



Newsletter Term4 Week 4

KIA ORA

Welcome to Term 4

Reminder to notify the school in writing if your child will not be attending Rukuhia School next year.

If you have any end of year prize giving cups, please return these to the office engraved by Friday 22nd No-



vember.

This week you will receive your stationery order information for 2025. If you wish to take advantage of the pack discount and free delivery please ensure ALL orders are in by 20th November. Order confirmation is via payment into the school bank account as per instructions.

If you are not wanting to take up this offer and wish to purchase your own stationery items as per the list please ensure your child has this ready on day 1 (28th January 2025) next year.

The Rukuhia School Fair is on next Friday. Come along and enjoy the fun. If you are able to assist with help on the night or donations see the board outside the office.

Pool keys are available for the 2024/25 swim season. If you wish to have a pool key please either email the office or collect a contract from the office. Once the \$100 is received along with your signed contract, your key will be issued to you.



Important Dates

Term 4 2024

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

Friday 13th December—Final assembly 11am in the Hall—Last day of School for 2024

2025 Term Dates

Term 1 2025

28th January— 11th April

Term 2 2025

28th April—27th June

Term 3 2025

14th July—19th September

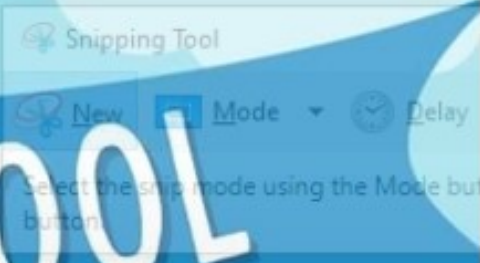
Term 4 2025

6th October—TBC



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



This week we wrap up our 'natural disasters' inquiry. The students have been working hard creating their miniature representations of their disaster with some very impressive results!

Our latest piece of writing is a 'newspaper report' on a natural disaster. Please feel welcome to come in to read your child's work. They will be on display from next Monday.



Please remind your child to pack their swimming gear.



ROOM 2 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER...

Room 2 has been diving into the wonderful world of Roald Dahl! Some of our reading groups have started reading his chapter books and are thoroughly enjoying the stories and characters. Each day, they take on special reading tasks that make the adventure even more exciting.

In addition to reading, Room 2 has been lucky enough to explore fascinating science experiments with Mrs. Esselbrugge and Whaea Liz. It's been an incredible time of learning and discovery!



This Week:

Reading	Expression and volume
Writing	Adding Detail
Maths	Money
P.E.	Athletics

STAY IN TOUCH:

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Room 3 - Class News

Family Festival

Room 3 are selling Jibbitz and stickers at the festival. Next week we will be packaging these up and deciding as a class how we are going to market these. All the children are keen to have a turn at our little shop, so please pick a spot on the board outside the staffroom to support your child. If you have any surplus jibbitz around the house that need rehoming, we will happily accept them.

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

Kindness is like sunshine—you might not see it, but it can warm someone's heart and make their day brighter.

Stay in touch

Please allow 24 hours for a response.
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This fortnight

Reading Reading for meaning

Writing Writing Workshops

Maths Geometry

Spelling Weekly Spelling

Next week

Family Fun Festival will be our big focus in the afternoons next week to prepare ourselves for a great afternoon of fun.

Aubree's Gazette

THE SWEET STORY THAT TURNED SOUR!

Brownie Burglar Baffles Baldwin Family!

On September 29th at 10am, Aubree, Esther, and their mum Sam baked chocolate brownies to eat for dessert. However, despite the fact these were for the family, Luke Leonard Baldwin (their dad) ate them all, leaving the family devastated. Strangely, this is not the first time Luke ate all of the desserts that the Baldwin family baked. In a previous event, Aubree, Esther, and their mum baked chocolate cookies. When they were done baking the cookies, they put them on the kitchen bench, and Luke ate all of the cookies.



STUBBED TIMES

"A Stubbed Toe and a School Day Lost: Cohen's Painful Predicament!"

Newslah!
Monday the Seventh of October, at approximately 7:30am neighbours heard a faint shout from 20 Dave road. Our team rushed to the area of the scream it was horrific, the victim felt like crying it was so painful, here are some of the witness stories.

"When I heard the scream I knew it was bad!"
"There was one speck of blood, ONE!"
"I was so sad I could have called 9 Ambulances!"

