

The logo for Rukuhia School is a circular emblem. The top arc contains the text "Developing Independence Through Learning". The center features a stylized green leaf shape with "RUKUHIA SCHOOL" written inside. The bottom arc contains the Māori motto "E māhi hāri kia ākonga". Below the logo, the words "RUKUHIA SCHOOL" are written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters on a teal background.

Developing Independence Through Learning

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

E māhi hāri kia ākonga

RUKUHIA
SCHOOL

Kia ora, welcome to Week 6

Thank you to the whānau that attended Parent Teacher interviews this week. We have had a great turnout and the teachers greatly appreciate your input into your child's learning journey.

Our next assembly will be held this week, Friday 7th March, at 2:30pm in the hall.

Whānau are welcome to attend!

Please have a browse through this weeks newsletter, the PTA have included some information about an upcoming Easter Raffle and details on how you can help.

Important Dates

- RIUKUHIA SCHOOL
- March 14th Lower Waipa Swimming Sports
 - March 28th Teacher Only Day
 - April 11th Last day of Term One

Rukuhia School

PTA

The PTA is an enthusiastic, energetic group of parents who support Rukuhia School in its day-to-day activities throughout the years and all the teaching staff of the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

18 MAR **PTA MEETING**
6PM @ THE BOUNDARY
ALL WELCOME

11 APR **EASTER**
RAFFLE DRAW

**WANT TO
LEARN MORE?**

Contact the PTA
pta@rukuhia.school.nz



Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle is back by popular demand!

We ask that families contribute one Easter item - it doesn't have to be chocolate.

Please bring donations to the school office.

More details will come home with your child next week.

Thank you for your help and support.



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.



Our Year 3 students embarked on a sunny adventure this week, diving deep into the world of sunflowers! They learned all about the fascinating lifecycle of these giant blooms, from tiny seed to towering flower, and discovered the perfect time for planting and harvesting. The highlight? Getting hands-on! They carefully harvested sunflower seeds, learning how to collect and prepare them, and understanding the journey from garden to snack. It was a golden lesson in nature's wonders!

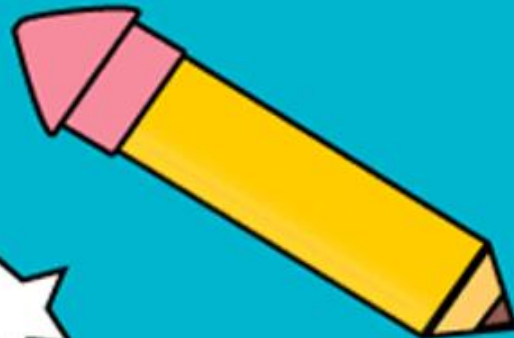
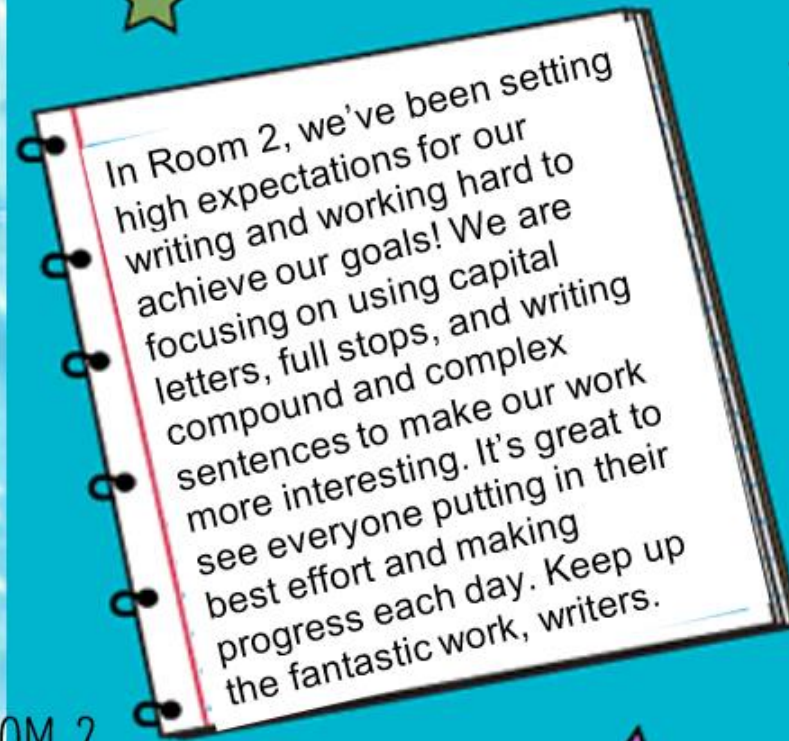


SWIMMING SUCCESS

Wow—what an improvement in just a couple of weeks!

