



Developing Independence Through Learning

**RUKUHIA SCHOOL**

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# Newsletter Term4 Week 2

**KIA ORA**

Welcome to Term 4

As we are fast approaching the end of the year we are starting to work on 2025 classroom allocations. If you are intending on leaving the school next year please notify us as soon as possible to help us with class sizes.

Reminder there a Teacher Only Day this Friday 25th October. The school is NOT open for instruction. Monday is Labour Day so see you all Tuesday.

Have a safe an happy long weekend

Robyn

# Important Dates

## Term 4 2024

Friday 25th October—Teacher Only Day—We will not be open for instruction on this day

Monday 28th October—Public Holiday—Labour Day

Friday 8th November—Lower Waipa Athletics Day

Thursday 14th November—Junior Athletics Day

Friday 15th November—Rukuhia School Fair 4pm –6.30pm

Friday 6th December—Spud Day

Fruday 13th December—Final assembly 11am in the Hall

## 2024 Term Dates

### **Term 1 2024**

Tuesday 30th January—12th April

### **Term 2 2024**

29th April—5th July

### **Term 3 2024**

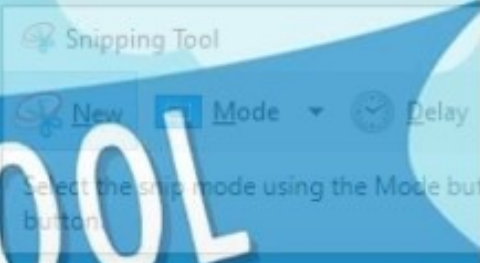
22nd July—27th September

### **Term 4 2024**



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

# RUKUHIA SCHOOL



FUN FOR  
THE WHOLE  
FAMILY

# FAIR

GAMES  
CLASS STALLS  
FOOD

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER  
- 4PM TO 6.30PM -



# Room 1 news

Welcome to Term 4

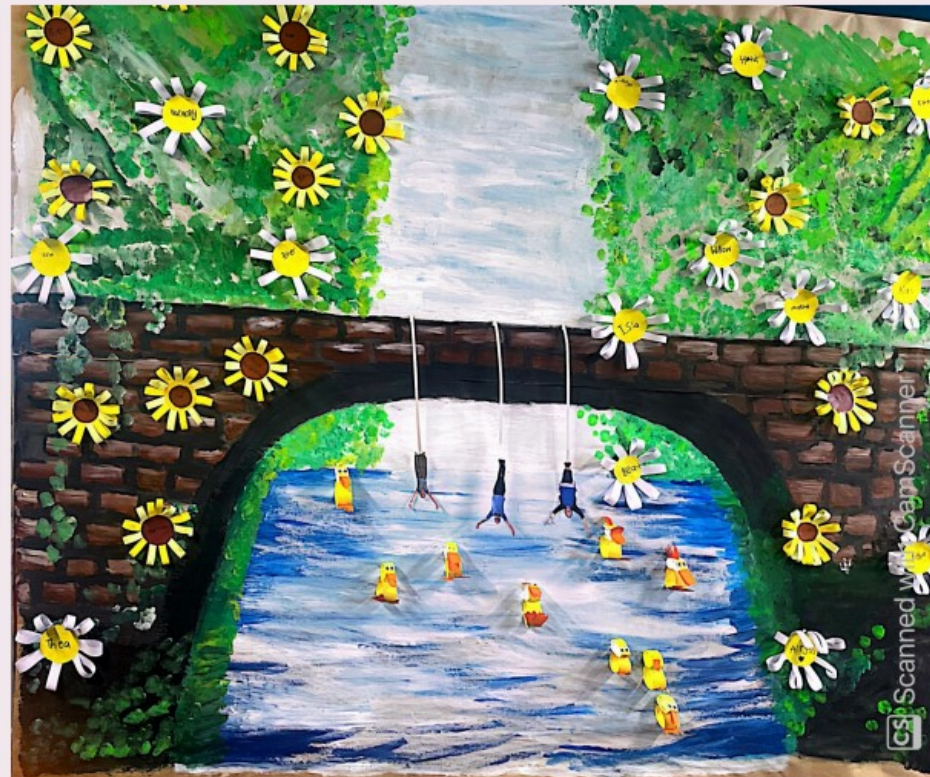


It has been so nice to get outside and enjoy the spring weather. Check out our mural that Rooms 1 and 2 created to celebrate Spring! We also have a special touch added (thanks Mr J), with the very brave Mrs Goodson, Mrs Adams, and Mr J taking a bungee jump off our bridge.

