



Newsletter

Term Two, Week Two



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Kia ora

Welcome to Term 2!

We hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed the public holidays with your whānau and friends.

This term is a short one—just nine weeks—so it's sure to fly by! There's plenty happening, so please take a moment to check the important dates and updates listed on the next page.

A quick reminder: our first assembly is next week (Friday), and everyone is warmly welcome to attend.

Important Dates

Term Two April 28th - June 27th	Term Three July 14th – September 19th	Term Four October 6th – December TBC
May 9th Science Roadshow	September 5th Lower Waipa School Cross Country	October 6th Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
May 9th – May 23rd Hound Huts Raffle	September 17th-19th School Production	October 24th School Photos
June 2nd Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)		October 27th Labour Day (Public Holiday)
June 6th LWS Winter Sports		November 11th – 15th Senior Camp
June 20th Matariki (Public Holiday)		
June 25th LWS Speeches		



HOUND HUTS RAFFLE

Great news! Hound Huts has kindly donated one of their high-quality, fully insulated dog kennels, valued at \$695, for us to raffle off. This thoughtfully designed kennel keeps pets comfortable in all seasons and is easy to clean, making it a perfect choice for any pet owner.

The Hound Huts Raffle will begin on **Friday, May 9th**, and the winner will be drawn on **Friday, May 23rd**.

All ticket sheets and money must be returned to the school office by:

3pm on Thursday, May 22nd.

As an extra bonus, the student who sells the most tickets will enjoy lunch with Mr. Drury. Be sure to grab your tickets and support the school!

Lost Property

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A reminder of our new Lost Property system. **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

A REMINDER THAT SPELLING
SHOULD BE PRACTICED AT
HOME 3 TIMES A WEEK.
CHILDREN SHOULD READ
THEIR BOOKS EVERY NIGHT

Kia ora koutou whānau,

Room 1 has certainly hit the ground running this term! We started week one with a thoughtful exploration of Anzac Day, learning about its significance and impact. Now, we've enthusiastically dived into our new inquiry topic: the diverse landscapes of Aotearoa. We're particularly excited to be focusing on our majestic mountains and uncovering their rich cultural histories.

Adding to the excitement, our class pet chook, Knuckles, paid us a visit last week! The tamariki were thrilled to see how much Knuckles has grown over the holidays. It's been a wonderful opportunity for them to witness firsthand the fascinating journey of a chicken from egg to young adulthood, sparking so much curiosity and delight. We're looking forward to another engaging and enriching term in Room 1!



Adventures with Harold

Room 2

This week, Room 2 had an exciting visit with Harold the Giraffe in the Life Education van. We learned about the difference between *tattling* and *telling*, and how we can help others by getting them **out** of trouble—not **into** it!

We also explored some simple problem-solving strategies that can help us manage tricky situations. To help us remember Harold's important messages, we created some colourful artwork to display in our classroom. What a fun and meaningful experience!



Room 3's News

Stay in touch:

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Life Education and

Harold

We had a fantastic visit with Harold and Abby last week in their Life Education truck. While Room 3 are smart enough to know that Harold is a puppet, it was lovely to see them engaging and listening to him. Our sessions focused on identifying the difference between Rude, Mean and Bully and I was impressed with the students for their ability to differentiate these. As a follow up we will be creating a resource in class that shows our understanding.

Reading

Our focus this term is reading for meaning. Some of our reading may be story books or journals. At other times, we might be reading websites to find information to support our inquiry.

This Fortnight

Writing

We started the term with quick writing. This is about encouraging the children to think of their idea and then to quickly record it. We will then be focusing on writing instructions and procedures.

Maths

Multiplication and Division continue to be the focus for both the year 4's and 5's. Year 5's have been learning about remainders when dividing.

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

Our inquiry will start in Week 3 and we will be looking at Scientists and Inventors. This will involve students using their laptops, so please make sure they come to school daily and that they are charged. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Room 3 with Harold and Abby



ROOM 4 CLASS NEWS

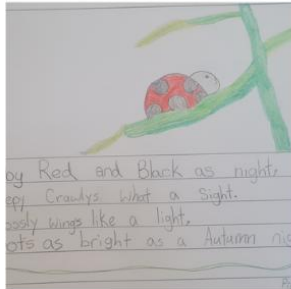
CLASS READING	Brian's Winter
WRITING	Poetry
MATH	Graphs & Tables
INQUIRY	Creepy crawlies

Upcoming learning:

Future Inquiry

Subjects:

- Famous people
- Inventions



A note from the teacher:

Kia ora whānau,

We were lucky to have Abby and Harrold from Life Education Trust visit us. The students had an amazing time—what a fantastic resource we're fortunate to have! We learned about different types of communication and how to work with them, as well as how to make problems smaller by responding instead of reacting. A huge thank you to Abby for always bringing the laughs alongside the learning!

