



Newsletter

Term Two, Week Six



RUKUHIA
SCHOOL

Respect Excellence Attitude Learning

A photograph of the Rukuhia School building, a white structure with a dark roof, set against a vibrant sunset sky with shades of orange, pink, and purple. A utility pole and some trees are visible in the foreground.

Kia ora

Week six update

Best of luck to all our students heading off to compete at the Lower Waipā Winter Sports tomorrow! We know you'll do Rukuhia School proud—play hard, show great sportsmanship, and most importantly, have fun!

And don't forget—our much-anticipated **School Disco** is happening next **Friday, June 13th!** Tickets are just **\$5.00 (cash)** and are available now from the school office.

Important Update

Fieldays next week – 11th June – 14th June

Please note that **early pickup at 2:45 PM** will be available next **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** due to Fieldays.

We've observed a significant increase in traffic after 3 PM, so this option is to help ease congestion.

Important Dates

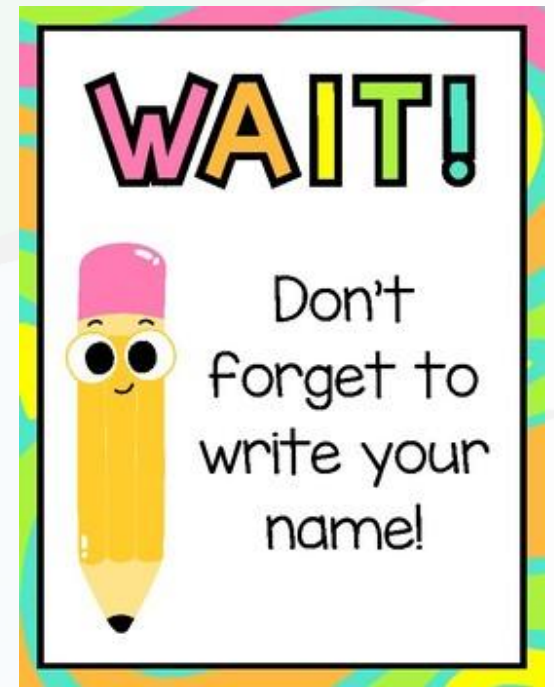
Term Two April 28th - June 27th	Term Three July 14th – September 19th	Term Four October 6th – December TBC
June 6th LWS Winter Sports Dog house raffle drawn	July 14th Term three begins	October 6th Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
June 11th – June 14th Fieldays	September 5th Lower Waipa School Cross Country	October 24th School Photos
June 13th School Disco	September 17th-19th School Production	October 27th Labour Day (Public Holiday)
June 19th Matariki Celebration at school		November 11th – 15th Senior Camp
June 20th Matariki (Public Holiday)		
June 25th LWS Speeches		
June 27th Term two ends		

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 Newsletter

Room 1 had a blast bringing New Zealand's volcanoes to life -
and making them erupt!

Students first crafted their own incredible models of NZ mountains, from Ngauruhoe to Ruapehu, showcasing their research and creativity.



Next, they became junior scientists, mixing ingredients to create the 'lava', prompting interesting discussion about what they've learnt about the chemistry of a volcanic eruption.



Finally, it was eruption time. We had some very excited cheers as their magnificent mountains frothed and flowed. With each mountain being unique, we got to see various valleys, crevices, and slopes filling with lava as the volcano made its way down the mountains.



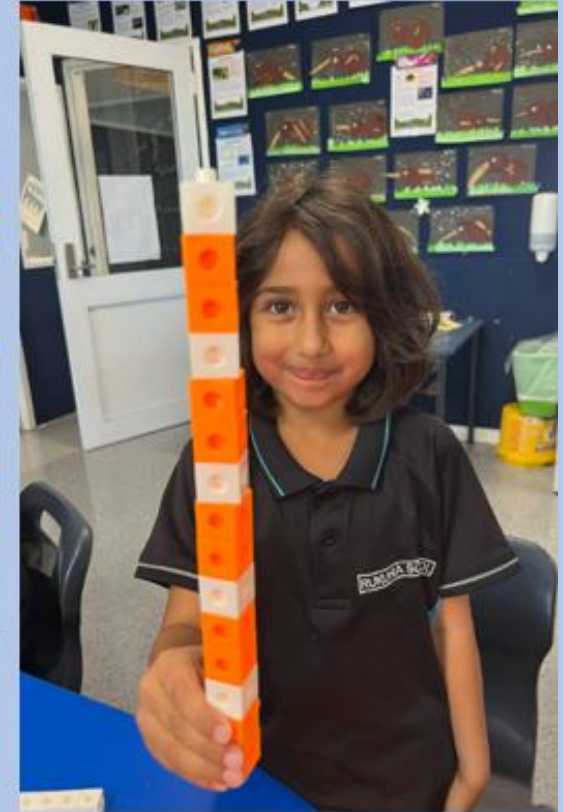
Patterns & Native Birds

Room 2

Room 2 has been busy exploring shapes and patterns in our maths learning! We've been identifying 2D and 3D shapes, creating repeating patterns, and using our knowledge to make some fantastic kiwi shape art. It's been great to see Room 2 using mathematical language to describe what they see.

In our topic learning, we're diving into the wonderful world of Aotearoa's native birds.

This week's focus is on the cheeky kea! We've been learning fun facts, watching videos, and even doing some kea report writing. Did you know kea are known for their curiosity and cleverness?



Room 3's News

Stay in touch:

leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz

Upcoming Events

Speeches

Years 5-8 students write speeches in Term 2. For Room 3, this will be based on their report topic they have chosen.

Some of this will be home learning (but no AI). Students will present their speeches on the week of June 16th - details to still be confirmed. Any students who excel at this, will be invited to attend the Lower Waipa Speech Competition at Ohaupo School on 25 June.

