



Developing Independence Through Learning

**RUKUHIA SCHOOL**

*E māhi hāri kia ākonga*

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SCHOOL**

# Newsletter



## Welcome to week 4.

- Our next school assembly will be on Friday 21st February at 2.30 in the Hall
- School lunches are available on Friday we still also have the Turkish bowl offer of \$10

### 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

# Important Dates

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

- February 25th—Cookie Day—See notes further in the Newsletter
- March 4th & 5th—Parent Interviews—Portal is now open
- March 14th—Lower Waipa Swimming Sports
- March 28th—Teacher only day

# 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.

# 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/>

Event Code: 8yjg5

*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.*

# COOKIE DAY

**TUESDAY 25TH February is warm**

**Cookie Day**

**If your child would like a fresh baked cookie, send  
along \$1 for them to purchase one.**



# Ruben the Road Safety Bear came and visited the junior school on Wednesday.







# **CONGRATULATIONS** **MISI**

*Rukuhia School is very proud to announce that our very own Misi has had some great success. His team has won silver in the East Pacific Under 12 Champions last week. He now proudly represents East Pacific in the Pacific Wide champs in Fiji this year.*

*Misi has also made the WaikatoBays team for the New Zealand Champs team event this year.*

*Well done Misi; we are super proud of you and all your hard work.*

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

# ROOM 1 NEWSLETTER

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

I'm so proud of how brilliantly our little learners have settled into the term! It's been wonderful to see everyone making new friends and embracing all the exciting learning opportunities. So far this term, we've discovered a classroom full of budding artists! From vibrant portraits to creative collages and ideas for their writing, their imaginations are truly shining through. In room 1, students are encouraged to use their creative skills in all areas of learning, and everyone's unique way of thinking is nurtured and celebrated. We are excited to see what brilliant ideas shine through next as they continue to explore and express themselves.

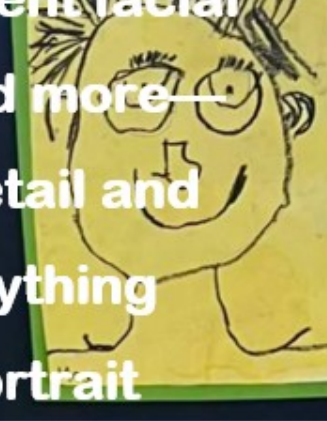


We had a very fun visit from Ruben the Road Safety Bear this week.



*Room 2*

# SELF PORTRAITS



**In Room 2, we've been busy developing our artistic skills with self-portrait practice!**

**Each week, we've focused on different facial features—eyes, noses, mouths, and more—learning how to draw them with detail and care. Soon, we'll be putting everything together to create a final self-portrait**

**masterpiece! These special artworks will be proudly displayed in our classroom, celebrating each student's creativity and progress. We can't wait for you to see them!**

# Room 3's News

Stay in touch:

leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz

## Focus - P.E.

It has been great to see most of the class in the pool every day. We have been working on our freestyle stroke, kicking (without drenching me!) and our breathing. There are some pretty cool swimmers in the class.

In the middle of March there will be the Lower Waipa Swimming sports and this is open to 8 year olds and over. It is a very competitive event and there will be some swimming trials at the beginning of March.

## Reading

- Room 3 is focussing on reading to learn (as opposed to learning to read), so our reading focus for the next few weeks is reading strategies to enhance the comprehension we get from our reading.

## This Fortnight

### Writing

- We are currently exploring the types of words that make up our writing - verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions... the list goes on. We are practicing how to include these in our writing.

### Maths

- Maths has started! Year 4's are working with me and Year 5's are working with Mrs Goodson. To date our focus has been on using place value to help with our understanding of big numbers.

