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# Newsletter Term1 Week 3



**KIA ORA** Welcome to week 3!

## Reminders

- The next assembly is the 24th of February 2023. All are welcome.
- Please do not park in the drive through area in front of the office. This is a drop and go area parking here will hold up other parents. Please do not be offended if you are asked to move your vehicle.
- Teachers will be attending a paid union meeting on the 27th of February 2023, **Please ensure your child is picked up by 12.45 on this day.** After school care will be running from this time, please see Keita for bookings.
- Thank you to the Life Education Trust for visiting our school you never fail to put smiles on the students faces!

**Have a fantastic week!**

# Important Dates

## Important Dates this Term:

20 Feb—A district health nurse will be in to visit the Year 7&8 students

27 Feb— Teacher's Paid Union Meeting, **Please collect you children by 12.45**

## Important Dates Term 2:

24 April— Teacher Only Day

25 April—Anzac Day

## Term Dates

### **Term 1 2023**

Tuesday 31st January—6th April (Thursday)

### **Term 2 2023**

24th April—30th June

### **Term 3 2023**

17th July—22nd September

### **Term 4 2023**

9th October —TBC

## **In-Term Public Holidays 2023**

25 Apr—Anzac Day

5 Jun—King's Birthday

23 Oct—Labour Day

27th of February paid union meeting.

The school is required to allow the teachers to attend this meeting, your support to facilitate the attendance of all NZEI Te Riu Roa members covered by these collective agreements would be greatly appreciated!

**Please ensure your child is picked up by 12.45 on this day.**

Rascals after school care are available from this time, please enquire with them if you are interested in this service: [rukuiarascals@gmail.com](mailto:rukuiarascals@gmail.com)

The logo for NZEI Te Riu Roa features a central blue circle containing the text "NZEI TE RIU ROA" in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters. This central circle is surrounded by several concentric rings of white, stylized, interlocking geometric shapes that resemble a woven or braided pattern. The entire logo is set against a solid green background.

**NZEI  
TE RIU ROA**

# Waipa District Council—Community Meeting—8 March

## **What will Waipā look like in 2050?**

Waipā District Council is in the early stages of developing **Ahu Ake - Waipā Community Spatial Plan** which will be a blueprint for our district for the next 30+ years.

This plan will have a direct impact on our future, and the future of our children and grandchildren and will be the most important plan we create.

## **Now the plan needs you.**

Council will be coming to our school on **Wednesday 8 March from 2.30pm-4pm** to speak with parents about what is important to them for the future of our village and the wider district.

There will also be entertainment for kids and the chance to win some cool prizes.

So, when picking up your children on the Wednesday, please feel free to drop-in at their event and have your say.

If you can't make it, they'll also be at the **Ōhaupō Memorial Hall from 6pm-8pm** that evening to speak with residents.

