



Newsletter Term4 Week 6

KIA ORA

Welcome to Term 4

Upcoming assemblies:

Please note the below assemblies for the year are:

- Friday 29th November at 2.30pm in the Hall.
- Friday 13th December Final assembly at 11am Hall, school will complete for 2024 at the conclusion of assembly.

For those that didn't take advantage of the stationery pack, a link to officemax will be sent out next week for you to either purchase through them or just get the list of their site so you can purchase elsewhere.

Please remember that ALL stationery must be purchased and brought to school on the first day next term.

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.



A massive Thank you to Kylee for washing up the sports tops. You're a legend!

Important Dates

Term 4 2024

Friday 29th November— Assembly 2.30 pm in the Hall

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



We are beyond grateful to Hound Huts for their incredibly generous donation of a top-quality, fully insulated dog kennel valued at \$625 for our school Gala. This is no ordinary kennel—it's thoughtfully designed to keep pets cozy in all seasons and is easy to clean, making it a dream for any pet owner.

This beautiful gift from Hound Huts reflects a deep commitment to our community, showing a wonderful dedication to both people and pets alike. Their kindness has brought so much excitement to our Gala, and every \$5 ticket sold brings us closer to our school goals while giving pet-loving families a chance at this amazing prize.

Tickets are available at the school office, and the lucky winner will be announced at our final assembly on December 13th.

To Hound Huts, we extend our heartfelt thanks—your support has added such warmth and joy to our event, and we're so grateful for your partnership in making this year's Gala extra special!

Thank you to the below for contributing to our School Fair!



For two amazing vouchers!

Fun Zone

**Sarah Millian for the amazing
Maple & Co Voucher**

PTA would like to thank

- Kevin the Train Driver
- The Hawkings Family for the Bouncy Castle
- ALL families for their generous donations
- ALL the teachers for their efforts and awesome



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Room 1 news

We have had lots of afternoon fun making our candles that we sold for the School gala. It's definitely starting to feel like Christmas!



The branches sway bravely in the fresh breeze. -Olivia



We are working on descriptive writing all about native trees in Aotearoa. This involves going outside, and observing the trees in our school using our senses: sight, sound, smell, and touch. Room one are becoming quite the writers, where they are including features such as emotive language, personification, metaphors and similes in their writing - just to name a few!

The Kauri tree is huge like a giant mammoth with tiny ant-like leaves. - Charlie

Ivy and moss creeps up the trunk while the thin green leaves twinkle in the sunlight. -Emily

I can feel tonnes of ridges on the branches overlapping round and round like lovely noodles heated in a saucepan. - Theo

The ridges feel like sandpaper when I touch them, and they let out a subtle, dusty smell. - Hazel

The leaves pile atop of each other with branches holding them up like cotton sticks.



ROOM 2 NEWSLETTER



Parent Shout Out!

A huge thank you to all our amazing Room 2 parents for your incredible support at the school fair! It was heartwarming to see our shop run by parents who were there to help their children shine. We couldn't have done it without you! A special shout-out to Kirstin Rouse and Jen Machell for generously donating food and their time to make the delicious sweets — your efforts are greatly appreciated. What a wonderful example of our school community coming together!

This Week:



Reading	Vocabulary
Writing	Beginning, middle and end
Maths	Volume and capacity
P.E.	Swimming

STAY IN TOUCH:

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Room 3 - Class News

Family Festival

A big shout out to Sara Millin and Monique Mulhern for their donation of stickers and jibbitz for the festival. Room 3 had a great time sorting, organising and deciding on a pricing strategy before last Friday's festival. Big thank you also to the mums who helped with the sales. Karen, you made a great sales person.

Routines

Monday - No more homework!

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

Friday - Poem books to school

Spelling

Finally, it's over. No more spelling!!! End of year testing has been completed and I've been impressed with the progress the children have made. Thank you for your support on this over the year.

