



Newsletter

KIA ORA

**A warm welcome back to 2025 and a big welcome to our new families at Rukuhia School.
We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday and made the most of the wonderful
weather.**

Below are some important dates for Term 1, so please take the time to read through these.

March 4th & 5th—Parent Interviews
March 14th—Lower Waipa Swimming Sports
March 28th—Teacher only day
April 11th—Last day of Term 1

Important Reminders

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders:

Morning Drop Off:

So as to keep our students safe please do not drop children at school **before 8.30am** as we are unable to provide supervision. If you need to drop off before 8.30am we strongly recommend that parents/caregivers make use of the private before and after school facility located next door to the school. A charge applies. This is set by the Before and After School Care providers. Supervision before 8.30am remains the responsibility of the parents/caregivers.

Classrooms will be **open at 8.30am** and we encourage students to be at school between 8.30- 8.45am to prepare for the day.

Classes start at 9.00am. It is very disruptive to the morning procedure if children turn up late. To avoid unnecessary disruption to our students learning, please have your children at school **before 9.00am.** If you are late parents/ caregivers are required to sign your child in at the office.

Afternoon Pick Up:

So as to keep our students safe and ensure that all students get home safely, the following procedures are in place: If you are picking your child up early parents/ caregivers are required to sign your child out at the office.

Years 1 - 3

1. All parents will need to collect their child/ren at their class.
2. Students need to be collected from class at 3.00pm and no later than 3.15pm as we are unable to provide supervision after this time.
3. If they are attending After School Care, students will be sent to the meeting place / Red Room at the hall.

Years 4 - 8

1. If walking or biking - Go straight home
2. If you are being picked up by a parent or caregiver go directly to the arranged pick up area.
3. If they are attending After School Care, students will be sent to the meeting place / Red Room at the hall.
4. If they are meeting a sibling in a junior class, students go straight to their brother or sister's class and wait quietly until the class teacher invites them in and they are then to be collected by parents / caregivers.

If you are unable to collect your child/ren by 3.15pm we strongly recommend that parents/caregivers make use of the private before and after school facility located next door to the school. A charge applies. This is set by the Before and After School Care providers. After 3.15pm students become the parents/caregivers responsibility.

If you are not collecting your child/ren and have made arrangements for a family member or friend to do the pickup please let the school / teacher know. We do not release students into the care of people who are not authorised to collect your children.

Please do not be offended if you are reminded of the drop off and pick up procedures.

Important Reminders continued

Swimming :

Swimming is a curriculum requirement. We are lucky to have a pool and staff that are able to teach the basics of swimming and swimming survival. New Zealand has the worst statistics in the OECD for fatal water incidents and already we have too many drownings this year.

We want every child to be able to swim to at least get themselves out of trouble should they find themselves in a situation. To do this we expect every child to swim every day and take advantage of our amazing pool. Swimming is weather dependent.

If your child is unable to swim please send a note /email to the classroom teacher explaining the reason and length of time they are unable to swim.

Let's make a difference and change these dreadful stats.

Rubbish :

We encourage all students to take their morning tea and lunch rubbish home. This is a good opportunity to organise morning tea and lunches into reusable containers. Encourage your children to be part of the process.

Friday Lunches :

All students are able to buy their lunch on a Friday. Please bring cash only to the office after 8.30am on Friday morning and place your order. The updated prices are on the following page.

Stationery :

We hold a small amount of day to day stationery. If your child requires additional stationery you can either pay cash / online bank or hold a credit in a stationery account (preferred option). Ask at the office if you require further information.

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	\$6.00
Steak Pie	\$6.00
Sausage Roll	\$5.00
Mince Savoury	\$3.00
Chicken Naan Wrap	\$5.00
Ham Wrap	\$5.00
Chicken Roll	\$5.00
Ham Roll	\$5.00
Chocolate Chip Muffin	\$3.00
Blueberry Muffin	\$3.00
Chicken Sushi (4 pieces)	\$7.00
Chicken Sushi (6 Pieces)	\$11.00
Salmon Sushi (6 Pieces)	\$12.00
Chicken Mini Sushi Stick	\$ 4.00

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on:

Tuesday March 4th and Wednesday March 5th from 3:00pm—6:00pm.



School interviews are booked through <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and a code will be sent out via email in the next few weeks for you to use to complete your booking.

*Please note that school finishes at **2:45pm** on both of these days.*

Please ensure your child is collected promptly at 2:45pm or arrange for them to attend after school care so to allow teachers time to prepare for their first interviews at 3:00pm.



ROOM 1 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Room 1! We have had a fantastic start to the year. We are currently working on our self portraits, which is inspired through the lens of Picasso's cubism techniques. We are also working on writing our own Pepeha, which is all about making connections to our whanau, and to feel a sense of belonging and confidence in that belonging. Please feel welcome to come into class in the mornings so your child can show you their work on display, and work in their books.

REMINDERS..

