



RUKUHIA
SCHOOL

Newsletter Term One, Week Eight

Kia ora, welcome to Week 8

We are now moving into cooler weather and are starting to see winter bugs doing the rounds. If your child is going to be absent please email the office/teacher with the reason, so their absence can be marked correctly.

Our next assembly will be held this week, Friday 21st March, at 2:30pm in the hall.
Whānau are welcome to attend!

Please take note of the Teacher Only Day next week (Friday 28th March).

Important Dates

March 28th Teacher Only Day
April 11th Last day of Term One

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

07 843 6967

Lunches

Kebab Stop now has an online ordering system. We will still be taking orders at the office, however, if you wish to make your Turkish order online for Friday's this is an alternative option.

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



School Lunch Ordering System

orders.kebabstop.co.nz



The meal includes lettuce, carrot, rice, your choice of chicken, lamb, or mix, and two selected sauces. Price: \$10 per meal

Order Deadline: Orders must be placed by 9:00 AM on the delivery day.

Add your child to system



Place order for your child



Pay order



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

ROOM 1

NEWSLETTER



WE HAVE FINISHED SWIMMING FOR THE TERM. CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BRING THEIR TOGS TO SCHOOL.

Room 1 is hatching excitement! We're incubating 12 fertilised eggs and expect fluffy chicks in about three weeks.

Students are learning firsthand about the amazing process of how a baby grows inside an egg. We're carefully monitoring the temperature and humidity to ensure they're safe and comfortable. Throughout this process, children will learn about the lifecycle of a chicken, the stages of embryo development, the importance of maintaining a stable environment, and the responsibilities involved in caring for living things. This hands-on experience will provide valuable insights into biology and foster a sense of wonder and empathy.

Huge thanks to Kirsten Rouse for providing us with this amazing opportunity!



KINDNESS IS COOL!

ROOM 2

Kindness is free—so let's sprinkle it everywhere!

At Rukuhia School, we know that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference. Whether it's a smile, a helping hand, or kind words, we encourage our tamariki to spread kindness like confetti.

To help us see the world through a kinder lens, we've introduced our Kindness Glasses! These special glasses remind us to look for opportunities to be kind every day. Because being kind isn't just nice—it's *cool!* 😊



Room 3's News

Stay in touch:

leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz

Pause, Breathe, Smile

Pause Breathe Smile programme aims to support emotional and mental wellbeing development. Children quickly understand the usefulness of mindfulness and adapt the Pause Breathe Smile methods in their daily interactions. The programme is being implemented in primary and intermediate schools nationwide and is supported by the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand and Southern Cross. Check out their website <https://pausebreathesmile.nz/parents/>

Reading

We are exploring fairy tales this week, in particular, Rumpelstiltskin. Our purpose is to gain an understanding of the message from the fairy tale as well as putting into practice the comprehension skills that we have been working on this term.

This Fortnight

Writing

Our descriptive writing is progressing and we just about have all the parts sorted so we can start structuring our own version of the three little pigs. Our aim is to have this finished by the end of the term.

Maths

Addition and subtraction continues to be the Room 3 focus. We are working on using algorithms to solve problems, carrying numbers and renaming.

Inquiry

Our pepeha are finished and look beautiful! The students have bought them home this week and I ask that you have a go at practicing them along side your child. Remember that it is the effort put in to this learning, rather than instant success, that we are focusing on.

There is a website <https://maoridictionary.co.nz/> that is pretty good at supporting pronunciation. We will also be practicing in class, so please make sure these come back to school every day.

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 Publishing & Presenting
MATH	Focus on long division and word problems
INQUIRY	Kingitanga

Upcoming learning:

Future Inquiry Subjects:

- Creepy crawlies
- Famous people
- Inventions



The next morning the three piggies **skipped** to the edge of the forest, where they found some huge stones that they **carried** back.

After the piggies had completed their houses they saw a **terrifying, colossal** fox out of the

A note from the teacher:

Kia ora whānau,

We've had an exciting week in our classroom! Our students have started presenting their Twisted Tales to the younger students in the school, and it has been wonderful to see them share their creativity and storytelling skills with enthusiasm.

In reading, we are shifting our focus to reading between the lines—developing our ability to infer meaning and think more deeply about texts. This is a great skill that will help us become more thoughtful and engaged readers.

A huge congratulations to our class members who participated in the Lower Waipa Interschool Swimming Sports Day! We are so proud of their efforts and the way they represented our school.

In maths, the students have been tackling long division with resilience and a positive attitude. It's great to see their perseverance and problem-solving skills growing every day!

Ka pai, team! Keep up the fantastic work.

Warm regards,
Ngā mihi,
Mrs. H

UNCLE STRUTHER PRESENTS

At noon in the edges of the seaweed forest, Three little Spinner Eyes (Which are cute little pink fish that spin indefinitely), were building dens for safety. One built their den out of nearby sand, one used some of the broken coral that littered the seafloor, and one went foraging in the shallows for metals and damp limestone chunks.