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 or our writing focus.

This Fortnight

Writing

Report writing is our focus for the rest of the term. We are first learning how to write a report with lots of guidance and then students will be choosing a topic to write their own report. For Year 5's this will be the basis for their speech!

Maths

Multiplication and Division are coming to an end. Year 4's are moving on to length and Year 5's are moving into graphs.

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.

Our next focus is learning about CSI and the ways that forensic scientists are able to determine the differences in things we think are the same. There might even be some fingerprinting going on!

Class Routines

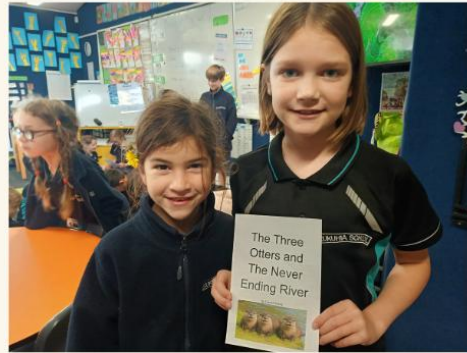
Monday:

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



Room 3 read their narratives to Room 6 and Room 2 this week.



Room 4

Room 4 students have been learning about the wonders of bugs during their inquiry time and discovering some of Aotearoa's unique critters.

For Art we examined Eric Carle's collage illustrations from his book "The very Quiet Cricket" so we could create our own insect artworks in a similar style.

The students' pictures are displayed in the office foyer for you to see. The colours and textures are amazing.

Room 4 have enjoyed keeping fit by doing circuit training in the hall and this week we'll begin Jump rope skipping.

They have also made a good start to writing their speeches. Be sure to ask your child to share their speech with you.

ROOM 5

FRACTION AND DECIMAL EXPERTS!

Room 5 students have been diving deep into the world of fractions, tackling skills such as simplifying using common factors, ordering and comparing fractions, working with improper fractions and mixed numbers, as well as confidently adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. This solid foundation naturally led them into the world of decimals, where they've been mastering addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with increasing confidence. Every student should feel incredibly proud of their journey through this unit. Their working outs have, at times, looked like something straight out of the Da Vinci Code! What's been even more powerful is watching students explain strategies to their teacher, a true sign of deep understanding and ownership of their learning.

Well done, Room 5! One very proud teacher (and fellow learner) here.



ROOM 6 NEWS

Letters for the Week

Week 6: y z q s
Word Family: he/she

Week 7: a e i o u
Word Family: red/led



Update

Kia ora Parents/Whanau
A warm welcome to Sophie Harding and her whanau.

Our learning about native birds has continued. We have found out some interesting facts about feathers and have produced some artwork related to this.

Our addition and subtraction knowledge has developed immensely. We will review number bonds and doubles during Week 6, and then move into **time** in Week 7.

Students will be learning seasons, days of the week and months of the year.

Curriculum

Reading -
who/where/when/why/how
Recognising simple words.

Writing - drawing and talking about experiences. Writing describing words.

Spelling - recording then when you them

Maths - Number Knowledge
Subtraction plus Time

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

Latest Photographs



RUKUHIA SCHOOL PTA



DISCO TICKETS \$5 each

AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE - CASH ONLY

Not only does your ticket get you into the disco but you will receive a goodie bag of surprises at the door.

There will be snacks and glow sticks for sale on the night so remember to bring some coins.

Hey local businesses, we'd love your sponsorship for our disco! Interested? Let's chat!

Upcoming Events

NOW

Disco tickets on sale

13th JUN

DISCO 5:30 - 7:00pm

pta@rukuhia.school.nz

RULES

For the Rukuhia School Disco

13 JUNE 2025

By purchasing a ticket for the school disco, you are committing to the school disco rules as follows:

- Walking or dancing feet only inside (no running or tag games)
- Children are to remain inside the hall or the red room (no outside playing)
- An adult (over the age of 18) must stay the whole time to supervise your child
- This is an alcohol-free event
- Please make sure that your child/children are seated while eating/drinking
- Please encourage your child to put their rubbish in the bins provided
- If your child spills drink/popsicle please help him/her to clean up the mess so that no one slips over
- Have fun!

We would welcome any help at the end of the evening to clean up - many hands make light work!

under the sea



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

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

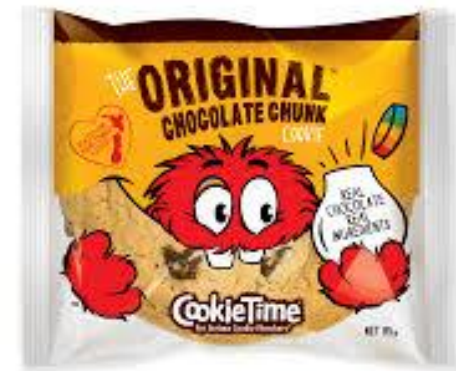
Lunches

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
Polo
\$37**



**Rukuhia School
Shorts
\$42**



**Rukuhia School
Skort
\$42**



**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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When It's Hard to Get to School: Support for You and Your Tamariki

Facilitated by Anna Mowat
Thursday, 7:30pm, June 19th



Anna Mowat

Bookings essential
<https://events.humanitix.com/school-attendance>

real parents

SKILLS CLINIC

Fletcher Adams & Kayley McMillan are fundraising to go race in Europe by holding a SKILLS CLINIC

Followed by a group ride for those that are keen

DATE: Sat 5th July 10am - 1pm

VENUE: Te Miro MTB Park

AGE: EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Skills covered

Cornering, race lines, drop offs, bunny hops etc.

Theses skills will be covered in games & group ride

Click on link to register

<https://forms.gle/BgzXSaJ85AZbUcyE6>

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