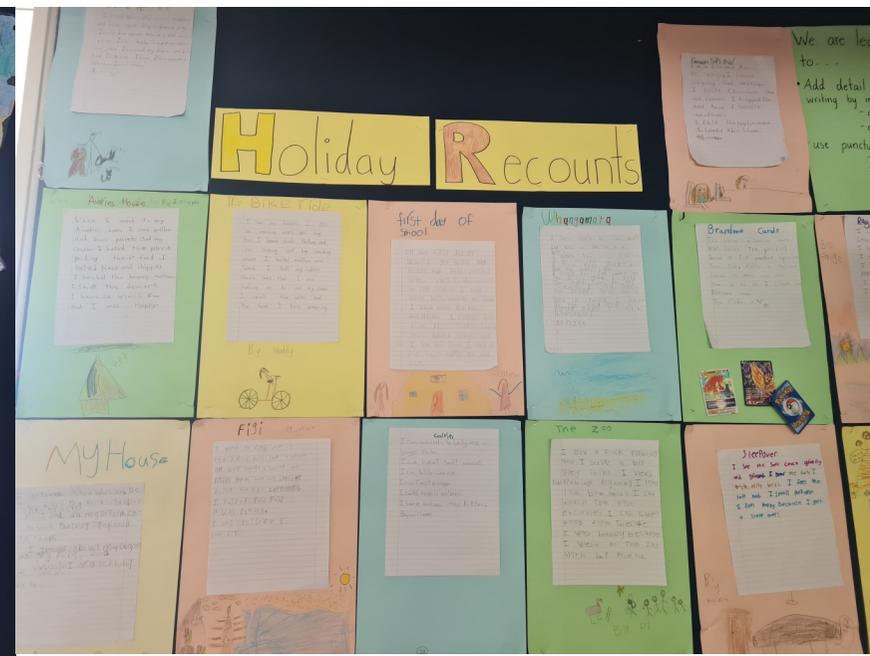
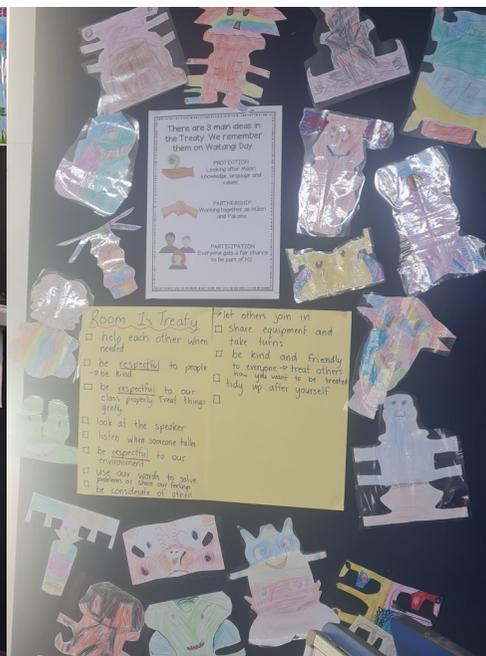
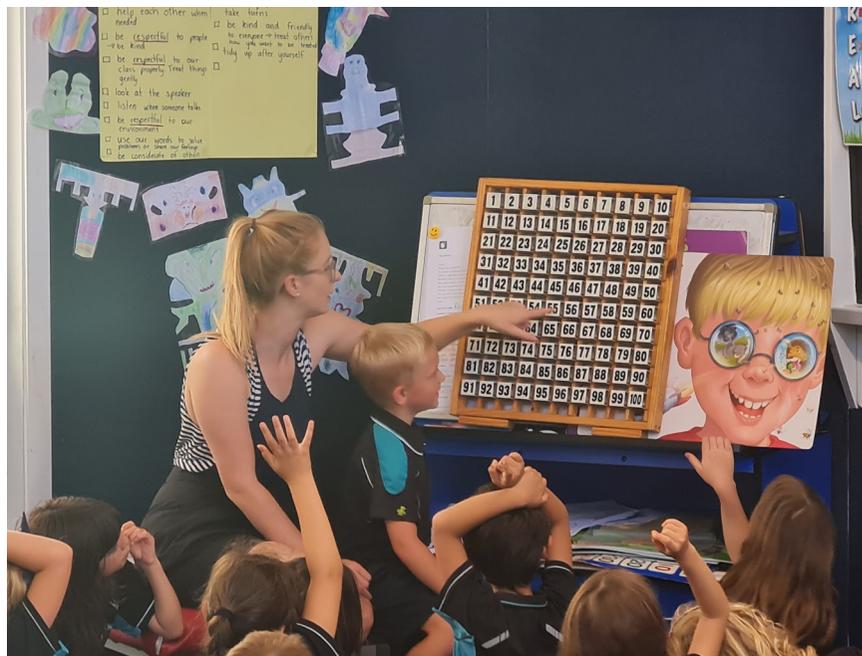
You can find more information about this project and have your say online at [www.ahuakewaipa.nz/have-your-say](http://www.ahuakewaipa.nz/have-your-say).





Room

Room 1 has had a great start to the year! It has been wonderful to see everyone's enthusiasm for learning and positive attitudes. We have enjoyed visiting Harold in the life education truck where we learnt all about identity and reputation, as well as sympathy and empathy. As a follow up activity we have created our own class book, Who Am I? Watch out for this book coming home as it makes its way through each student.



## Room 2

Last week Room 2 was lucky enough to meet Harold the Giraffe. He taught us about growing friendships. It was great to see students take on board the tips from Harold and use them at school. As you know growing friendships at school can be hard work. Therefore giving kids the tools and strategies to build strong friendships is essential.



## Room 3

Room 3 is enjoying the start of the year. We have been creating poetry this week around Cyclone Gabrielle and will share when published. Our visit to Harold last week was very exciting and Harold and Abbey helped us to understand the words empathy and sympathy. We are going to be looking at how we can grow and develop these within ourselves. We also looked at identity and reputation. This is going to be a focus for the rest of the term.

The children in Room 3 have been incredibly patient setting up their new laptops and I thank all the parents who have been able to support this Ministry of Education's initiative – "digital curriculum" from year 4 and above. We have ironed out lots of the bugs and most students are up and running. Our first task is to work on our typing. All the students have 'typing.com' and are learning about their keyboards. We will be adding apps/website links as we need to.