Room 2 has been making a splash with our swimming skills, and the progress has been amazing. We've been working hard on strong kicking and our freestyle stroke, and now we can put them together confidently! It's fantastic to see everyone becoming more confident in the water. Ka pai, Room 2!

ROOM 2



Room 3's News

Stay in touch:
leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz

Focus - P.E.

Week 6 is our last week of swimming.

Week 7 will see the P.E. focus change to cooperative games that the students can play with their friends, as well as a bit of huff and puff, if the weather is not too hot.

Reading

We are continuing with reading for meaning and using texts in different ways to support our understanding. When your child is reading at home, ask them questions about the book. Use questions that start with who, what, where, why and how.

This Fortnight

Writing

We are starting a unit of descriptive writing. This encourages the students to use adverbs and adjectives in their writing, to paint a better picture for the reader.

Maths

For the next few weeks, the year 4's are working on addition and subtraction to 1000 with Mrs Goodson. The year 5's are working with me and we will be looking at addition and subtraction within 10,000.

Inquiry

We are continuing with the Pause, Breathe, Smile program in class. This teaches the students how to switch off, to focus on their breathing thereby allowing their minds to reset themselves.

We are also working on preparing our own pepeha. Thanks to the parents who helped out by sending information in. The students will be preparing their pepeha on their devices this week and will be practicing them, ready to share in class when they are class leaders next term.

Class Routines

Monday:
Book bags, Homework books come home with spelling words

Library day now Monday

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

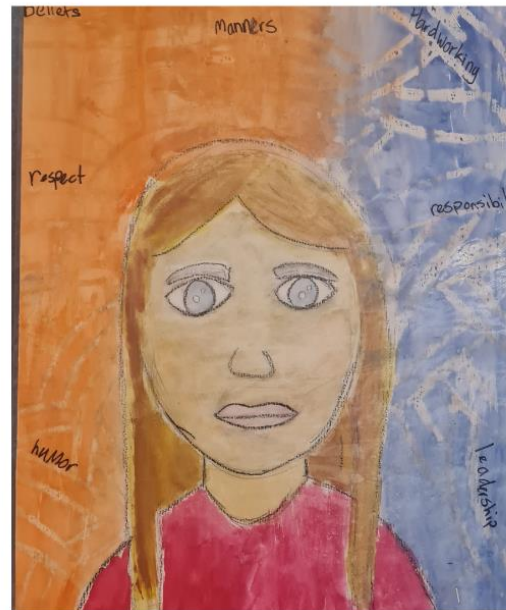
ROOM 4 CLASS NEWS

CLASS READING	My New Zealand Story - Mission Girl
WRITING	Focus on Editing
MATH	Focus on Multi Digit Multiplication
INQUIRY	Kingitanga

Upcoming learning:

Future Inquiry Subjects:

- Creepy crawlies
- Famous people
- Inventions



A note from the teacher:

Kia ora parents and whānau,

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been so impressed with the growth in our classroom. The students have been working hard to improve the quality of their reading comprehension answers, adding more thought and detail to their responses. Their stories from our previous update have now been fully fleshed out, and we are shifting our focus towards the important skill of editing.

A highlight in our classroom is the new artwork proudly displayed on our wall. The students have put great effort into representing the mana that swirls around them—passed down from their parents and whānau. This beautiful and meaningful piece reflects their understanding of mana through our inquiry into Kingitanga.

Warm regards,
Ngā mihi,
Mrs. H

Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.

 tyler.hogg@rukuhia.school.nz



ROOM 5 COURT DESIGNS

Room 5 has been hard at work designing exciting new layouts for the Rukuhia School courts! After hearing from parents about interest in revamping the court lines, students have used their creative minds to develop unique concept designs that reflect what they'd love to see in their play space.