The first Spinner Eye had finished its den in just three minutes. The second took several more. But the third took an hour or two to build his home. Just as he finished, an ominous outline swam towards him. "A Haver Shark!!!" Thought the three at the same time.

The Hungry Havershark brushed away the loosely held together sand den and ate the unfortunate



Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



ROOM 5 NARRATIVE WRITING

Room 5 students have been diving into the world of narrative writing, with a strong focus on character development. They have explored how a character's personality is shaped by the events of a story and how this journey leads to a rewarding conclusion. Through rich descriptive writing, they have worked to enhance the reader's experience, bringing their characters to life in meaningful ways. This hard work was put into action when Room 5 shared their drafts with the students of Room 3, gaining valuable feedback and an opportunity to celebrate their progress. Now, their narratives have been proudly published, complete with beautiful illustrations. The students should be incredibly proud of their work, each story showcases a deep sense of character development that we can all connect with. Well done, Room 5!

Curriculum Focus this week:

- ⇒ Reading - who/where/when/why/how. Recognising simple words such as *up am an* .
- ⇒ Writing - drawing and talking about experiences. Using adjectives.
- ⇒ Spelling - recording and away was in it
- ⇒ Maths - Number Knowledge *Subtraction*
- ⇒ Health & PE - *Swimming* & Pause/Breathe/Smile
- ⇒ The Arts - drawing and painting. *Alphabet Characters*
- ⇒ Maori - daily practice of our *karakia*, commands and *simple questions*. Also more *waiata*.

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

A special welcome to Eden and her whanau.

We have been focusing on addition stories and now we are looking at subtraction. It is great to see how your children have increased their number knowledge this term. Keep going with the counting forwards and backwards plus identifying the number before or after a given number at home. Within writing we are learning to add describing words to our stories and to add onto our first ideas. *Wednesday is the last day for swimming.* Room 6 students have certainly developed their confidence in the pool as well as developed their skills in swimming. Some students have even taken on the challenge of diving into the pool. Our afternoons have consisted of creating artwork around our letter of the day. Please email me any queries at jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz

A book is a gift that you can open again and again. Garrison Keillor



Letters for Week 8 :
t b c g h

Word Family for Week
8: hot/not

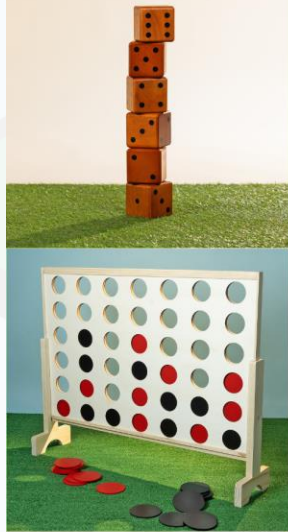
Letters for Week 9:
d f v k

Word Family for Week
9: get/met



Rukuhia School

PTA



The PTA have recently purchased some wonderful outdoor games for the students to enjoy. We hope they bring hours of fun!



The Easter Raffle is back!

The kids loved this one last year! So the PTA are going to run the same again with a wee twist - a small prize to those families who sell the most tickets.

\$2 TICKETS \$2

All families should have received the Easter raffle paperwork by now (if not please check your eldest child's bag)

We ask that families please donate at least one item to make these amazing hampers

So keep those donations coming in!



Happy Selling Everyone



Upcoming Events

11 APR **EASTER** **PTA** THE NEXT PTA MEETING
RAFFLE DRAW **MEETING** WILL BE HELD AT THE
START OF TERM 2

Become a part of something meaningful by joining the PTA

Contact the PTA

pta@rukuhia.school.nz



BALLOONS VISIT WAIPĀ

ALBERT PARK, TE AWAMUTU

Enjoy a fun night out for the whole whānau!

FRIDAY

21

MARCH

5PM - 8PM



Savour the delicious kai, chill out to some tunes, and get up close to the amazing hot air balloons!



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Live in Cambridge or Hamilton?

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- Victoria Square bus stop on Victoria Street, Cambridge
- Shakespeare Street bus stop, outside Leamington Medical Centre.

Pick-up times: 4:30pm, 5pm, and 5:30pm.

Buses will return to Cambridge at 7pm, 7:30pm, and 8:15pm.



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Public Open Day

Saturday 5 April 2025
10:00am-2:00pm

FREE ENTRY

Visit a working dairy farm!
Watch cows being milked (11:00am-12:30pm).
Visit the wetland area (Tours at 11:00am and 12:30pm).
Games, giveaways, food and much more.

Great for the whole family! www.owlfarm.nz



Highlights include:

- Completing the Dairy Expert Passport to win great prizes
- Watching the cows being milked (**11am to 12.30pm**)
- Exploring inside a Fonterra tanker
- Calculating pH of different drinks
- Discovering what nutrients plants need to grow
- Free sausage sizzle
- Understanding what cows eat
- St Peter's Ag students learning in action
- Walking tours of the wetland (leaving at 11am and 12.30pm)
- Meeting some of the cows and calves
- Lots of giveaways for the kids

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 mix breed, 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

URGENT DOG RESCUE

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New owners must be prepared to register, micro-chip, vaccinate and desex the dog.
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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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