## 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

## The last two Weeks

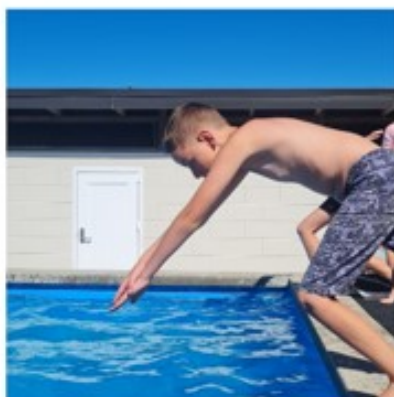
CLASS READING	My New Zealand Story - Wharero 2017. This story provides students with an engaging way to explore New Zealand history, specifically the way of life for Māori before and during the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. It is aligned to the NZ curriculum strand of Social Sciences. "Understand how people's perspectives on past events differ and how this shapes the way they interpret history. The students have already been representing the world with their ability to think about something from multiple points of view."
WRITING	Students will be twisting a traditional fairytale - Learning Objectives: 1. Understand the structure of traditional fairy tales. 2. Create new elements of fairy tales using adjectives of number. 3. Develop characters, settings, problems and resolutions. 4. Use descriptive language based on number to engage readers. 5. Use an established and/or new genre.
MATH	Addition & subtraction within 1,000,000
INQUIRY	Our inquiry will focus on understanding Kingitanga how it came to be, what its purpose is, where this movement started & who are the important people behind this legacy.

## Upcoming learning:

Kingitanga

Future Inquiry Subjects:

- Creepy crawlies
- Famous people
- Inventions

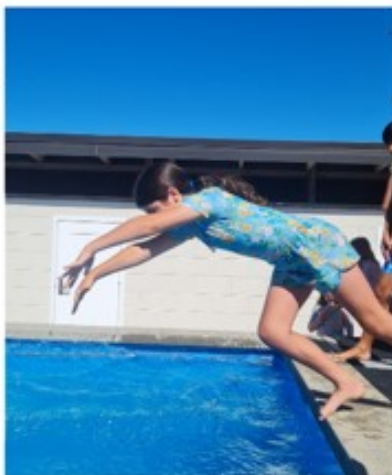


## The little princess's adventure!

There once was a little princess who lived with her mother the Queen. The little princess had a very beautiful dress that went all the way down to her feet. Also it was her favourite colour light blue. The Queen also had a nice



In a distant realm there lived a young farmer boy who dreamed of becoming a fearsome knight. He stood staring deep into the forbidden forest knowing that his dream would never come true. He knew that because he was the farmer for the king of death. The small farmer's name was Finn he was a small scrubby boy with polished green eyes and a hunched haircut. Finn had nowhere to go if he left his castle and there was a fire breathing dragon in the way of the exit.



## A note from the teacher:

Kia ora Parents,

Room 4 update:

Our Year 6 students have successfully completed learning how to read and write numbers up to 1,000,000, compare numbers using greater than/less than, and round large numbers. These skills will continue to be reinforced throughout the year as we move into adding, subtracting, and counting backward to 1,000,000.

Our Year 5 students are engaged in structured maths lessons tailored to their current year level goals. Reading: The current reading goal across the class is to evaluate the reliability and usefulness of texts.

Swimming: In the pool, we have been focusing on improving diving and swimming techniques while also practicing essential water safety skills.

Writing: Our class has been having a fantastic time twisting traditional fairy tales. We've drawn inspiration from hilarious and creative books like Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes and The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales. Students have been exploring how to creatively twist classic characters, plots, and endings to make their own unique versions.

We can't wait to see the polished final stories!