## School Fair:

This year, we are making Christmas candles and decorations for the fair. We are looking for the following donations to support this:

- cinammon sticks
- glass jars/glasses
- pinecones
- small bamboo sticks



Inquiry: We are learning about natural disasters. A couple of the big ideas are around what causes different types of disasters, and their effects. Room 1 is excited to be making a presentation on our inquiry, some which may require some help from home. I will send some more information out about what your child has chosen to do.





# ROOM 2 NEWSLETTER

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER...

Woohoo, we've had some sunny weather, and Room 2 has been making the most of it! We've been enjoying whole school athletics in the afternoons, working on our skills and having a blast. This term, our school value is *leadership*, and we've been practicing this in preparation for Year 3. We've also teamed up with Room 1 to create an amazing spring mural in the cloak bay. Be sure to check it out when you're next at school!



## This Week:



Reading	Comprehension
Writing	Adding Detail
Maths	Time
P.E.	Athletics

## STAY IN TOUCH:

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## Room 3 - Class News

### Key Competencies

In Room 3, we like to celebrate students who independently use the Key Competencies - Relating to Others, Participating and Contributing, Thinking and Managing Self. You might have seen children's names on the board under these headings. Ask your child if they can explain what these might look like in class.

### Routines

**Monday** - Homework books with spelling words come home. These should be practiced during the week.

**Tuesday** - Library Day (Change due to Choir on Wednesdays)

**Friday** - Homework books and poem books to school

### Spelling

In Week 5, we will be having our final spelling testing for the year. Students will be tested on a range of words that they have had over the last term. This is their last chance to move up a spelling list. So please practice their homework words over the next 3 weeks to encourage success.

### Quote for the week

Winning is great, but it's really about how hard you practice that matters.

### Stay in touch

Please allow 24 hours for a response.  
[leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz](mailto:leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz)

### This fortnight

**Reading** Reading for meaning

**Writing** Narratives

**Maths** Measurement

**Spelling** Weekly Spelling

### P.E.

#### Athletics

For the next few weeks, we are focusing our afternoons on athletics, in preparation for the Lower Waipa Athletics. To participate at LWA, students need to be the best in their age group at school. We are having whole school practice this week and will start selections next week.

# MEET OUR LEADERS



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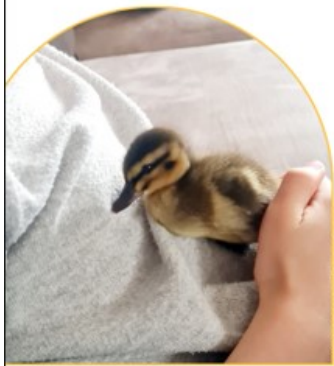


PIPER



LIZZIE

# ROOM 4 CLASS NEWS



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## This Week

### CLASS READING

Read to Stop the Tour  
A story from the diary of a New Zealand child during the Springbok Tour, capturing his journey of understanding both sides of the conflict and discovering his own perspective.

### READING

School Journal: A story about New Zealand's subantarctic islands and how animals have adapted to this unique habitat, with a reading focus on exploring different styles of text.

### MATH

This week, we are focusing on consolidating everything we've learned this year and turning it into automatic habits before moving on to testing then statistical inquiries.

### INQUIRY

Animal Adaptions - Learning Goal: Learn how animals are suited to their habitats and how they adapt to environmental changes

## Upcoming learning:

Expository Writing

Coordinate system

Camp

Athletics

## A note from the teacher:

Kia ora Parents,

Last week, our class dove into our learning about animal adaptations. We've spent time with Dave, the rescue duckling, who has helped us explore how animals adjust to their environments. Mrs. E also returned from her South African safari, sharing incredible stories and photos that have further enriched our understanding of this topic.

In writing, students have been working on expository newspaper-style articles. They've faced the challenge of shifting from narrative storytelling to using factual language. The creative twist? They're turning small incidents from their holidays into catastrophized, large-scale dramas!

Additionally, we held a student-led vote, and we now have a new leadership team ready to take on the challenges of the final term of the year. A big thank you to our previous leaders, who have built a strong foundation for the class moving forward.

Ngā mihi,  
-Mrs H



# ROOM 5 NEWSLETTER

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**Mathematics:**  
Revision

**Inquiry:**  
Sharing our World

**Writing:**  
Recount Writing

**Health & PE:**  
Athletics

**Weekly Focus:**  
Te Reo with Whaea Kiara

**Reading:**  
Poetic Language

## Mathematics

This term has kicked off with some intense revision of all learning covered over the year. Decimals combined with place value has been our primary focus this week with students being challenged to name, add, multiple and divide digits up to four decimal places.