We've also kicked off our "Creepy Crawlies" inquiry by discussing what we already know about bugs and the burning questions we have. We brought our worm farm inside to investigate what's living in it, and we've tied our inquiry topic into our writing. For our first writing warm-up of the term, students were challenged to write a poem about a bug using imagery, similes, and strong verbs.

In literacy, we've been sharpening our dictionary and vocabulary skills, and in PE, we learned about teamwork through our game "Inch Worm." In maths, we've started with a revision sheet and are now diving into reading data tables and comprehension.

I've also been really impressed with the leadership and mentorship skills that have been growing in our class. There are a couple of great photos showing our student math tutors in action—ka pai Ngau, Cooper, and Oracle for your awesome mahi tahi (teamwork)! Not only is it fantastic to see students helping one another, but research shows that teaching others is one of the most effective ways to reinforce your own learning—sometimes called the "protégé effect."

Ka pai, team! Keep up the fantastic work!

Warm regards,
Ngā mihi,
Mrs. H

The learning pyramid



Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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Our Year 7 and 8 students recently had the opportunity to visit Abby and Harold in the Life Education Truck, where they explored the fascinating topic of the human body. With a focus on the changes experienced during puberty, students engaged in open and respectful conversations about their developing bodies and those of the opposite sex. There were certainly a few giggles when discussing some of the fun (and funny!) names for our body parts, but I was incredibly impressed by the maturity and empathy shown as students deepened their understanding of both their own experiences and those of others. This learning is a vital part of growing up, helping to build self-awareness, confidence, and respect for others. A massive thank you to Abby for being such an incredible host and an outstanding mentor. Her caring, honest, and engaging approach made this experience both educational and empowering for all involved. We are so grateful for the important work she does in helping young people care for their bodies and minds.



ROOM 5

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

A very warm welcome to Kahukura, Phoenix and their families.

Thank you for supporting your child with reading each evening - we were right into reading last week. Students are making super progress. It is great affirmation for students to put in their 50 nights of home reading sticker! Our inquiry this term is Native Birds and our 'hook in' is our trip to the Otorohanga Kiwi House. Room 6 students are so excited about it. Over the next few weeks your child may bring home a news reporter card. This is an opportunity for your child to lead the class with information about a specific native bird. The card will explain it in more detail. Your child can have a few days to organise this.

Last week we made some Anzac biscuits. It is so good to have the oven in Room 6, so thanks again to the PTA for purchasing the oven and to the BOT for purchasing the hot water cylinder. Many thanks to Kevin for organising all this.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries:
jane.coles@rukuhia.school.nz

Curriculum Focus this week:

- ⇒ Reading - who/where/when/why/how. Recognising simple words such as .
- ⇒ Writing - drawing and talking about experiences. Writing names.
- ⇒ Spelling - recording all they them
- ⇒ Maths - Number Knowledge Addition
- ⇒ Health & PE - Ball Games & Pause/Breathe/Smile
- ⇒ The Arts - drawing and painting.
- ⇒ Maori - daily practice of our karakia, commands and simple questions. Also more waiata.
- ⇒ Science - Native Birds



Letters for Week 2:
m n p s

Letters for Week 3:
t b c d g

Word Family for Week
2: chug/rug

Word Family for Week
3: tag/rag

Abbey and Harold - Life Education We learnt how to 'grow a friend' with Harold and Abbey. Harold explained ways to be friendly towards other people - we can smile, be kind, share, take turns and help. Room 6 students have a Life Education booklet to fill out at home. This was a fantastic learning opportunity.



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses....	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just....	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 minutes per day	1 hr. 40 min per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then , *YES*, attendance does matter!

Thriving with neurodiversity: A strengths-based approach for parents

Webinar - Thursday 7:30pm, May 15th



Anna Mowat



Morwenna
Bates-Thornton



Bookings essential - limited places
<https://events.humanitix.com/neurodiversity>

real parents

What motivates you or stops you being active? Tell us and be in to WIN 1 of 5 \$100 grocery gift cards!

Sport Waikato is running a survey aimed at finding out about how active we are – or aren't! They need to hear from everyone aged 18+ or those who have left school, whether you spend your days running marathons or chilling on the couch.

The information you provide will help build a picture of our region and help Sport Waikato and their partners (like us) to ensure play, active recreation and sport is more accessible, exciting and inclusive!

🔗 *Take the 5 minute short survey and be in to WIN <https://shorturl.at/wzDYQ>*

- *The survey and prize draw is open to residents of the Waikato region – from Thames-Coromandel to Taupo and everywhere in between*
- *The survey is completely anonymous – any contact details will only be used for the purposes of the prize draw*
- *Prizes will be drawn every month, from February-December throughout 2025. Winners can choose vouchers from their local grocery store/supermarket.*



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



**Rukuhia School
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\$42**



**Rukuhia School
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\$37**



**Rukuhia School
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**Rukuhia School
Skort
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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.

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 waipadcc.govt.nz/dogadoption or contact 0800 924 723 | 027 584 7073 | aco@waipadcc.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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