



Newsletter

Term Two, Week Four



RUKUHIA
SCHOOL

Respect Excellence Attitude Learning

A photograph of Rukuhia School at sunset. The school is a white building with a dark roof and a sign that reads "Rukuhia School". The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple. There are trees and a utility pole in the foreground.

Kia ora

Week Four Update

It's hard to believe we're already in Week Four – this term is flying by.

A quick reminder that King's Birthday is just around the corner on **Monday, June 2nd**, meaning a long weekend for everyone. We hope you all enjoy the break.

In sports news, our students are busy training hard for the upcoming Lower Waipa Winter Sports, which is scheduled for **Friday, June 6th**. To help make this event a success, we kindly ask that all transport and parent help forms be returned to **Mr Jepsen in Room 5** as soon as possible. We wish our students all the best with their preparations.

Important Dates

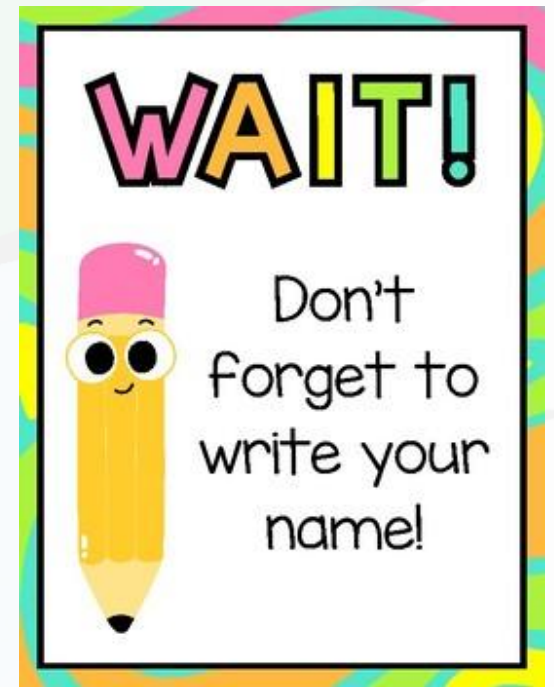
| Term Two April 28th - June 27th | Term Three July 14th – September 19th | Term Four October 6th – December TBC |
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| May 9th – May 23rd Hound Huts Raffle | September 5th Lower Waipa School Cross Country | October 6th Year 7 & 8 Immunisations |
| June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

Lost Property

A huge thank you for naming uniforms – it's made a real difference, and we rarely have unnamed lost property now!

Just a reminder: Lost property is checked on Fridays, and any unnamed items go to the second-hand uniform section. You can grab second-hand uniforms at the office for \$10 each (cash only), and there's a good selection of sizes available.

Thanks for your support!



Room 1 news



Kia ora whānau,
What an incredible term it has been for Room 1! Our learning journey has truly taken flight, filled with engaging experiences and significant growth.

A major highlight was our valuable time with Harold the Giraffe from Life Education. Harold expertly guided us through crucial discussions on the differences between being rude, mean, and a bully, fostering a deeper understanding of empathy and how to respond thoughtfully to tricky situations, rather than simply reacting. We even managed to capture a fantastic "cheeky photo" with Harold, a memorable moment for all!

To culminate our unit on birds and their habitats, we embarked on an unforgettable trip to the Otorohanga Kiwi House. It was a huge hit! Students were thrilled to observe many of our native birds up close, with the mischievous kākā and the elusive kea being particular favourites. This hands-on experience provided a wonderful connection to our classroom learning, and I've been so inspired by the continued buzz and enthusiasm among the students since our visit.



ŌTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE

Room 2



What an awesome adventure! Rooms 1, 2, and 6 had the incredible opportunity to visit the Ōtorohanga Kiwi House last week. It was a fantastic way to kick off our new inquiry unit on New Zealand native birds. A huge thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who joined us and to Ms Coles for organising such a memorable trip. We're excited to keep learning more about the amazing birds that call Aotearoa home!

Room 3's News

Stay in touch:

leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz

Upcoming Events

Winter Sports -

It was great to see so many students put their hands up to represent the school at our upcoming interschools winter sports at Ngahinapouri. Mr Jepsen has already sent out notices to you, if your child wanted to participate.

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

Students have been having fun writing procedures for a series of events that may occur, from feeding a pet to making their bed to making a pizza. Once these have been written, students will learn how to present these.

Maths

Multiplication and Division continue to be the focus for both the year 4's and 5's. Students are learning how to multiply a 2 digit and 3 digit numbers.

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 started in Week 3 and we are 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.

We have been looking at David Attenborough and completing a series of tasks around this. The students have really enjoyed watching some of his documentary clips. Ask if they can recall any facts they have learnt.

Our next focus will be CSI.



