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# Newsletter Term1 Week 6

**KIA ORA** Welcome 2024 to week 6

- Assembly is this Friday 8th March at 2.30pm in the Hall
- Thank you to all those who have paid their fees, for those of you not wishing to run a credit account, please ensure you pay all invoices in a timely manner. The Dinosaur Exhibition is due by Monday if this has not already been paid.
- A reminder to read the medical and contact information below and let the office know of any changes etc.
- Please keep an eye on the important dates for upcoming events.
- The school offers a First Credit Union school banking system. If you would like to know more please ask at the office.



• **Logo U2 update:**

Due to increasing freight costs LogoU2 has to increase their freight costs to RD addresses by \$9. They have previously absorbed this cost but can't continue to do so.

For any orders received by the first Wednesday of the first week of the school holidays, the orders will be delivered to the school on the first week back, this will be free delivery.



Dear Parents, Whanau and Community

We kindly request that you refrain from using the staffroom facilities and using the staffroom as a short cut to the office. The staffroom is a designated area for our teachers and staff to collaborate, plan lessons, and take breaks during the school day.

While we appreciate your involvement and support in your child's education, the staffroom is a professional space meant for our educators to focus on their work and recharge during their limited breaks.

Your cooperation in this matter ensures that our teachers have the necessary privacy and environment conducive to their productivity and well-being.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Regards

Kevin Drury

## **2024 Updates :**

To Parents and Caregivers

Following our financial letters last week, we are now on our annual updating of medical records contact details etc.

If your details have changed over the past 12 months can you please contact the office with :

### **Medical:**

1. Any changes or updates to students' medical conditions.
2. Any medications requirements or changes.
3. Any allergies updates and treatment plans – i.e. is your child's EpiPen up to date.

We have medication that has not been used – if this is out of date it will be destroyed. Please contact the office and check.

### **Contact Details:**

If your address / email / emergency contacts or phone numbers have changed, please inform the office to update your file.

Thank you and if there are any other details we need to know or be reminded of please let the office know via email – [office@rukuhia.school.nz](mailto:office@rukuhia.school.nz)

Kind Regards

Rukuhia Office

# Important Dates

## Term 1 2024

- ◆ Wednesday 13th March -Dinosaur Exhibition
- ◆ Friday 15th March—Lower Waipa Swimming Sports
- ◆ Monday 18th March—NZEI Paid Union Meeting / First Aid Training Day—**School will not be open for instruction on this day.**
- ◆ Friday March 29th—Good Friday
- ◆ Monday April 1st—Easter Monday
- ◆ Tuesday April 2nd—Easter Tuesday
- ◆ Monday April 8th—Friday 12th Life Ed van and Harold
- ◆ Friday 12th April—Last day Term 1

## Term 2 2024

- ◆ Monday 29th April—First day Term 2

## Monday 18th March - NZEI Paid Union Meeting / First Aid Training Day

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March Rukuhia School staff will be attending an NZEI paid union meeting ( PUM ) and attending a Worksite first aid course.

To minimize disruption to our school community, parents and caregivers we will be running both on the same day.

This will mean school will **not be open** for instruction.

Saved By The Bell will operate that day if child care is required — please contact Lisa directly .

Thank you for your support

Rukuhia School

## Room



In Room One we have been learning all about taniwha and the different legends that surround them. We have learnt that some taniwha are seen as kaitiaki (guardians) of their water homes and others are known to be rather fierce and dangerous. We have had a taniwha song as our poem last week and this week have enjoyed reading the big book, 'Bunyip in the Billabong'. The students have had lots of fun reading aloud the interesting bold words with expression and enjoyed reading different parts of direct speech for the characters. We have also created our own taniwha and wrote to describe them using lots of interesting describing words and similes. Feel free to pop in and see these on display next week.



Room 2 has been learning about the mountains and water in our area. This week we created our very own Waikato River for our class. We worked together to make the river and the creatures inside it. We even wrote some amazing writing about what we have learnt so far. The students had to include adjectives when describing the river. We learnt about how it starts out beautiful and clear in Taupo, then is brown when it gets to Hamilton.



We also had a special visit from Brad. He brought in his V8 racing ute into school. The kids loved this experience. They all sat in the ute and asked lots of interesting questions. Room 2 loved it when he started the ute "it's so loud!" "This is the best thing ever!" We had lots of excited children on Tuesday.