His mum came with heavy duty plasters as thick as elephant skin. It was a delicate procedure but he got through it in the end. "What?" said Cohen "I missed school by one day!"



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: We have been aligning our reading goals with high-interest school journal articles on animal adaptations. We are doing this to enrich our students' reading experience and support our inquiry objectives as they explore how animals adapt to their environments.
MATH	This week in math, we are focusing on practicing how to give change, with plenty of games to reinforce our lessons.
INQUIRY	Animal Adaptations - Learning Goal: Learn how animals are suited to their habitats and how they adapt to environmental changes. Discussing & learning about Galapagos Islands.

Upcoming learning:

- Report Writing
- Coordinate system
- Camp
- Cricket

LURID/ANDIL SUREPT SAND BUG CRISIS!



When a day at GORHAMMEL BEACH TURNING INTO A BATTLE WITH IRIZARE BEACH CREATURES!

Coramandel Beach! On Wednesday, the 12th of October 2024. It could only be described as a disaster. A nine-year-old girl, Kiefa Miers, was pinched. "Ahhhhhhhh!" she screamed, a white creature had pinched her. She flicked it off, and her face was as white as the creature that pinched her. She swore to never come back. What had pinched her? Would we ever know? Her sister investigated and found that it was a sand bug. This is outrageous! It was white and had little pinches; it looked like an alien. Later that day, another sand bug was found. It was smaller than the first one and leaped away, jumping high into the air and disappearing into the ocean, probably never to be seen again.

KILLER IN THE WOODS!

Mysterious Murders in the Woods: The Feathery Victims Pile Up!

On the 7th of October at 11:00 am, a murderer on the loose! With more than one victim targeted. No birds were left unharmed. Witnesses describe, "The poor little birds were lying dead on the ground. I wish it didn't happen, I wish they didn't die."

In a turn of events According to officials, the murderer has been found deep in the woods, caught in a trap. In the middle of nowhere, an official said, "It was so sad, so bad, so sad—blood all over the lush, white birds."

The murderer was a ferrer, stuck in a trap. No one could help it. Its space is over!



A note from the teacher:

Kia ora Parents,

Check out our dramatized holiday event articles, showcased in the photos, that kicked off our term! In our upcoming writing task, Room 4 students will have the exciting opportunity to design an animal with unique adaptations for a specific environment. They will write a report-style text explaining how these adaptations help the animal survive. This task will encourage clear explanations and the use of factual language, enhancing their writing skills. We look forward to seeing their creativity!

Reminder: we will be hosting a Raffle Store as part of the summer fair. To make this a fun and successful activity, we are seeking donations of small items to create some fantastic prize packs, which we will raffle off.

If you're able to contribute, here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Brownie ingredients in a jar (layered dry ingredients with a recipe attached)
 - Homemade soaps or other crafts
 - Cute potted plants (if you have a green thumb)
- No idea is a silly one and we appreciate any effort you make!

Stay in touch:

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.

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Ngā mihi,
-Mrs H

ROOM 4 CLASS NEWS

GUTTER BOWLERS IN CHAOS

On a night filled with shadows, a young bowler's dreams were about to strike gold!

One very dark night, there was a kid who begged his mum to go bowling. Ngalu never thought he would win, but that mindset was about to change. There were loud, striking sounds of bowling balls destroying pins. Ngalu was ready, hitting 6s over and over again! He was devastated and thought he would never come back—until these magic fries had affected him. "Wait, what? Strike!" And then, "Strike!" Ngalu was so happy and won the game!



What started as a playful afternoon at Rua Resort spiraled into chaos when a game took a dangerous turn.

At Rua Resort, 30th September at 3 PM, a dreadful attack occurred. Two brothers, Oracle and Rune, were playing games together. One of these games was that someone would roll in a cloth tunnel, while the other would try and hit them with a small pool noodle. When it was Oracle's turn to roll in the tunnel, Rune secretly dropped the noodle, and grabbed a misplaced metal self-defense rod. All of a sudden, Rune whacked Oracle on his forehead. He let out a cry of pure agony. Witnesses to the event were startled, shocked and terrified. Oracle's Grandfather, noticed that a large lump was forming on the side of his forehead. Then, to add to the chaos, Rune made a second swipe at the back of Oracle's head. Oracle fell to the ground, crying and limp. Witnesses managed to take the self-defense rod out of Rune's tight grasp. Rune cried, but then realized what was going on. He quickly



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 week, students have been exploring a variety of mathematical areas to strengthen their understanding and refine their skills in preparation for Term 4 testing. Their learning has included map reading with direction-specific vocabulary, using and understanding compasses, reviewing long division, and practicing place value partitioning. These skills have been applied to real-life contexts, with students solving word problems that integrate multiple areas and strategies for a more comprehensive learning experience.

