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Newsletter Term2 Week 2

KIA ORA Welcome to Term 2!

Reminders

- Our next two assembly dates are Friday the 5th of May and the 19th of May at 2.30 pm all are welcome.
- A small update on the office, as you may be aware I am currently studying in the Graduate programme of teaching and have been in the classroom on Monday and Tuesday each week this year, we are incredibly lucky to have a familiar face return to the office this week to help out over these days, Robyn Day is back! I will be away for five weeks for my practicum placement from the 22nd of May this term, so Robyn will be the office contact over this time, she will be in on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
- Lower Waipa sports day for the senior school is coming up on Friday the 9th of June at Ngahinapouri School, please keep this in mind if you are wanting to take the day off to support, you will be very welcome! The postponement date is Tuesday the 13th.
- If you have concerns about your child's vision or hearing, you can contact the Waikato DHB at the web address below to book them in for a check. Remember that children's hearing and vision does change as they grow.
<https://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/your-health/wellbeing-in-the-waikato/childrens-ear-clinic/> or phone on 07 838 3565
- Please see the following photos from our school ANZAC ceremony, thank you to our senior students and Mrs Adam for such a special event.

Have a fantastic week!



Important Dates

Important Dates Term 2:

Monday 5th June—King’s Birthday (Public Holiday)

Friday 9th June—Lower Waipa Senior School Sports Day

Wednesday 28th June—Lower Waipa Senior School Speeches

Term Dates

Term 1 2023

Tuesday 31st January—6th April

Term 2 2023

26th April—30th June

Term 3 2023

17th July—22nd September

Term 4 2023

9th October —TBC

In-Term Public Holidays 2023

5 Jun—King’s Birthday

23 Oct—Labour Day

Farewell Mr Jackson,

We wish to inform the Rukuhia School Community that Mr Jackson has handed in his resignation. Mr Jackson has been an incredible asset to our school and helped lay the foundations of where our school is today.

We acknowledge his expertise and the amazing relationships he has formed with our pupils, staff and the community over his years at Rukuhia. He will be truly missed!

We will have a farewell for him during our school assembly on the 19th of May at 2.30 pm





Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that Rukuhia School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas)

If you would like your child to participate you can use the details below to purchase tests

ICAS will close for orders on the 17th of July

Your school access code is: **FVX848**

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>



LADIES OF RUKUHIA
CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY WHILE
SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

PAINT AND SIP

HOSTED BY THE PTA AND
MR. JEPSEN

PAINTING, SIPPING AND SOCIALISING
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

FRIDAY 12 MAY AT RUKUHIA COMMUNITY HALL
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
SEATED BY 7:00PM - 9:30PM FINISH



\$40 EACH OR 2 FOR \$60

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES ALL PAINTING SUPPLIES, GRAZING TABLE,
NON-ALCOHOLIC PUNCH AND A NIGHT OUT WITHOUT THE KIDS.

BYO WINE OR DRINK OF CHOICE.

PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE OFFICE.
CASH OR BANK DEPOSIT TO PTA BANK ACCOUNT
12-3122-0283284-00 (NAME AS REF)
TICKETS ISSUED ON PROOF OF TRANSFER

LIMITED NUMBERS SO GET IN QUICK!

BRING CASH ON THE NIGHT FOR
RAFFLES \$5 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10
SPOT PRIZES

Singh & Associates Limited

Part-Time Office Assistant Role

25 to 30 hours per week from Monday – Friday (can be negotiated to suit lifestyle)

Some office experience would be an advantage. Must have some knowledge of Microsoft office products and great communication skills with both written and verbal.

Confident, well presented, friendly and I-can-do attitude with the ability to build relationships with staff and clients.

Full training will be provided.

Responsibilities for the role:

