



Newsletter

Term One, Week Ten

Developing Independence Through Learning

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

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Kia ora

This is the final newsletter for Term 1. Thank you for all the support so far, it has been a wonderful start to the year.

Looking ahead to next term we have our Hound Huts Raffle where one lucky person will win a “Fully Insulated Dog Kennel”. Start spreading the word to your animal loving friends!

Our final assembly for the term will be held this week, Friday at 2:30pm. Whānau are welcome to attend!

Important Dates

Term One

January 28th - April 11th

April 7th

Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

April 9th

Easter Raffle tickets & money returned to office

April 11th

Easter Raffle drawn

Term Two

April 28th - June 27th

April 28th – May 1st

Life Education

June 2nd

Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)

June 6th

Lower Waipa Winter Sports

June 20th

Matariki (Public Holiday)

Term Three

July 14th – September 19th

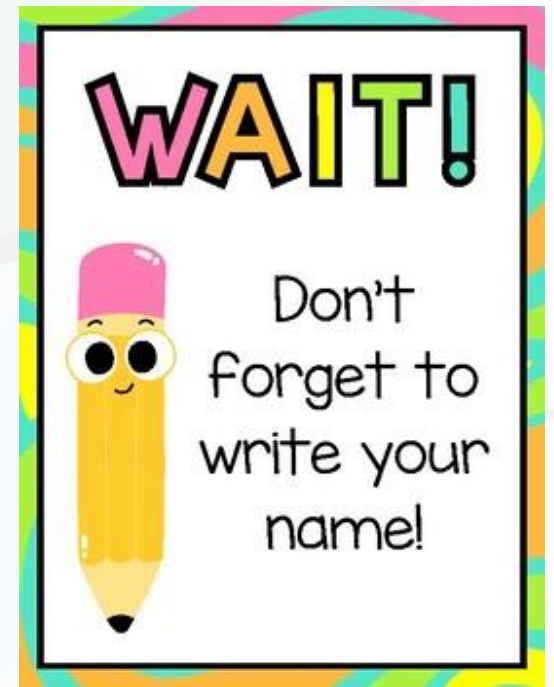
September 5th

Lower Waipa School Cross Country

Lost Property

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to those who shared their suggestions regarding lost property. We have taken these into consideration, and starting in Term 2, all lost property will be checked on Fridays. Named items will be returned to your child, while items without names will be washed and placed in the second-hand uniform section, available for purchase at the office. Thank you for your support.



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.

As we wrap up our 5 week-long inquiry, our Year 3 students have been working diligently on their native bird reports. They've delved deep into the fascinating habitats these birds call home, explored their unique diets, and investigated the vital work being done to protect and conserve these precious creatures. Room 1 should be incredibly proud of the passion and dedication they've shown throughout this project. To showcase their hard work, we've created a brilliant habitat display wall, bringing their reports to life! From next week onward, Room 1 warmly invites families to come and experience this immersive and informative project, a fitting culmination to a fantastic first term.

Our eggs are doing well! We even had the opportunity to take a look at some chooks moving inside the egg, using a flashlight in a dark room. In about 7 days, these little wonders will start hatching.



Baking in Room 2

Room 2 put on their aprons and got busy in the kitchen! Baking together was a fantastic opportunity for students to work as a team, follow instructions, and develop important life skills. As we mixed, measured, and tasted, we also used our senses to inspire some amazing descriptive writing. From the sweet smell of vanilla to the sound of bubbling butter, our young writers brought their baking experience to life with rich and exciting language. What a delicious way to learn!



Room 3's News

Stay in touch:

leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz

NZ Disasters

We have been reading stories about NZ disasters, in particular the 1931 Napier Earthquake, the sinking of the Wahine and the Tangawai Disaster. Students have chosen a disaster to investigate. This is a learning tool for finding information on the web, choosing what is relevant and recording this information, hopefully in child speak. We will then create posters to share our learning. Please feel free to support your child's learning at home by helping them find the required information. This is on google classroom.