Reading

Whaea Kiara has been wholeheartedly embracing her role in bringing te reo Māori to life in the classroom, creating a space where students can connect deeply with the language and culture. This week, she's been sharing stories of Māori history, uncovering the rich meanings behind common sayings, and guiding students to appreciate the deeper layers of waiata and karakia. Her passion and dedication shine through as she nurtures a genuine love for te reo, helping students feel a strong connection to its beauty and significance in their everyday lives.

Writing

Students have been working on publishing a recount that captures their highlights from the entire year. This process has involved in-depth planning, drafting, and refining as they reflect on their greatest moments, achievements, and the excitement they feel for what's to come. Their recounts showcase personal growth and celebrate the memorable experiences that have shaped their year.

Class Trip:

This week, Room 5 had an exciting adventure at the A&P Show in Claudelands! Although the event was quite different from last year, it turned out to be a memorable day packed with surprises. The students embraced every moment, exploring new attractions and activities with enthusiasm. The highlight for many was the free carnival rides, which brought endless smiles and laughter. Despite the changes, Room 5 truly made the most of the experience, showing their incredible adaptability and spirit!

Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

We are super excited about our trip to Paterangi School and about hosting the Book Bonanza as part of the School Gala. Thank you to those families that have sent in good quality books and who have signed a time to help out in Room 6. Book donations are welcome any time.

It has been a pleasure to see Room 6 students gain confidence and skill in number knowledge and number strategies.

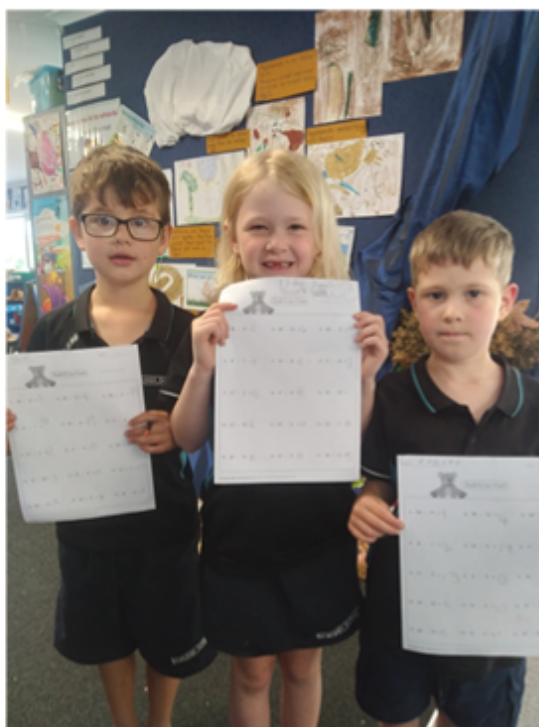
Thank you to those families that are still supporting their child with daily reading and spelling. If your child needs an updated spelling list please let me know.

Feel free to email me if you have any concerns about your child's learning.
jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz



Remember Paterangi School Athletics next week!

Thanks to Noa and whanau for the dress up costume.



Curriculum Focus this week:

- ⇒ Reading - who/where/when/why/how
- ⇒ Writing - adding detail to stories, using describing words and using direct speech and writing super sentences.
- ⇒ Maths - Number Knowledge & Number Strategies - **Subtraction**
- ⇒ Health & PE - Athletics & Pause/Breathe/Smile
- ⇒ The Arts - creating art pieces for our **Book Bonanza display**.



Letters for Week 4: l v y j h

Word Family for Week 4: an/man

Letters for Week 5: qu z r u m

Word Family for Week 5: map/tap

Congratulations Misi

Misi won the award 5 and 6 Waikato Thames Valley Tennis Champs in Boys singles tennis!!



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.

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.

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.

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 or contact: 0800 924 723 | 027 584 7073 | aco@waipac.govt.nz

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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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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 features the school's name in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a green, wavy banner that resembles a stylized leaf or a piece of fabric. The banner is set against a light blue background with darker blue and green wavy shapes at the bottom, suggesting a landscape or water. The entire logo is framed by a thick black outline.

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.

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