Greeting clients/visitors

Answering phones and directing calls

Maintaining document files

Maintaining client list

Filing

Managing office supplies

Assisting client managers when required

Data entry

Kitchen duties

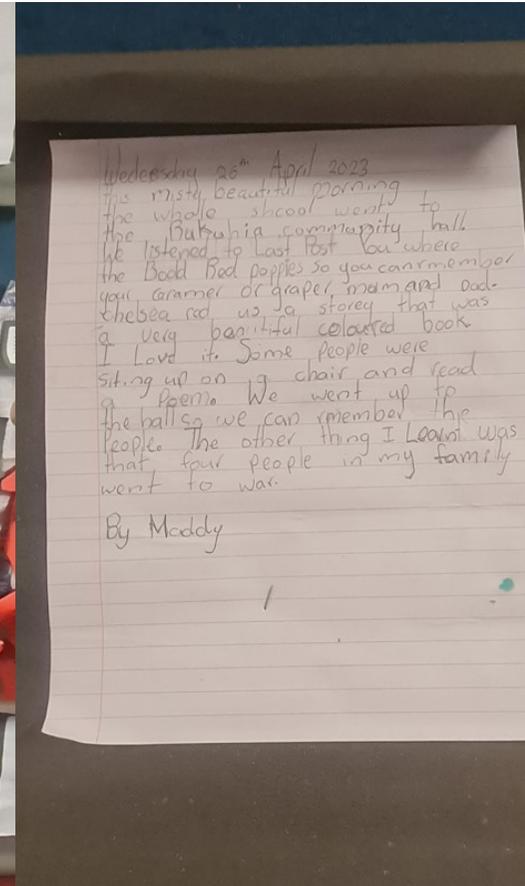
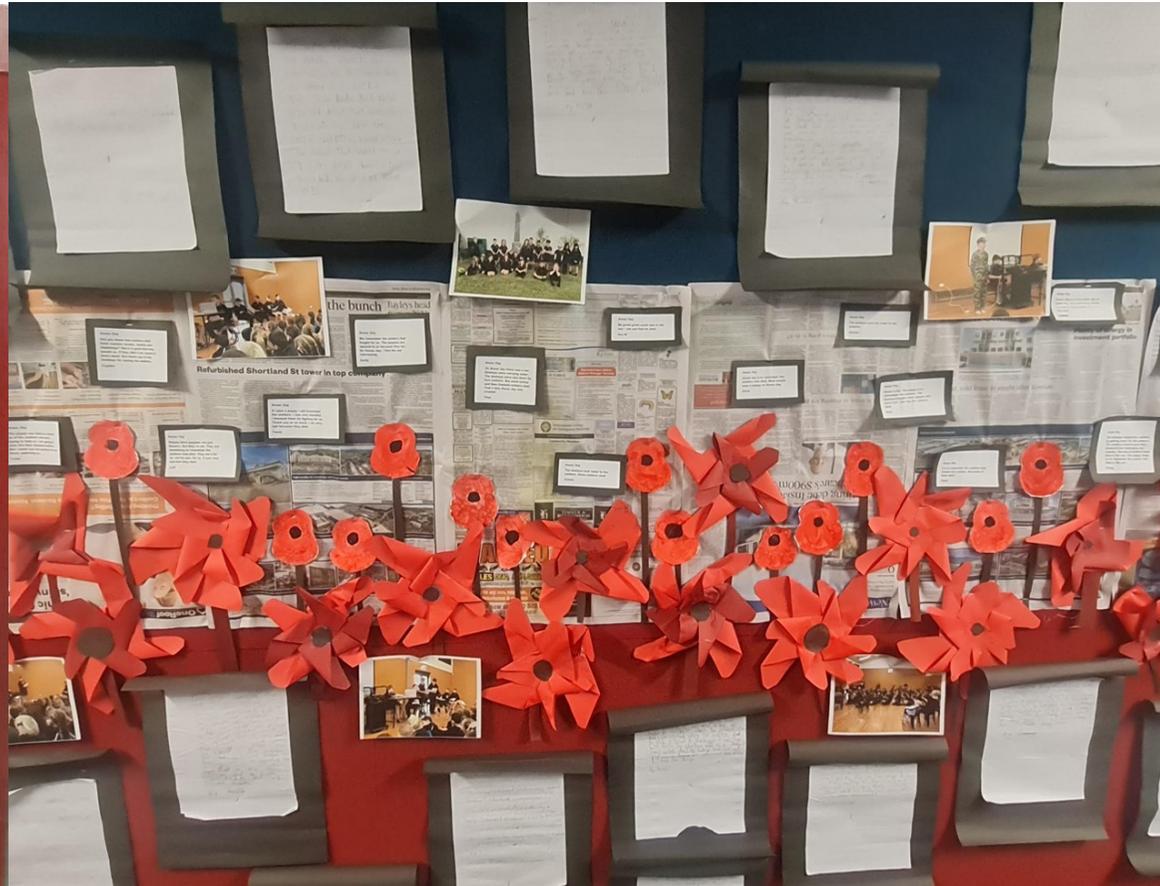
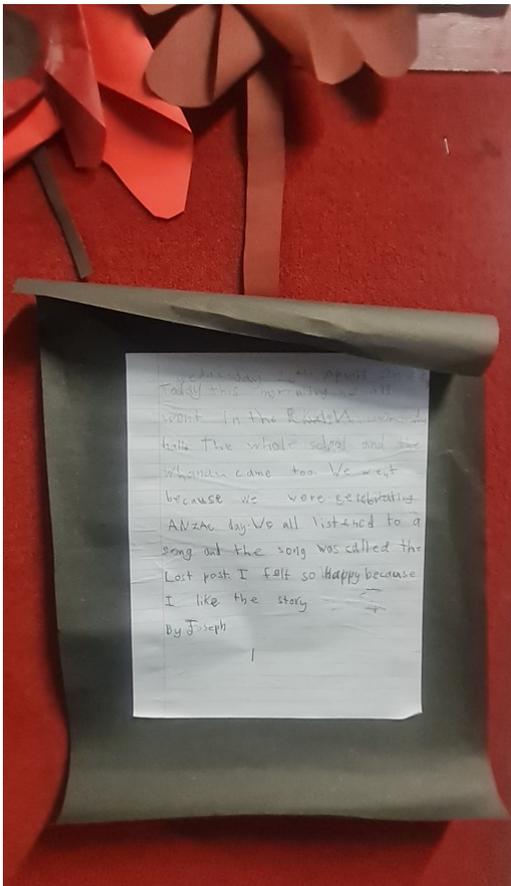
Providing refreshments for clients