WE WILL BE SWIMMING
EVERY AFTERNOON FOR
P.E. PLEASE REMIND
STUDENTS TO PACK THEIR
TOGS.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR
CHILD TO BRING THEIR
HOME LEARNING AND POEM
BOOKS TO SCHOOL EVERY
FRIDAY.

READING BOOKS WILL GO
HOME EVERY MONDAY.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR
CHILD KEEPS UP WITH DAILY
READING.

ROOM 2

NEWSLETTER

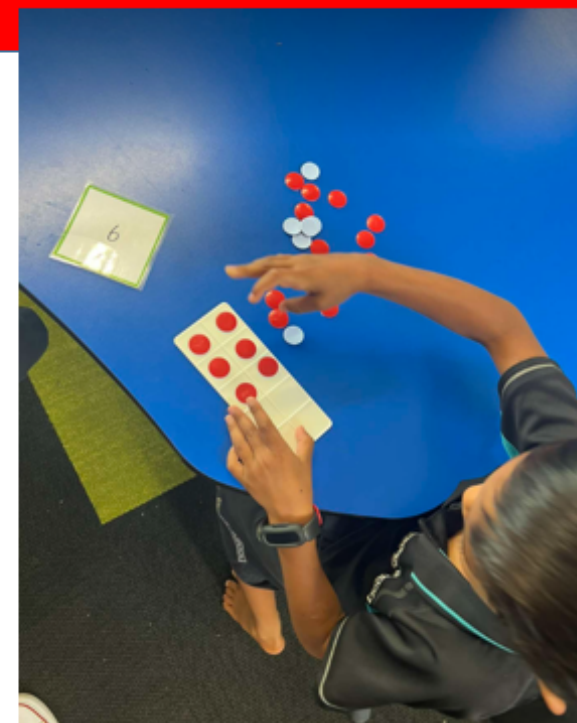


A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER...

Welcome to Room 2!

We're so excited to begin a fantastic year of learning together. Although we've had two short weeks to start the year, we haven't been short on learning! We've been busy learning new routines and expectations, exploring Waitangi Day, and kicking off our reading with a bang!

A big thank you for supporting your child by sending their togs each day—we really appreciate it!



This Week:

Reading	Fluency and confidence
Writing	Recount
Maths	Numbers to 10
P.E.	Swimming
Inquiry	Waitangi

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Room 3's News

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Focus - P.E.

With the privilege of having the pool at school, we are swimming every day. We have 30 mins between morning tea and lunch when we have structured swimming.

Our key focus to date has been to practice floating and they are all amazing! Floating on their backs is the hardest thing to master, keeping their eyes to the sky and their toes above the water.

We will be focusing on freestyle and backstroke over the next 2 weeks. If you have any concerns about your child in the pool, please come and speak with me.

Remember, swimming is compulsory, not optional. Let me know if your child won't be swimming.

Reading

We are starting our year on getting back into reading, remembering our strategies and getting comfortable with read to our peers.

This Fortnight

Writing

We have shared some writing about our holidays. Our next step is to break down our writing so we can focus on each feature of writing.

Maths

Due to swimming, we are waiting until week 3 to start maths, however we are practicing our basic addition, subtraction and multiplication facts every day.

Class Routines

Monday:

Book bags, Homework books come home with spelling words

Wednesday:

Library Day

Friday:

Book bags, Homework books back to school, poem book goes home

Inquiry

We will be looking at the Treaty of Waitangi and what this means to us. This will include gaining an understanding of the history of the Treaty. The students will be watching a series of short video clips from Radio NZ about the history of NZ from the beginning. This is a G rated series.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/the-aotearoa-history-show>

ROOM 4 CLASS NEWS

1st Two Weeks

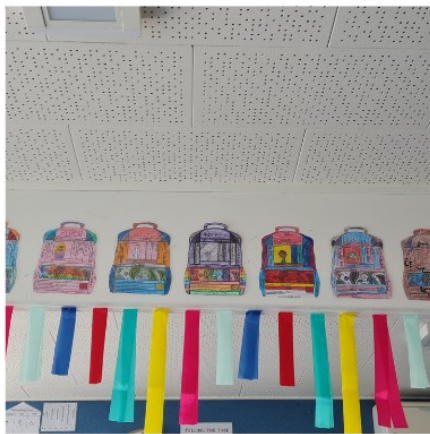
CLASS READING	My New Zealand Story - Mission Girl: This story provides students with an engaging way to explore New Zealand history, specifically the way of life for Māori before and during the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, directly to the NZ curriculum strand of Social Sciences: 'Understand how people's perspectives on past events differ and how this shapes the ways they interpret history. The students have already been impressing me with their ability to think about something from multiple points of view.'
WRITING	Students will retell a holiday event as a fairytale, starting with a class discussion about key fairytale elements. This will scaffold them into a larger writing task of twisted fairytales later in the term.
MATH	Read decimals to 3 decimal places, compare decimals to tenths and hundredths. Read, write, and order numbers to 1,000,000.
INQUIRY	Our inquiry will focus on understanding Māori culture pre-European settlement by exploring Te Whare Tapu Whā, The Treaty of Waitangi, and The Kingitanga. We will reflect on how these concepts and social structures can guide our own journey of well-being and help us build a strong, collaborative learning team in the classroom.