Their ideas range from classic games like handball, four square, and basketball to more creative additions such as a giant Twister board, a colorful Hopscotch path, and even a massive full-court print proudly declaring "ZEPPELIN RULES"—we'll let you guess whose idea that was! The students carefully considered what would make break times more engaging and fun, ensuring that the courts will be a space for everyone to enjoy.

With so much enthusiasm and creativity poured into these designs, Room 5 is buzzing with excitement to see their visions come to life in the coming months. The project is a fantastic example of student voice in action, and we can't wait to watch these ideas transform the school courts into an even more vibrant and exciting place to play!

Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

A huge thank you to the PTA for purchasing the oven for Room 6. Wow! We are just waiting for the plumber to return to connect up the hot water and then we will be 'all go' for baking. Room 5 students are keen to come down and cook with our new entrants, so that will be fun!

Room 6 are gaining so much confidence in the school pool - someone of them are keen to try out their diving skills. Daily swimming develops students confidence in the water as well as advancing their swimming ability.

Within maths students are making superb progress recognising numbers, number words and ordering numbers. You can support your child in this area by asking them the number before and after a given number (up to 20 first, then up to 50, and then up to 100).

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries:
jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz

Curriculum Focus this week:

- ⇒ Reading - who/where/when/why/how. Recognising simple words such as *here, come, and, said*.
- ⇒ Writing - drawing and talking about experiences. Writing names.
- ⇒ Spelling - recording I to the
- ⇒ Maths - Number Knowledge *Addition*
- ⇒ Health & PE - *Swimming & Pause/Breathe/Smile*
- ⇒ The Arts - drawing and painting. *Characters from Do-Wacky-Do*
- ⇒ Maori - daily practice of our *karakia, commands* and *simple questions*. Also more *waiata*.



Letters for Week :
a e i o u

Letters for Week 7:
m n p s t

Word Family for Week
6: had/sad

Word Family for Week
7: fun/sun



2025 Football Muster Day



Hi everyone, this Football Muster Day is for signing up for the football season 2025!

Where: Reid Park

When: Saturday 8th March 2025

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

What: Kick around, Sausage sizzle, Lemonade stand- Flynn&Niko

Contact: Stephen Western

PH:0277685444



Football 2025- REGISTER NOW!!

Hi everyone, I am Stephen Western, and I will be looking after the Ngahinapouri Sports football club this year. YES- it's that time of year again! Time to organise teams and coaches ready for the 2025 season that kicks off on the 4th of May (at the start of the term 2) and runs to the end of August. We are looking forward welcoming back last years players and meeting new faces that are keen to have some fun with football this year!

New players
Boys & Girls
Ages 5-12

Contact: Ngahinapourifootballclub@gmail.com

**See you all soon
Stephen Western**



NSG Ngahinapouri Sports Group

Winter Sports 2025

YES - it's that time of the year again, to organise teams and coaches for the Winter sports season. There are a number of sports available through the sports group



FOOTBALL

For new and existing players, boys and girls ages 5-12

Season dates: Saturdays 4th May - late August

Contact: Ngahinapourifootballclub@gmail.com

or Stephen Western 027 768 5444

Muster day: Saturday 8th March 10am-12pm, Reid Park. Come along for a kick around, sausage sizzle & Flynn & Niko's famous lemonade

HOCKEY

For new and existing players, boys and girls ages 5-12

Contact: Mira Comez

Further info and register your interest [here](#)



NETBALL

Playing in the Future Ferns competition in Hamilton

Days:

- Years 1-2: Thursdays (9 weeks term 2 only)
- Years 3-4: Tuesdays (13 weeks across terms 2 and 3)
- Years 5-6: Wednesdays (13 weeks across terms 2 and 3)

Contact: Larissa - larissadavies@gmail.com

Register your interest [here](#)

Follow us on Facebook for updates: [Ngahinapouri Sports Group](#)

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For more information contact
laura@thewaterboy.co.nz



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Enrolments for Junior

Football with Glenview United are now open,
with the first games for the
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much fun as possible for the children and to
encourage participation from the parents who run
the club and make it happen for the children.

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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.



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.

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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

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.



DOBBIE

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



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Contact - 027 417 9195

Email - waikato@4water.co.nz

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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.

School Times

8.30am

9.00am

11.00-11.30am

12.45-1.40pm

3.00pm

Classrooms Open

School Starts

Morning Tea

Lunch

School Finishes

Office Hours

8.30am—3.00pm

office@rukuhia.school.nz

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