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

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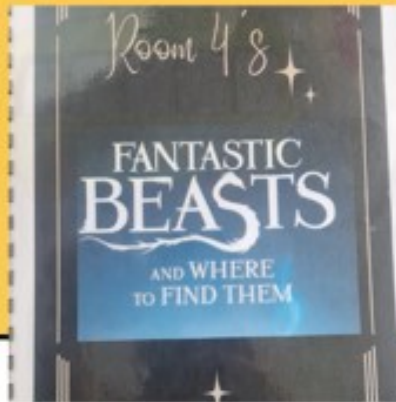
This fortnight

- Reading** Reading to support our inquiry.
- Writing** Creating our own narratives.
- Maths** Statistics
- Inquiry** Celebrations around the world!

Next week

Inquiry focus is on Celebrations around the world and learning something new.

Swimming will start after December 2nd. I will email details.



This Week

CLASS READING	Read to Stop the Tur 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 statistics and finding the Mean, Median and Mode of data sets.
INQUIRY	Animal Adaptions - Learning Goal: Learn how animals are suited to their habitats and how they adapt to environmental changes. Discussing & learning about Galapagos Islands.

Upcoming learning:

Expository writing about camp

Graphs

Camp

Choir trip



A note from the teacher:

KKia ora Parents,

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Raffle Store for the summer fair! Your generous donations helped make it a fantastic and successful event.

We have now completed our animal adaptation writing task, and the students did an incredible job. Please check out the photos of their creative and informative reports!

Next, we'll be diving into narrative writing. Room 4 students will craft stories capturing the moment they discovered the animal they designed in their reports.

This activity will allow them to bring their creations to life through vivid storytelling and imaginative detail. We can't wait to see their narratives unfold! There is also a photo of the Christmas tree we have decorated as a class for the Te Awamutu main street!

Ngā mihi,
Mrs. H

ROOM 4

CLASS NEWS

The Glowing Otter

Introducing the Glowing Otter! The Glowing Otter is related to the New Zealand Otter. It got its name by glowing out by glowing in the water and also looking exactly like an otter.

The Glowing Otter lives in warm, slow-moving, freshwater rivers all around the world but normally are found in New Zealand and Africa.

Glowing Otters can go all around the world because they have a thick coat that changes depending on the temperature of the water it's in. They have a great sense of smell to help them find food from miles and miles away. The Glowing Otter glows because it can really help to see in the dark and scare other predators.

The Glowing Otter eats small fish, seaweed and feeds on people that have drowned from terrible accidents. They normally go to the surface to take a breath and go back underwater for another ten hours.

Whee, it's always nice here which means the great, belly Scorpions, small lizards and chameleons, octopuses, fish in the hollow trees in the rainforest.

The Lethal Scorpion can jump up to 3.5 meters high because it has springs in its legs because it helps to catch prey. It is blind but its hearing is better than all humans and it can take its stinger off to get away from its predators. It has air chambers on its neck to breathe underwater at night.

The Lethal Scorpion digs a burrow at least 20-25 centimeters deep and the length of the burrow is 10 centimeters wide so the predators can't get to it. It climbs trees because it blends in with the bark so it doesn't get caught and eaten. The Lethal Scorpion carries food on its sharp back. It glows the color blue in the dark and hides in the water.

The Lethal Scorpion is an amazing creature it can jump up to 3.5 meters high and it digs a burrow at least 20-25 centimeters deep.

Geary



Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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ROOM 5 NEWSLETTER

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Mathematics:
Basic Facts and Maps

Health & PE:
Swimming

Testing:
Spelling, Math, and Reading

Exploring Languages and Cultures

Over the past two weeks, our class has embarked on an exciting journey of exploring different languages. In Te Reo Māori, we've been focusing on learning the correct pronunciation of various placenames, which has been both challenging and rewarding. We've also been practicing how to introduce ourselves in Te Reo, and we've integrated New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) by learning finger-spelling. Our mornings have been brightened by singing Ngā Iwi E and a Pacific greeting waiata, adding a musical twist to our language learning.

Writing and Research Adventures

Our writing activities have kept us busy and creative. The students have completed their recounts, reflecting on their favourite memories from the year. It's been wonderful to read about their unique experiences! Additionally, we've started an exciting group research assignment on whale strandings in New Zealand, where students are integrating Mātauranga Māori and Science into their projects. This project is sparking a lot of curiosity and collaboration. We've also been sharpening our reading comprehension skills, which is helping us become more confident readers.