## Reading

Poetic writing through the form of song lyrics is what the students of Room 5 have been exploring this week. Songs such as 'Time of your Life' by Green Day and 'This is Home' by Troy Kingi and 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars. Students have been thinking about the deeper meaning of words and emotions portrayed through the use of songwriting. This will be leading towards students writing their very own emotionally inspired lyrics that will be produced into a song using Ai.

## Writing

Humans sharing our world with animals is our Inquiry focus this term - preparing us for a meaningful visit to the Hamilton Zoo during our camp experience in week 7. Animal testing for beauty products, pollution in our oceans and deforestation have been a number of big talking points in the classroom during this time. This learning will lead into animal conservation and the beautiful relationship between humans and animals and the extreme positive impact we can have on the animal kingdom. This week students have written Haiku's along with some extremely powerful responses to some thought provoking videos we have viewed.

## Health and Physical Education

Athletic training is on the go as we head towards Interschools Athletics occurring in the very near future. A whole school rotation has been taking place each afternoon with all students mastering their skills in Relays, long jump, tug of war, sprints, shot put, discus and high jump.

## Student Teacher

This week we are very happy to have Whaea Kiara join our teaching team in Room 5 as she completes her final practicum before she enters the rewarding role of being an educator. Whaea Kiaras strength would be relating to all tamariki, being a world class swim instructor and te reo implementer and outstanding all round human who has enhanced the classroom culture from the moment she walked in. We are all very lucky to have her. If you get the chance, come up and introduce herself.

# ROOM 6 UPDATE

## Look What We Learned

### WRITING: DIRECT SPEECH

We have been adding direct speech and describing words to our writing to make it more interesting for the reader. Our stories last week on Davy the Duck are going to be made into a book.

### MATHS: DOUBLES & FRACTIONS

Our class has been developing our number knowledge by quickly recognising doubles. This week we are investigating fractions.



### READING

It is great to see that all the children are so enthusiastic. I realise that this term gets rather busy but please keep up the home reading - it makes a huge difference to your child's progress.

### SCHOOL GALA - BOOK BONANZA

Room 6 will be selling second hand books. Feel free to donate your old books - they must be in good condition please.



## What's New

### SCIENCE: GROWING SEEDS

We will be planting seeds this week. The students will be observing the plants as they begin to grow.



## Reminders

Rukuhia School Gala - Room 6 need their parents/whanau to sign the notice by the staffroom to help us sell second hand books.



## Upcoming

- Junior Athletics Day - 14th November 2024

# URGENT DOG RESCUE

All pups here need urgent help! Are you able to give one of these dogs a new home?

\*New owners must be prepared to register, micro-chip, vaccinate and desex the dog.

Your property must also be fenced to dog-proof standard.

**ECHO**



Echo is a mixed breed dog. He is a friendly chap with a lot of love to give.

**LOKI**



Loki is a 6 year old Rottweiler. He is loving, very affectionate, playful and eager to please.

**LOLA**



Lola is a 2-3 year old mixed breed. She has beautiful manners, loves playing with other dogs, and a lot of love to give.

**MILLY**



Milly is a staffy X, approx. 10-12 months old. She is a young pup who loves to have fun.

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**GEORGE**



George is a 3-4 year old Sharpei x. He loves a daily run, a soft bed in the sun and a bowl of his favourite biscuits morning and night.

**DONNY**



Donny is 8 months old, mixed breed. He is an active dog, but also very affectionate. He is happy being next to his people, getting cuddles and scratches.

**PIPPA**



Pippa is a mixed breed dog, 6.5 months old. She has unique colours, sweet and playful.

**BAXTER**



Baxter is young and fun. He has high energy but is sensitive.

For more information, or if you can offer any of these beautiful dogs a forever home, fill out the online form [waipac.govt.nz/dogadoption](http://waipac.govt.nz/dogadoption) or contact: 0800 924 723 | 027 584 7073 | [aco@waipac.govt.nz](mailto:aco@waipac.govt.nz)

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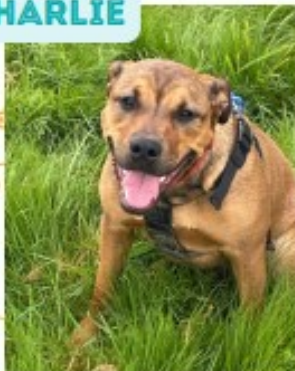
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## CHARLIE



Charlie is a 9 month old Rottweiler x. He is a happy boy who loves to run, play and go on doggy adventures.

## HOBBS



Hobbs is a 6-7 month old, Huntaway x Shepherd (guess). He is really food driven, playful, loves cuddles, and likes his toys.