Please forward your CV arti@singhandassociates.co.nz



Room One have had a great start to term 2! We have enjoyed learning all about ANZAC day and World War One over the last two weeks. We have read lots of different stories and have been lucky to have seen some special items that have come into class. Joseph and Oralee brought in a soldiers helmet, Mrs Goodson showed us her families medals and we have seen a soldiers trunk. These have become some exciting writing prompts for the students. We have also made ANZAC biscuits with the help of Mrs Esselbrugge. These were delicious!!! Check out some of these amazing photo's of what we have been up to...

Room



Term 2!! Room 2 have a lot on the agenda this term and we are so excited to get stuck in. We have started off the term with a focus on Anzac Day. We learnt about how the donkeys supported the soldiers and what the poppy means to New Zealand and Australia now. We also did some really cool art that's displayed in our bag bay area.

Looking onwards to the rest of the term. Our inquiry is all about earth. We are learning about different countries, flags, people, oceans and continents. It is awesome to see how engaged and excited the kids already are. We began this week by asking lots of questions that we want to discover.

We are also starting soccer this term. I already have a couple experts in the class that are ready to help coach. Along with soccer we will continue to learn the muscles in our body.

We are beginning the term learning how to write a report. This will connect with our inquiry. Room 2 made great progress in reading last term and we are all determined to smash our goals this term as well.



Welcome to Term 2. It's been a bit of a crazy start.

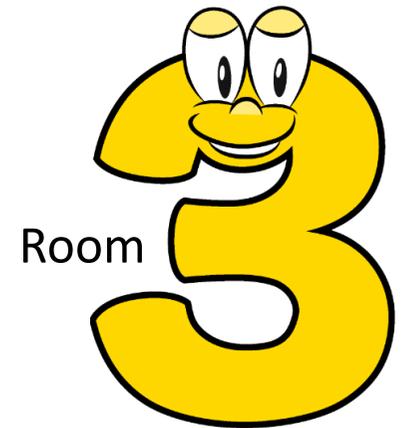
This term we started with a quick look at ANZAC. It's lovely to see the knowledge that your children brought to our learning. They have written some lovely poems and we made our own class poppy, which is on display in our cloakbay.

For the next few weeks, we are looking at our school waste, what goes in our rubbish and what could be returned home. Watch this space for the outcome of our investigating.

For PE this term we are looking at ball skills. This will cover football/netball and hopefully T Ball. In week 7 we have the opportunity to go to the Lower Waipa winter sports – football, rugby, golf and netball. Watch out in the newsletter for more information, closer to the time.

We will continue to find ways to utilise our laptops in class, so please continue to send them daily.