Gala Success and Gratitude

A huge thank you to all the students who participated in our recent toy sale at the gala. It was a smashing success! We're especially grateful to those who came up with creative games to run in the hall. Your efforts made the event memorable and fun for everyone involved.

Whaea Kiara's Farewell to Rukuhia School

As my six-week placement at Rukuhia School comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible experiences and connections I've made. Getting to know each student and their unique interests has been a privilege, and I have cherished every moment spent in Room 5. From joining the students on their school trip to the A&P show, to witnessing their talents and enthusiasm at the school's AG Day, and cheering them on during Athletics Day, each event has been a highlight. I will truly miss the daily interactions and the vibrant energy of the classroom.

Looking ahead, I am excited to spend three days with the students at camp, where I hope we will accomplish even more together. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the students to develop their teamwork and leadership skills, challenge themselves with new activities, and strengthen their friendships. I am eager to see them grow in confidence as they tackle new adventures and learn more about the natural world around them. Thank you all for welcoming me into your school community; it has been an unforgettable journey. Ngā mihi nui!

Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

We were so lucky with the weather last Thursday for our trip to Paterangi School. Rukuhia Students gave their best and encouraged other students to compete. It was a fantastic day...finishing off with Rukuhia winning all four relay races. Thanks to Miss Andrew for her great coaching!

Room 6 students have nearly completed their elves for the Te Awamutu Christmas tree event. They carefully followed the process of putting them together - very creative results!

Feel free to email me if you have any concerns about your child's learning.
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Many, many thanks to those parents/whanau that helped with supervision and the leading of the activities at Paterangi School Athletics! You were all amazing.



Rukuhia School Gala

A huge thank you to all of you for donating items for our school gala. Despite the rain everyone had a fun time! Well done, PTA parents/whanau and teachers for organising and supporting this venture. Thank you to those other parents/whanau that stayed behind for the clean up. Your support was noted—we appreciate your efforts!

Thank you to Olivia, Chelsea and Beth for the new dress ups for Room 6 and to add to our production costumes. You are all so kind!

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. Also a retell of our school gala.
- ⇒ Maths - Measurement: Volume
- ⇒ Health & PE - Athletics & Pause/Breathe/Smile
- ⇒ The Arts - Christmas Elves

Letters for Week
6: x w m s f

Letters for Week
7: p t c i b

Word Family for Week
6: paw/jaw

Word Family for
Week 7: day/say

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.

GEORGE



George is approx. 3 year old Sharpei x. He has the softest coat, loves a daily run, and a soft bed in the sun.

DONNY



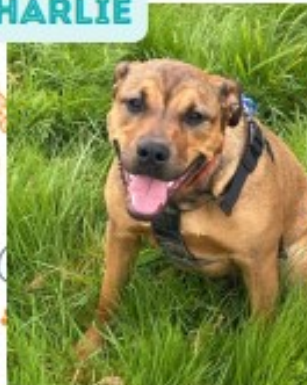
Donny is 9/10 months old, mixed breed. He is an active dog, but also very affectionate. He is happy being next to his people, getting cuddles and scratches.

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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 7-8 month old, Huntaway x. He is really food driven, playful, loves cuddles, and likes his toys.

PIPPA



Pippa is a mixed breed dog, 8 months old. She has unique colours, sweet and playful.

ZIVA



Ziva is a 3 year old Australian cattle x. She is a nice sweet lady and loves toys.

BAXTER



Baxter is young and fun, under 12 months. He has high energy and sensitive.

DOBBIE



Dobbie is a 10 month old mixed breed. Very sweet natured and sensitive, but also fun loving and playful.

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.

GRACE



Grace is a 16 month old Huntaway x. She is a soft-natured loving pup and needs a caring home that not on a farm.

For more information, or if you can offer any of these beautiful dogs a forever home, fill out the online form waipacdc.govt.nz/dogsadoption or contact: 0800 924 723 | 027 584 7073 | aco@waipacdc.govt.nz

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You can't change the world by adopting an animal, but you can change the whole world for that animal.



