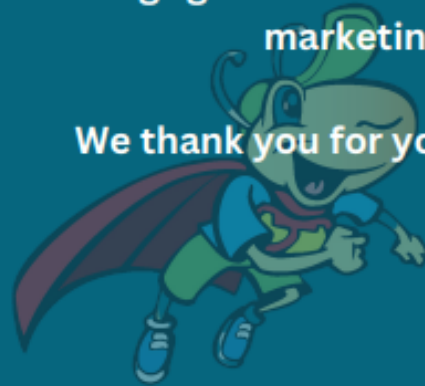
SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

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.



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.



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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