With wet weather being likely in term 2, if your child wants to bring small games on wet days that they can play with their friends, it would be a good idea. We also have a dress up / shop box in Room 3, so if you have any dress ups or age appropriate toys, in good condition, that are no longer required at home, I would love it if you would like to donate them to the class. Just bring them in :)



Room 4

It's been great getting back together and seeing everyone at school again. We were sad to see Dwayne move away to Australia at the end of last term and his presence will be missed in Room 4. On a positive note, We have a fantastic new student called Misi who has joined our ranks. He has recently moved over here from Samoa and has brought a bright mind and a fantastic attitude with him. The Room 4 crowd has been welcoming and he is already fitting in quite nicely

One highlight since starting term 2 was participating in an online zoom workshop run by MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology) about paper planes. We got to make several different designs and then throw them outside. We measure the distance and airtime of the best throws. The longest throw was almost 18 metres and the longest glide was 6 seconds!

I had a School Kit on self-confidence arrive today and it looks really cool! This is a free service provided to classrooms who request it. We will start working through from week 4. We have lots of other exciting topics to study about this term, including an experiment about rust.



Room



Room 5 is very excited to get into the term ahead. What a beautiful way to kick off the term with such a humble and thoughtful ANZAC ceremony led by the students of Room 5. Writing has kicked off with a bang focusing on the art of persuasion. Students have written letters to our government persuading them to rethink their decision to open shops on ANZAC Day. Mr Drury may be receiving some letters from Room 5 students persuading him to make some changes within the school... watch this space.

Mr Jepsen has been experiencing some scary flashbacks to his own schooling years while he teaches his advanced mathematicians how to use multiplication and common factors to solve addition and subtraction problems. Times tables are a huge focus this term. Our goal is to have an instant recall of all our times tables by the end of the year.

Every Thursday while our Year 7s and 8s head to Melville for Technology, the Year 6s and Mr Jepsen have been getting busy ripping wooden pallets apart to begin designing some new additions for our school, starting with a Mud Kitchen for the juniors.

Lower Waipa Winter Sports is coming soon, and Mr Jepsen is absolutely blown away by the number of students who want to be a part of this day. At this stage Mr Jepsen will have to bribe the hosting school to allow us to have more teams enter this year which is fantastic!

Many other exciting things are happening, but you will all just have to wait and see.

Have a lovely week!



Kia ora Parents/Whanau

Thank you for sending along the incredible baking/food for our Teddy Bears Picnic—the children had a superb time fare welling Miss Baxter. We wish Shivaun well in teaching career. Thanks to Beau and his whanau for sharing his amazing 'homegrown' watermelons with the whole school. The watermelon was delicious.

Tyler is still in Room 6 for two days per week for the next four weeks.

Our letters for Week 2 are: p t c i j and for the following week they are: e n o d g The word family for Week 2 is: dog/hog/log and for Week 3 it is: am/ham/lamb. We are so pleased with the enthusiasm that Room 6 students are displaying towards their reading and writing. At present we are still looking at hearing the sounds and writing the letters associated with the sounds and we are also challenging students to write compound sentences. We will try to test spelling words on Thursdays as Fridays appear to be too busy with all the students writing responses to our weekly poem. However, if your child misses out on spelling we will try to follow up on Friday.

Within maths we are back revisiting number knowledge and number strategies (addition and subtraction). On Thursday we made some number lines and have had great discussions about moving forwards and backwards, and how numbers increase and decrease. Some students are focusing on forming their numbers the correct way around.

This term we will look at 'A Sense of Belonging' as part of the NZ History Curriculum. Your child may be given a news reporter card about this topic. Even though your child might say that he/she has to bring something the next day - this is not the case. Feel free to send along something when it suits...we know how busy home life can get. Please return the news reporter card so that another child may get a turn at sharing.

Jane and Tyler

ROOM



COMMUNITY MEETING-HUI

New Melville Year 7-13 College

- Announcing our new school name and vision -
- Meet our new Middle Leadership team -
- Hear more about our plans and development -



22 May 2023

Glenview Club

Peacockes Road

5.30pm

Agenda

5.30pm Refreshments

6.00pm Presentation

Q & A Session

We look forward to seeing you there!

MELVILLE HIGH & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
FRIDAY 23 and SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023

Join Melville Intermediate and High Schools celebration of 60 years of schooling and service to our community.

Information and registration available at; [Registrations open 11 May]
www.melville-high.school.nz OR www.melvilleintermediate.school.nz

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 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 note the child's name and what the payment is for.

The logo for Rukuhia School is a stylized green shape with a black outline, resembling a leaf or a banner, set against a light blue background with wavy lines. The text "RUKUHIA SCHOOL" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters across the green shape.

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

Uniform Supplier

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.

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