Reading

Our reading for the next 2 weeks will be focusing on our investigation into NZ Disasters and presenting a poster before the end of 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 have finished this week. We are now looking at multiplication and division. Year 4's are working on 3, 4 and 8 tables while the Year 5's are working on 6, 7, 9, 11 tables.

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

Inquiry

Researching, using our computers.

This term we have been researching various topics on our computers. The purpose is to learn how to enter information into a search bar, choose a website that might be appropriate and then record that information in a meaningful way.

Our goal is to experience using our computer as a research tool.

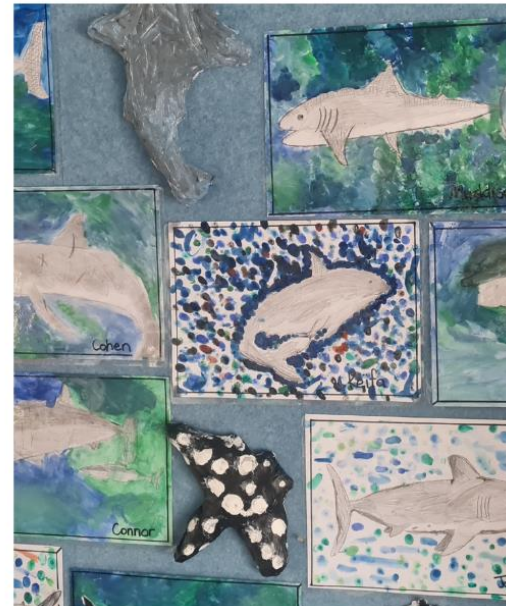
ROOM 4 CLASS NEWS

CLASS READING	Brian's Winter
WRITING	Report writing
MATH	Mixed Word Problems
INQUIRY	Kingitanga

Upcoming learning:

Future Inquiry Subjects:

- Creepy crawlies
- Famous people
- Inventions



A note from the teacher:

Kia ora whānau,

This term, our students have been diving into the fascinating world of sharks every Wednesday with Mrs. E! Take a look at the incredible results of their hard work in these photos.

In writing, this week Mrs. E and I have been guiding the class through report writing, focusing on key features such as facts and subject-specific vocabulary. Meanwhile, in maths, we've been exploring important terms like difference and sum, learning how these words serve as clues to help us determine the right operations for solving word problems. In reading we are learning how to find the right information to answer questions about a text.

Ka pai, team! Keep up the fantastic work.

Warm regards,
Ngā mihi,
Mrs. H

Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



A group of students, mostly young boys, are seated on a bus. They are looking out the windows, some holding water bottles. The bus interior has yellow handrails and colorful patterned seats. The title 'SENIORS AT TECH!' is overlaid on the image in large, bold, orange and white letters.

SENIORS AT TECH!

Every Friday morning, a group of enthusiastic students from Rukuhia School boards a bus, excited for their weekly cooking adventure at Peachgrove Intermediate. Over the past few weeks, they've followed recipes to create delicious dishes like nachos, quesadillas, pizza, and magic smoothies, all while developing important life skills.

But this program is about more than just cooking. Students are learning kitchen safety, ensuring they handle knives, hot surfaces, and ingredients responsibly. They're also exploring the concept of stakeholders, understanding that cooking isn't just about making food, but about who they're cooking for, whether it's their group members, family, or potential customers in a restaurant.

Through teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving, these young chefs are building confidence, independence, and an appreciation for the effort that goes into preparing a meal. Each Friday, the bus ride to Peachgrove isn't just a trip, it's a journey toward valuable life lessons and a love for cooking!

Curriculum Focus this week:

- ⇒ Reading - who/where/when/why/how. Recognising simple words such as .
- ⇒ Writing - drawing and talking about experiences. Using adjectives.
- ⇒ Spelling - recording and away was in it
- ⇒ Maths - Number Knowledge *Geometry: 2 Dimensional and 3 Dimensional Shapes*
- ⇒ Health & PE - *Swimming* & Pause/Breathe/Smile
- ⇒ The Arts - drawing and painting. *Easter Art*
- ⇒ Maori - daily practice of our *karakia*, commands and *simple questions*. Also more *waiata*.

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

A huge big welcome to Ava and her whanau.