Contact - 027 417 9195

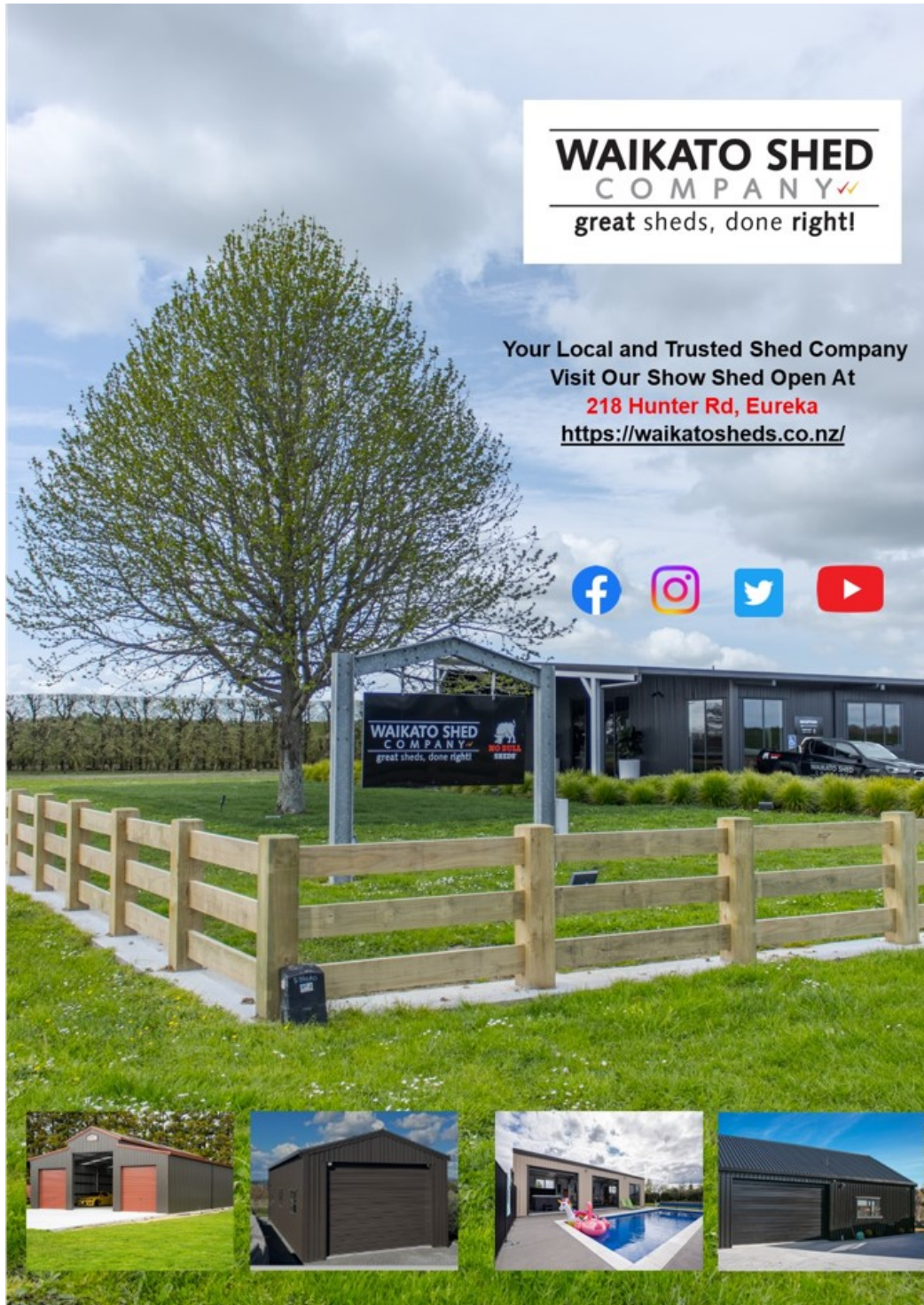
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School Reminders

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

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