Remember to pack togs every day, even if the weather looks a bit uncertain in the morning. With the increase in drownings in our waters this year, the fundamentals of water safety are so important.



# Room 4

I've had a great time getting to know the awesome students in Room 4! A few recent highlights have been hanging out with Harold in his cool as truck and learning to use our devices for classroom learning. Harold taught us about puberty, told us jokes and even sang us a song.

Why did the toilet paper roll down  
the hill?  
To get to the bottom

How does a bee know when to get  
married?  
When it finds it's honey

Why does a duck have  
feathers?  
To cover its bum quack



Room 5 students have kicked off the year with an explosion of positivity and excitement for the term ahead. Senior students have taken it upon themselves to deliver a new and exciting workshop every Friday lunchtime for all Rukuhia students to partake in. This is to develop leadership skills in Room 5, encourage school wide friendships and expose students to new activities they might not have experienced before. Last week we had Zeke and Max leading a Lego building workshop. This week you can join Mackensie's Nature Book Club down in forest. Abbey, Harold and the Life Education truck came to visit this week. Abbey taught us all about the incredible changes our bodies will experience during puberty. Some extremely in-depth wonderings were explored, some very brave questions were asked and a ton of giggles at ourselves and our weird and wonderful bodies. Room 5 students should be very proud of their admirable maturity during this learning.

Room **5**



## Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau,

The students have had a great two weeks. They are following our class routine which looks like this:

- First block English Curriculum - phonemic awareness, alphabet knowledge, oral language development, reading, writing and task board activities. Our alphabet letters for the next two weeks are: **e n o d g l v y r h**. **We focus on a letter a day as well as revisiting letters from previous learning.**
- After morning tea: Maths Curriculum - number knowledge and number strategies at present. **We are learning to count forwards and backwards within 30, also identifying numerals plus identifying numbers before and after a given number. Most students are working on their number formation.**
- After lunch: Health & PE Curriculum - aquatics. We are focusing on floating.
- The Arts Curriculum - art or drama or music/ Technology - creating/designing.

Our Maori Curriculum is woven throughout different curriculum areas and we have started to introduce some Maori legends. The students have shown a keen interest the legends and they are gaining confidence using te reo. We hope you liked the eels that came home on Friday.

You may have noticed the caterpillars in our room - this has created huge discussions and the sharing of knowledge.

### Home Learning

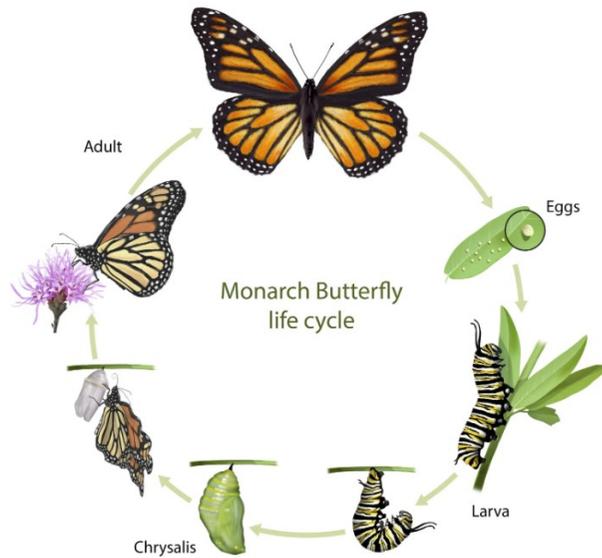
Thank you for listening to your child read each day and for filling out the reading log. The students are excited to receive a sticker each day for completing their reading. Some spelling books have returned from last year so we have tested student's spelling over the last two Friday's so some students might need support practicing their words in the books at home. Home learning books for new students will be given out in the next week.

Kind regards

Jane Coles, Shivaun Baxter and Tyler Hogg

## ROOM





Thank you to Austyn's family for our amazing swan plant in Room 6! The students are looking forward to watching the fascinating life cycle of the monarch butterfly.





**If you are unwell and have any of these symptoms:**

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath
- sneezing or a runny nose

**then please don't enter this building.**

For updates and more information on keeping yourself safe, visit **[Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)**

**Stay home  
if you are sick**

New Zealand Government

# School Reminders

## 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  
07 843 6967

## Absentees

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, could you please call 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 note the child's name and what the payment is for.



# 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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