We are excited to be learning about 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. The students are using mathematical language such as: sides, corners, edges, curved/straight lines, flat.

Within our writing we are learning to say words slowly, identify the sounds and write the corresponding letters. Feel free to support your child with this at home - there should be an alphabet chart at the back of your child's home learning book for your child to refer to. If you can't find the chart let me know so that I can give you another one. Room 6 reading logs look amazing so thank you for listening to your child read each day. Please email me any queries at jane.coles@rukukia.school.nz

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates's loot on Treasure Island.

Walt Disney



Letters for Week 10 : k l r j w	Word Family for Week 10: fun/sun
Letters for Week 11: z x y qu	Word Family for Week 11: top/mop



Have a safe and
happy break
from school.

Rukuhia School

PTA

Get to know the PTA

Introducing...

Hey! I'm Jen. Mum of 4 and wife to 1 🥰 We have 3 daughters here (years 2, 3 & 8) and our eldest is year 10 at Waikato Dio.

Together with my husband, we have a signage company; which he primarily runs and I fill most of my days volunteering and taxiing my kids from place to place. I've had the privilege of being on the PTA since 2015 when Molly started at Rukuhia school! It's such a fulfilling and fun way to contribute and support our school... and the friends I've made through joining the PTA has been a highlight for sure!

There's a saying we use at home that goes "there's always room at the table for one more" and that rings true for the PTA too! We would love for you to come along and join us!

Jen Machell

Role: Co-chairperson



Gina Marsden



Role:
Co-chairperson

I have 2 children currently attending Rukuhia school in year 4 & 5.

I enjoy being part of the PTA to support the school & extras we can help fundraise for our children however the best part has been meeting a great bunch of people on the PTA.

When I'm not working as an ICU Nurse or busy being a Mum I enjoy lots of other activities such as trail running, mountain biking and skiing.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to families who have already donated items towards the Easter raffle, the hampers are really starting to take shape. SHOUT OUT to our latest



Sponsors
Donovans

Waikato Valley Chocolates

Upcoming Events

11 Apr **EASTER RAFFLE DRAW**

Term 2

TBD **PTA Meeting**

16 May **Pink Shirt Day**

TBD **Disco**

Contact the PTA

pta@rukuhia.school.nz

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

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

Turkish Meal (Kebab Stop) \$10

Choose from:

Chicken, Lamb or Combination Meat and up to
two sauces.

Includes a salad of lettuce and carrot.



Cookies \$2

Uniform



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**Rukuhia School
Pants
\$45**



**Rukuhia Brim
Bucket Hat
\$42**

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.

We have a selection of sizes at the office for you to try on before purchasing online.

Rukuhia School also has a supply of second-hand uniforms that are available for \$10 each. Cash only, to be paid at the office.

CAMBRIDGE
Cycling
FESTIVAL

FIRST
300
KIDS REGISTERED
GET A T-SHIRT!

KIDS' STREET RACES

ITTY BITTY BIKE DASH

THE KERFUFFLE!

SHAW'S SPRINTER SHOWDOWN

plus

BOUNCY CASTLES FACE PAINTING
FOOD TRUCKS CRAZY BIG AIR BMX SHOW

**SPOT
PRIZES
GALORE!**



ANZAC DAY, FRIDAY 25TH APRIL

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.

PATCHES



Patches is 9 years old, medium staffy mix. She is very sweet and affectionate, who is looking for a family that can give her the love she deserves.

BLAKE



Blake is a mastiff x. He is 9 years old but is still full of beans and is so good looking!

KIAH



Kiah is approx. 2 years old. She is a foxy mix breed, small to medium sized pup and very affectionate.

LACEY



Lacey is a 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 scary.

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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ANDY



NEO



CONNOR



These boys are lab x shar pei approx 6 months old. They are looking for lots of love and some owners they can trust. Very playful when they come out of their shells.

ELLIE



DOBBIE



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

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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.

MILA



Mila is a German shepherd x, 12-18 months old. She is a beautiful girl and lot of fun. Mila is a little shy at first, but soon comes around with kindness, plus treats go a long way to winning over her affections.

PUP1



PUP2



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