ROOM 5

EXPLORES THE PATH TO A HAPPY FUTURE

This term, the students of Room 5 have been diving deep into their passions, hobbies, strengths, and dreams to explore one big question: What kind of future do I want to create for myself? Our tamariki have been on a journey of self-discovery, identifying what excites them, where their talents lie, and how they can turn their interests into a meaningful and achievable career pathway. From understanding high school subject choices, apprenticeships, and university degrees, to mapping out the experience and effort needed along the way, students have been building their own strategic, realistic, and inspiring plans for the future. To help guide and ignite their thinking, a wonderful range of guest speakers have visited Room 5. We've heard powerful stories and life lessons from a former teacher turned principal, a pioneering boat builder, a doctor, an ultra-endurance runner, a hairdresser, a performing artist, and a published author. Each guest generously shared their journey, answered curious questions, and reminded our students that success comes in many forms, and happiness often lies in following your passions with purpose and grit. We are so proud of the thoughtful, hopeful, and motivated way our students are dreaming big and planning well. The future is in good hands!



Room 6

Kia ora Parents/Whanau

Come into Room 6 to have a look at your child's stories about native birds in their writing books. The students have written some fantastic facts about birds. We are creating some bird art too. A few children have finished List 1 spelling words and are now completing List 2.

Within maths the students are learning about subtracting. We are using objects to split groups and count the remainder, as well as using a number line to count back. Some students are reversing some numbers so I will put specific numbers in your child's home learning book if your child needs to practice forming a number.

During our Health & PE sessions we are practising throwing and catching with beanbags and large balls.

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.
- ⇒ Writing - drawing and talking about experiences. Writing describing words.
- ⇒ Spelling - recording then when you
- ⇒ Maths - Number Knowledge **Subtraction**
- ⇒ 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**

We made some scones this week and the students wrote about this experience.

My scone is coming to me. I will eat it. *By Phoebe*

We made scones with flour and butter. The scones were delicious. *By Eden*

My scone is yum. *By Phoenix*

We got to taste the yummy, big scones today. We used yellow butter. We like them so we ate them. *By Sophie*

Today we made some scones and we ate them. *By Gray*

Letters for Week 4: Word Family for Week
l d f v k 4: dog/fog

Letters for Week 5: Word Family for Week
r j w x y 5: am/lamb



My scone was delicious. *By Kahukura*

We got to try the scones and they were delicious. We have used flour, milk and butter. We all helped together. *By Ariyah-Rose*

Rukuhia School **PTA**

EASTER RAFFLE



Together we raised \$2,530 to go toward Rukuhia School's epic outdoor upgrades!!!

Thanks again for all who contributed to the Easter raffle and all who brought or sold tickets!

Congratulations to our raffle winners from last term!

Upcoming Events

3rd JUN PTA Meeting

13th JUN Disco

pta@rukuhia.school.nz



it's time to **Disco** under the sea

13 JUNE 2025 | RUKUHIA COMMUNITY HALL

TICKETS \$5

5:30-7:00PM

GOODIE BAGS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
CASH ONLY PLEASE
BRING SOME COINS FOR FOOD AND DRINKS
PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS MUST STAY

GET CREATIVE AND DRESS UP!

We're eager to receive offers of sponsorship toward our disco lighting! If any businesses in our community are interested in supporting, please reach out.

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!

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

Office/Classrooms Open

School Starts

Morning Tea

Lunch

School Finishes

Office Hours

8.30am—3.00pm

office@rukuhia.school.nz

07 843 6967

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

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| 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 |
| Mini Chicken Sushi Stick | \$ 4.00 |
| Mini Chicken Stick Combo 1 x Crispy Chicken 1 x Teriyaki Chicken | \$7.00 |
| Mini Cucumber Sushi Stick | \$4.00 |

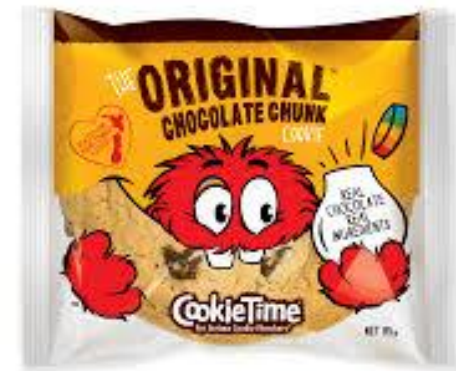
Lunches

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
Full Zip Polar
\$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.

WOODY



Woody is a 1 year old bulldog mix medium pup. He is a little shy at first but once he comes out of his shell he is happy and affectionate.

ANDY



Andy is a lab x shar pei approx 6 months old. He is looking for a lot of love and some owners he can trust. He is playful when he comes out of his shell.

TITAN



Titan is a bearded dog x. He is 3 years old and looking for a loving home.

PIPPA



Pippa is a mixed breed, approx. 14 month old. She has unique colours, and is sweet and playful.

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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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 as scary.

ELLIE



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.

DOBBIE



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TILLY



Tilly is a 5 month old mix breed medium pup. She is happy with a lovely nature. She is a smart girl and loves food.

PUP1



PUP2



These pups are a Lab/Collie mix looking for a loving and caring forever home.

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Email - waikato@4water.co.nz

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