## SAM



Sam is 10 months old, a goofy and happy boy. Loves to eat toilet paper.

## BUDDY



Buddy is young and fun, he needs an active owner who loves going on adventures.

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# ATHLETICS SEASON

**2024/25**

## Where

Ohaupo Community Hub

## Times & Dates

- Wednesday's 5.45pm to 6.30pm
- 6 sessions in 2024 (Start 23 Oct & end 27 Nov)
- 6 sessions in 2025 (Start 12 Feb & end 19 Mar)
- Singlets handed out on the first night

**NEW  
FUN  
MYSTERY  
SESSIONS**

**FOR ALL  
KIDS  
AROUND  
WAIPA  
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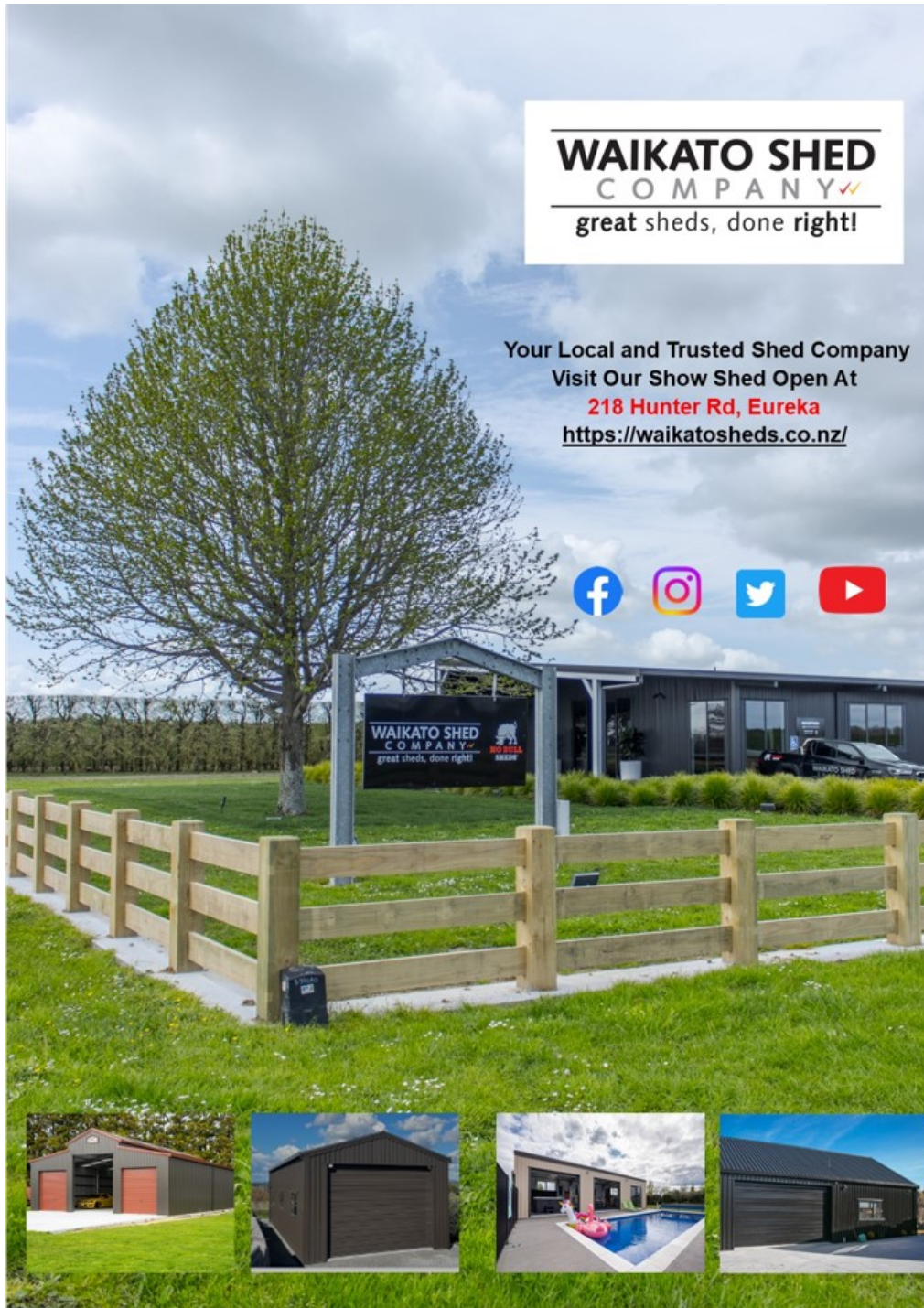


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# School Reminders

## 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:

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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](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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