Upcoming learning:

Te Tiriti o Waitangi
Kingitanga

Future Inquiry Subjects:

- Creepy crawlies
- Famous people
- Inventions



Kia ora Parents,

Room 4 - First Week Update

A huge thank you to Room 4 for an amazing first week! The students have been fantastic, and the support from parents has been truly appreciated.

Homework Expectations:

Our homework books go home every Monday and are to be returned by Friday. Inside the front page, you'll find a guide outlining expectations. For spelling, students have a complete list of words they'll be tested on later in the term. Each week, they should practice 5 to 10 words, depending on what's manageable for your family.

Additionally, students will focus on a specific math skill each week, such as the 4 times table, which they can practice at home.

We've had some wonderful new additions to our class who have settled in beautifully. They're fantastic kids, and I'm a very happy teacher!

In-Class Learning:

This week, we've started our first writing tasks, enjoyed read-aloud stories, got into the flow of our routines, and created small art pieces to leave our mark on the classroom.

Looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!



A note from the teacher:

Warm regards,
Ngā mihi,
Mrs. H

Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.

 tyler.hogg@rukuhia.school.nz



ROOM 5

TE WHARE TAPA WHA

This week, our class has been exploring Te Whare Tapa Whā, a Māori model of well-being that represents the four key aspects of health - taha tinana (physical well-being), taha wairua (spiritual well-being), taha whānau (social well-being), and taha hinengaro (mental and emotional well-being) - all supported by the whenua (land) as the foundation. To bring this learning to life, we constructed our own Te Whare Tapa Whā in the classroom! Each student contributed to discussions about what each wall of the whare symbolizes and how it connects to their own lives. They then designed carvings that reflected their personal beliefs about whānau and well-being, weaving in symbols, patterns, and ideas that are meaningful to them. This hands-on project not only deepened their understanding of hauora but also celebrated the uniqueness of each student's journey and identity. Feel free to pop into the classroom to watch this construction of well-being come to life.

Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

A huge welcome to our new families.

The students have settled well into the routines of Room 6. Please make sure that your child has his/her book bag each day. It is your child's responsibility to bring his/her book bag into the classroom each morning and to put it into his/her tote tray, however, your child may need a reminder from you. After your child has read his/her book it needs to be returned to school the next day please.

Feel free to contact me:

jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz



Curriculum Focus this week:

- ⇒ Reading - who/where/when/why/how. Recognising simple words such as *I to the my mum dad and*.
 - ⇒ Writing - drawing and talking about experiences. Writing names.
 - ⇒ Spelling - recording *I to the*
 - ⇒ Maths - Number Knowledge
 - ⇒ Health & PE - *Swimming & Pause/Breathe/Smile*
 - ⇒ The Arts - drawing and painting.
- Whanau pictures*



**Swimming is part
of our New Zealand
Curriculum so**

**please send along your child's
named togs and named towel
each day!**

Letters for Week
1: a m s f

Word Family for Week
1: at/cat

Letters for Week
2: p t c i

Word Family for
Week 2: am/lamb



**"Welcome back, if you are needing before or after school care,
email "Rukhiasavedbythebell@gmail.com"
for an online enrolment form to be sent to you.**

Lisa



MELVILLE JUNIOR RUGBY

*2024 WAIKATO DRAUGHT CLUB OF THE YEAR

OPEN DAY

FEB 23
2025



MELVILLE RUGBY & SPORTS CLUB

127 COLLINS ROAD, DEANWELL, HAMILTON

SUNDAY FEB 23, 10AM - 11.30AM

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*JUNIOR AGES UP TO 13 YEARS WELCOME - BOYS AND GIRLS



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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.

PIPPA



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

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.

KIAH



Kiah is approx. 2 years old. She is a Foxy mixbreed, small to medium sized pup and very affectionate

LACEY



Lacey is 2 year old small-medium mixbreed. She is shy and nervous so is looking for a patient and loving home, who can show her the world isn't as scary, and can help her blossom.

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



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JADE



BEAGLE X



ELLIE & DOBBIE



Ellie and Dobbie are 10 month old mixed breeds. Very sweet natured and sensitive, but also fun loving and playful.

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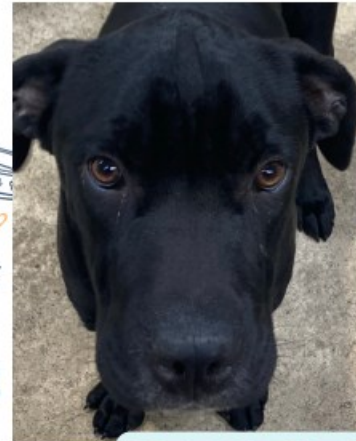
BLACK PUP 1



BLACK PUP 2



BLACK PUP 3



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School Reminders

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 reference the child's name and what the payment is for.



RUKUHIA SCHOOL

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

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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