Kia Ora and Tēnā koutou.

Last week the students had a great time with Mrs Esselbrugge learning about rocks; how you get iron out of sand with magnets; how pumice is made (and how to make hokey pokey); the Brazil Nut effect (using rice and marbles), and the big eruption of Lake Taupo. If your child hasn't come home talking about the class book they are reading, "Crown Park", by Des Hunt, ask them to tell you about it and it's connection to the eruption of Lake Taupo.

This is our last week swimming and we are looking forward to spending more time with our maths. This is our last week of addition and subtraction and then we will be starting on multiplication and division. We will have a quick recap of the 2, 5 and 10 timestables and then we will be focussing on the 3, 4 and 8 tables. Watch out in their homework books for some practice sheets.

Laptops are going to be needed again in class from Monday 11th as we start a new inquiry. Watch this space for more details next newsletter.

Have a great week.

Leanne



# Room 4

In Room 4 the last couple of weeks we have finished up our Native bird learning and art pieces (these are on display in the office) and we are now moving on to volcanoes and how they created the shape of New Zealand as we know it now.

For Maths, we have been concentrating on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

In our reading groups, the students have been working on finding the purpose of the text and collecting evidence to decide if the text is a trustworthy source of information.

This reading focus and Inquiry subject ties in nicely to our current writing project which is to write a report on a New Zealand Volcano, the students will be working towards publishing this writing and displaying it on our classroom walls along with a miniature sculpture of the volcano they have studied.

Kind regards,

Tyler



A massive thank you to all the parents who filled up Room 5s interview slots along with my bucket. I cannot explain how rewarding and inspiring it is to sit down with 27 happy parents excited about their child's success and the year ahead. Thank you.

A sad day of emotions and reminiscing was shared last week during the farewell of our good friend Ezra Sanft. Ezra has made a positive impact on all of us here in Room 5. He is kind, caring, enthusiastic and put his heart and soul into his time here at Rukuhia School. His teacher and friends wish him the very best in Christchurch and hope to see him again soon.

This week students have been exploring the history of King Tutankhamun and the impact this individual made on the world. From here students will be making some powerful connections to other individuals and groups who have impacted our world for better or for worse. We want to gain a better understanding of how leadership of groups is acquired and exercised and how they have consequences for communities and societies.



Kia ora Parents/Whanau

What fun the magician was last week. It was an absolute joy to watch the faces of the children when Vas pulled a rabbit out of a box, and then some pigeons magically appeared out of scarves! We had a great discussion afterwards - not only about his tricks but about healthy food choices.



The students are on track to showing off their safety skills around water and their swimming skills for this Thursday! Hopefully parents/whanau can make the event - if not, we will have a photographer on board and get the photos posted on line for you. It is really important that students continue to bring their togs and towel.

Our letters this week are: a x w m s and for Week 7 they are: f p t c i. The word family this week is: dad/sad and for Week 7 it is: fun/bun.



Most of the students should have their spelling books in their book bags by now and no doubt they are practicing their words each evening. Thank you for supporting this learning task at home. Remember children can practice their words in a sandpit, or on the concrete with a paint brush/water or with chalk or make the words with playdough. These activities make the

learning more fun!

This week we are continuing with addition and subtraction. Week 7 we are going to focus on measurement with particular emphasis on length. The vocabulary will consist of: long, short, longer, shorter, same, longest, shortest, precise, estimate.

If at anytime you are worried about your child's wellbeing or learning feel free to email me - [jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz](mailto:jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz)

Kind regards

Jane



# GIRLS RUGBY MUSTER

TUE 19 MAR '24  
4PM-5.30PM | TE AWAMUTU INTERMEDIATE

REGISTER FOR A GIRLS-ONLY SEASON HELD ON  
MONDAYS 3.30-5PM IN TERM 2 & TERM 3, 2024!  
- We need a cool name! Scan the QR code to enter..



GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FUN + BBQ

GIRLS YEAR 3-8 - all experience levels & abilities welcome!

**NO FEES!**

REGISTER WITH YOUR NEAREST CLUB  
OR ON THE DAY AT THE MUSTER

SCAN WITH YOUR  
PHONE CAMERA!