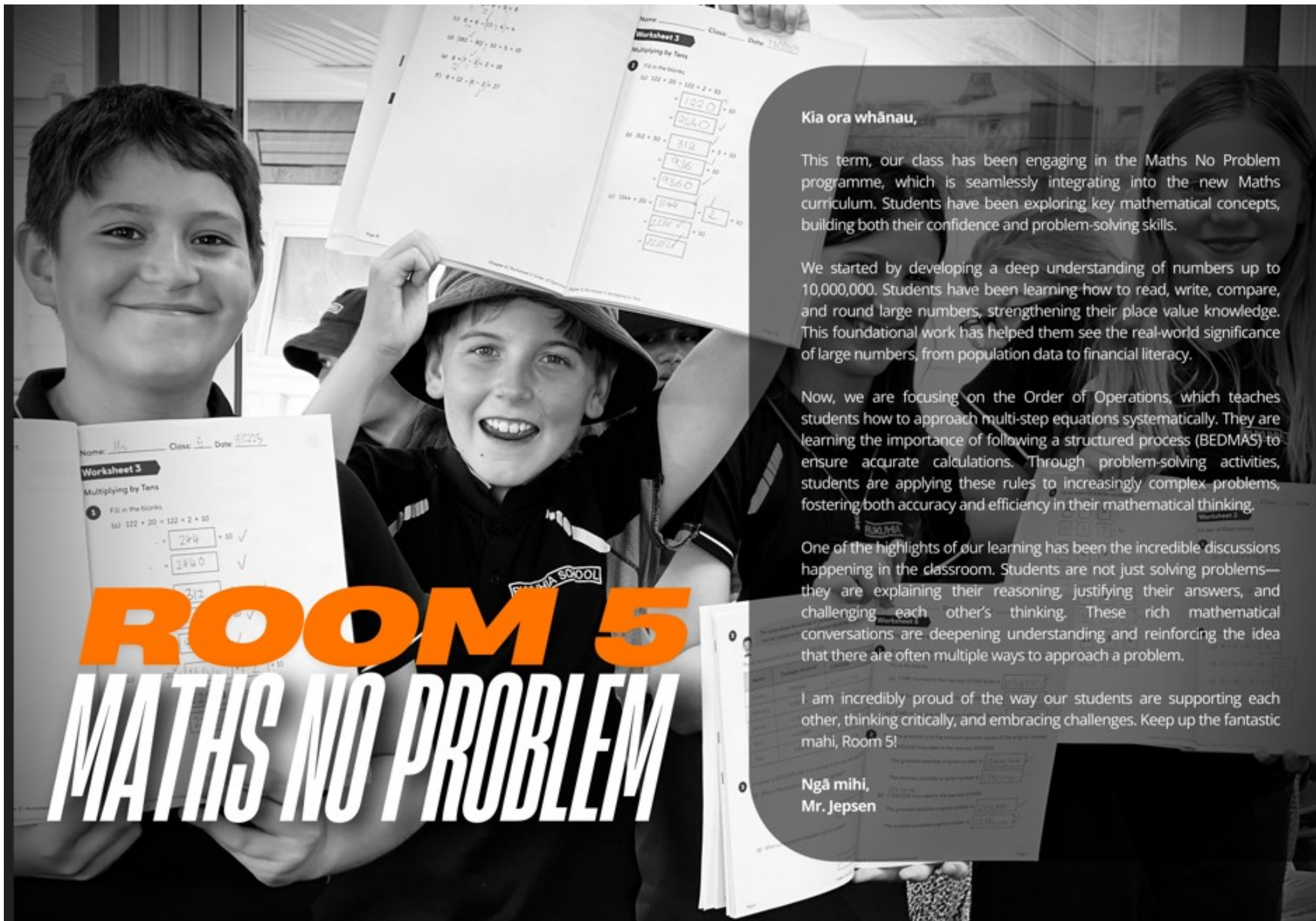
Warm regards,  
Ngā mihi,  
Mrs. H

## Stay in touch:

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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# ROOM 5

# MATHS NO PROBLEM

## Kia ora whānau,

This term, our class has been engaging in the Maths No Problem programme, which is seamlessly integrating into the new Maths curriculum. Students have been exploring key mathematical concepts, building both their confidence and problem-solving skills.

We started by developing a deep understanding of numbers up to 10,000,000. Students have been learning how to read, write, compare, and round large numbers, strengthening their place value knowledge. This foundational work has helped them see the real-world significance of large numbers, from population data to financial literacy.

Now, we are focusing on the Order of Operations, which teaches students how to approach multi-step equations systematically. They are learning the importance of following a structured process (BEDMAS) to ensure accurate calculations. Through problem-solving activities, students are applying these rules to increasingly complex problems, fostering both accuracy and efficiency in their mathematical thinking.

One of the highlights of our learning has been the incredible discussions happening in the classroom. Students are not just solving problems—they are explaining their reasoning, justifying their answers, and challenging each other's thinking. These rich mathematical conversations are deepening understanding and reinforcing the idea that there are often multiple ways to approach a problem.

I am incredibly proud of the way our students are supporting each other, thinking critically, and embracing challenges. Keep up the fantastic mahi, Room 5!

Ngā mihi,  
Mr. Jepsen

## Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

A warm welcome to Ariyah and Phoebe and their whanau.

Room 6 students are following the routines of school life. They are all enthusiastic learners and they are very social. It is great to see them all developing skills in leadership and cooperation.

With only 4 students it is taking us time to cover our classroom walls with artwork. Feel free to come into class and have a look.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read each day at home and for putting his/her book bag in his/her tote tray each morning.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries:

[jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz](mailto:jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz)

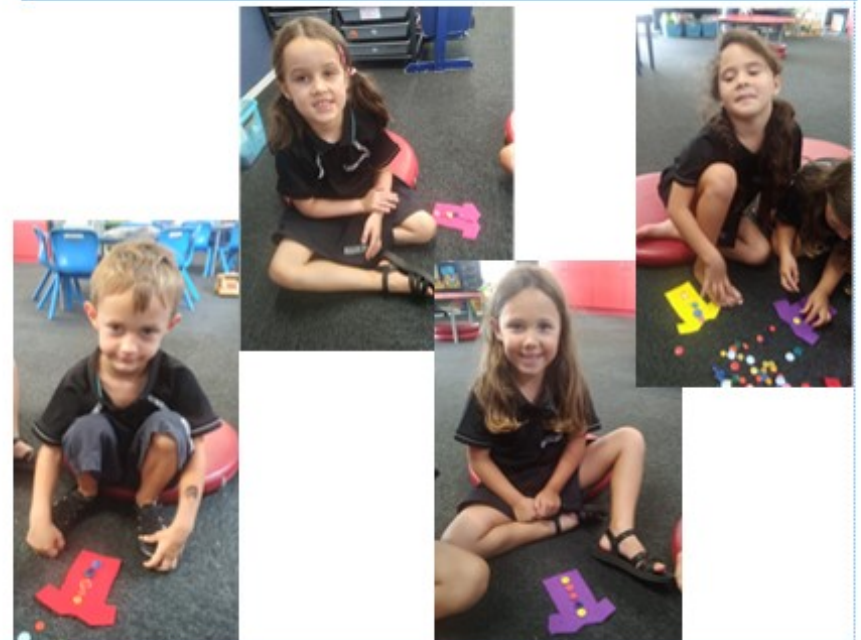


Letters for Week 4: l v y r h  
Word Family for Week 4: big/rig

Letters for Week 5: qu z j u m  
Word Family for Week 5: in/win

## Curriculum Focus this week:

- ⇒ Reading - who/where/when/why/how. Recognising simple words such as *to my mum dad and we.*
- ⇒ Writing - drawing and talking about experiences. Writing names.
- ⇒ Spelling - recording I to the
- ⇒ Maths - Number Knowledge *Counting forwards and backwards up to 20*
- ⇒ Health & PE - *Swimming & Pause/Breathe/Smile*
- ⇒ The Arts - drawing and painting. *Characters from the story 'Crocodile Tea'*
- ⇒ Maori - daily practice of our *karakia, commands and simple questions.* Also some *waiata.*





# 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

COME DOWN TO MEET, MINGLE, RUN SOME DRILLS  
WITH THE **CHIEFS MANAWA**

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

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



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# **OHAUPO SPORTS**

**JUNIOR NETBALL**

**YEAR 3 - YEAR 13**



**Wednesday 19th  
February 2025**



**Te Awamutu  
Event centre**

**6PM - 7:30PM**

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

[netball.ohauposports@gmail.com](mailto:netball.ohauposports@gmail.com)

**Any questions give us a  
message or call:**

**Narise Lloyd:  
027 828 4470**

**Kage Thomson:  
021 027 940 47**

# 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.

**BAXTER**



Baxter is approx 1 year old medium mixed breed. He is an active playful dog but also loves being affectionate and having cuddles.

**QUINN**



Quinn is approx 3 month old. She is a social and confident wee pup.

**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 mix. She is shy and nervous so is looking for a patient and loving home, who can show her the world isn't as scary.

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



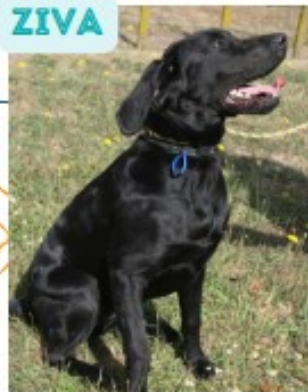
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**ZIVA**



Ziva is a 7 month old Lab X GSP. She is an excitable fun loving pup.

**PHEONIX**



Pheonix is approx 8 months old, medium sized mixed breed. He's a very smart boy and loves being next to his people. He's affectionate and eager to please.

**ODIE**



**NEO**



Neo is a black lab and sharpie pup looking for a loving home.

**JAKE**



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## JADE



Jade is an 8 month old mix breed medium pup. She is a happy, fun social girl and loves her food and toys.