**Pirongia Rugby Club**  
neil@nfbuilders.co.nz  
andrew@taconstruction.co.nz



**Ohaupo Rugby Club**  
ohaupojuniorrugby@gmail.com



**Te Awamutu Sports**  
tasjuniorrugby@gmail.com  
heath@qubik.co.nz



**Kihikihi Rugby Sports Club**  
chynahohepa@hotmail.com  
kihikihirugbysportsclub@gmail.com



**Te Awamutu Marist**  
tamaristjunior@gmail.com



Fees apply if you choose to also play in the Saturday mixed competition

**FEATURING POSITIVE VIBES ONLY!**

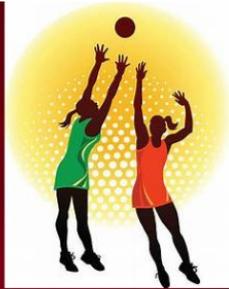




**Ohaupo School**

Growing Together, Learning Together  
Tipu ngātahi, Ako ngātahi

# Ohaupo School Netball Muster 2024



When: Thursday 21st March at 3:40pm

Where: Ohaupo School Netball Courts

Please register your interest at the link below  
or email Miss Shannon  
sthornton@ohaupo.school.nz.

<https://forms.gle/uNnGk8eJpBS7BQyK6>

Cut off date is Monday 17th March at  
3:30pm. Please bring appropriate footwear  
and a drink bottle!

If you have any questions or queries please  
email Miss Shannon.

Due to the amazing response to our netball skills  
afternoon last week. We will be splitting up our age  
groups to ensure that all attending get the attention they  
need. Please see the dates below for each age group.  
Please also see the flyers below for more details.

**Age Group Years 1-4:** Tuesday 19th March 2024

**Age Group Years 5-8:** Tuesday 12th March 2024

Our school netball muster taking place on **Thursday 21st March** will be open for children ranging from **Years 3-8**. If you would like your child to play netball this year, there is still time! *Here is the link to register:* <https://forms.gle/VEVf3dG9xqEkXMfw5>. Due to the lack of registrations from the age group **Years 1-2**, we will unfortunately not be having a muster for this age group. If you would like for your child ages **Years 1-2** to play netball this year, please email me as we can ask other clubs if they have spaces available.

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or queries, please email Miss Shannon on [sthornton@ohaupo.school.nz](mailto:sthornton@ohaupo.school.nz)

# Netball Skills

Years 1 - 4



**When:** Tuesday 19th March at 3:30pm-4:15pm

**Where:** Ohaupo School Courts

**Who:** All age groups

**FREE**

This is an opportunity for all students interested in playing netball to come along and have a fun afternoon improving their netball skills ahead of trials and the upcoming season with Miss Shannon.

We will be doing ball skills, fitness and practice games. Please bring a drink bottle and appropriate footwear.

# Netball Skills

Years 5 - 8



**When:** Tuesday 12th March at 3:30pm-4:15pm

**Where:** Ohaupo School Courts

**Who:** All age groups

**FREE**

This is an opportunity for all students interested in playing netball to come along and have a fun afternoon improving their netball skills ahead of trials and the upcoming season with Miss Shannon.

We will be doing ball skills, fitness and practice games. Please bring a drink bottle and appropriate footwear.



# Melville Junior Rugby

## 2024 Registration Open

### Melville Junior Rugby Player Registration

Complete the form, remember to attach a current head and shoulders only photo to complete player registration.



2024 Weigh In  
Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> 11am – 2pm  
Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8pm

2024 Fees are payable by cash or EFTPOS only

Single \$45.00

2 x Siblings \$65.00

3 or more Siblings \$85.00



# OHAUPO JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER 2024

Where: Ohaupo Rugby & Sports Club  
Forkert Road, Ohaupo



## WEIGH IN DATES

All Grades: Rippla 6th - 7th Grades & Tackle 8th - 13th Grades

**Wednesday 6th March 6.00 -7.00pm**

**Saturday 9th March 11.00am - 1.00pm**

(Sausage sizzle on Saturday only)

**Wednesday 13th March 6.00 -7.00pm**

**Please ensure you pre-register prior to weigh in**

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/ohauporugbysports/REGISTRATION-1/Junior-Rugby-Registration>

New players must bring a birth cert or passport & register via the above link. Previous Players will receive an email.

### Fees

\$50 Individual child

\$25 Per child thereafter  
( Siblings only )



Pay Fees Online : 03-1564-0052695-000

# 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.



# 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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First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Rukuhia School.