## BLACK PUP 1 & 2



These boys are lab x sharpie approx 6 months old. They are looking for lots of love and some owners they can trust. Very playful when they comes out of their shell.

## ELLIE



## DOBBIE



Ellie and Dobbie are approx 1 years old mixed breed, maybe American bulldog x delmatian. Very fun loving and playful but also sweet natured and sensitive.

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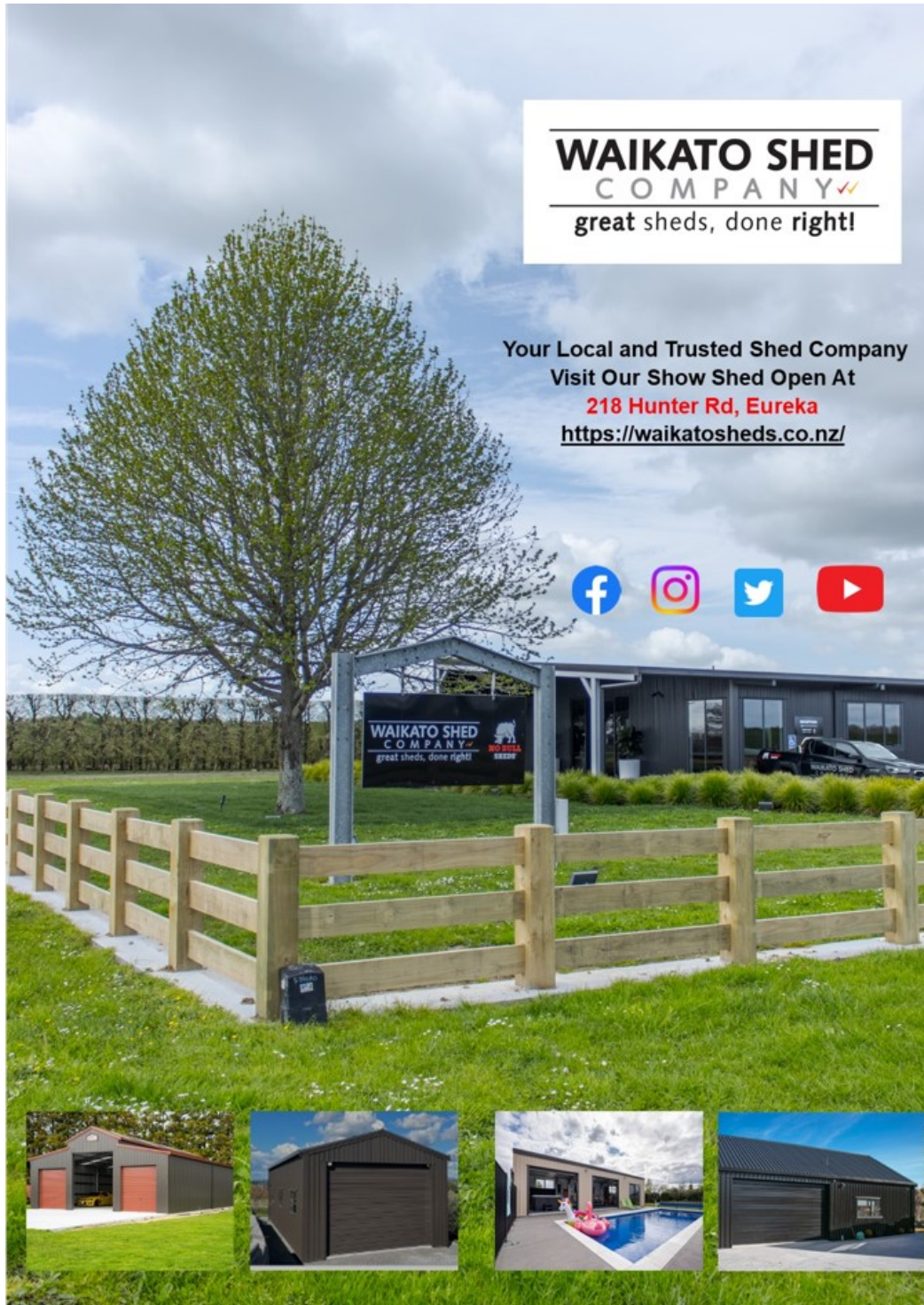
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# School Reminders

## 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](mailto: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](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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