



Newsletter

Term Two, Week Eight



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Kia ora

That's a Wrap! A Term of Learning and Laughter!

As we reach the end of Term 2 we want to extend a huge thank you to all our incredible whānau for your unwavering support. We've certainly packed a lot of learning, growth, and fun into these past nine weeks!

As the term concludes, we wish you a wonderful Matariki. Enjoy this special time of reflection and new beginnings, celebrating with your loved ones and sharing delicious kai.

Looking ahead, next term promises to be another busy and exciting one! Get ready for the energy and creativity of our **School Production**, and the challenge of the **Lower Waipa School Cross Country**.

Important Dates

Term Two April 28th - June 27th	Term Three July 14th – September 19th	Term Four October 6th – December TBC
June 19th Matariki Celebration at school	July 14th Term three begins	October 6th Term four begins Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
June 20th Matariki (Public Holiday)	August 29th Teacher Only Day	October 9th Ag Day (To be confirmed)
June 25th LWS Speeches	September 5th Lower Waipa School Cross Country	October 17th Group Day (To be confirmed)
June 27th Wheels Day Term two ends	September 16th-18th School Production	October 24th School Photos
	September 19th Term three ends	October 27th Labour Day (Public Holiday)
		November 7th LWS Athletics (Te Awamutu)
		November 11th – 14th Senior Camp
		November 28th LWS Junior Tabloids (Paterangi School)

RUKUHIA SCHOOL

WHEELS DAY!

Friday 27th June

\$5

MUFTI + WHEELS + HOTDOG

Bikes - Scooters - Rollerblades - Skates
Skateboards - Drift Bikes - Unicycles...

Bring whatever you like, Wear what ever you like!

Spot Prizes & Competitions on the day

MUST HAVE HELMET!!!!

Room One has been buzzing with creativity lately as our students explored the wonderful world of poetry. They've been trying their hand at various styles, including the five-line cinquain, the nature-inspired haiku, and the descriptive acrostic poems.

Room 1 Newsletter



In addition to their poetic endeavors, Room One has also put together a gorgeous display showcasing "What Matariki Means to Us." It's a vibrant and meaningful collection, even featuring some beautiful jewellery made by the students.



Matariki

This week, Room 2 has been incredibly busy unleashing their creativity on some fantastic Taniwha artwork! They've explored different textures using both chalk and pastels, and even used their fingers to smudge the chalk, adding wonderful depth to their creations. Their hard work has truly paid off, and they're so proud of their artistic efforts.

Room 3's News

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Upcoming Events

Speeches

The year 5's have completed their reports and have included an introduction and conclusion for their speech. They should be working on these at home.

We will share our speeches on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Very sorry but this is not a open door for parents as many of the students are very nervous about this.

Please encourage your child to practice their speech at home until then.

Reading

Our reading has continued to be focused around our current writing topic. This week and next week, we will be reading about Matariki.

This Fortnight

Writing

We are continuing our report writing - this time our focus is Matariki. We aim to have these finished by the end of next week.

Maths

Ideas to do with your children over the holidays:

- Work on telling the time - to 5 minutes
- Practice their times tables
- Use the language of fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{10}$ and any others

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.

We have checked out David Attenborough, CSI and Mission to the Moon.

Our next mini focus is The Solar System.

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 4 CLASS NEWS

CLASS READING	Brian's Winter
WRITING	Speech
MATH	Fractions
INQUIRY	Creepy crawlies

Upcoming learning:

Future Inquiry

Subjects:

- Famous people
- Inventions



A note from the teacher:

Kia ora whānau,

It's been a fantastic and busy week I'm so happy to be back in our classroom!

The students have been showing incredible focus and enthusiasm as we prepare our speech presentations. It's so rewarding to see them grow in confidence, learning to express their ideas clearly and proudly in front of others. We've had some creative and thoughtful topics coming through, and I'm so proud of how supportive they are of one another throughout the process.

We've also begun a large, collaborative Matariki project that we're all very excited about. As part of our learning around Matariki and the Māori New Year, we're creating a collage of one of the Matariki stars that represents kai from the sky – specifically berries and birds. Our finished artwork will be on display for everyone to enjoy during Soup Day – we can't wait to share it with you!

In maths, we've been diving deep into fractions. I have finished testing the students for this term and they have really risen to the challenge, and I've been genuinely blown away by their progress. Their ability to work confidently with bigger numbers, explain their thinking, and tackle tricky problems is something worth celebrating. Seeing their growth has really filled my teacher bucket this week!

As always, thank you for your continued support at home. It makes such a difference in your child's learning journey.

Warm regards,
Ngā mihi,
Mrs. H

Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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ROOM 5

Technology



This term, the talented Year 7 and 8 students of Room 5 have been diving into the exciting world of Technology Studies at Peachgrove Intermediate. What a journey it has been! In Visual Arts, they rolled up their sleeves and sculpted stunning clay busts inspired by animals and meaningful identities. With creativity in full swing, each piece has now been fired in a kiln, transforming their raw ideas into polished, gallery-worthy works of art they can be truly proud of.

Now, the adventure continues in the realm of Media Design. Students are exploring the power of visual communication, diving into the world of graphic design and media with curiosity and enthusiasm. They are discovering how design shapes the way we see and experience the world, one idea, one image, one bold creation at a time.

Room 5 come bursting back to school every Friday full of excitement and pride, and as they should. Their efforts and completed work blow me away each week.



ROOM 6 NEWS

Letters for the Week

Week 8: m n p s t
Word Family: pig/wig
Week 9: b c d g h
Word Family: my/fly

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

We have been singing the days of the week song:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXMofxtDPUQ>

Jane Coles

Update

Kia ora Parents/Whanau
A warm welcome to Te aroha and her whanau. Room 6 students have taken on the challenge to be the class news reporter about native birds. This has been very successful with gaining knowledge about what a question is compared to a comment. It would be great to see parents/whanau following up on this at home. The class reporters have shared some interesting facts. Thank you for supporting your child with this.

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 they want you

Maths - Time: days of the week, months of the year, seasons, morning/afternoon/evening, hours, minutes.

Health & PE - Ball Games & Pause/Breathe/Smile

The Arts - drawing and painting.

Maori - daily practice of our karakia, commands and simple questions. Understanding what Matariki is about and gaining knowledge about the stars.

Science - Native Birds

Latest Photographs

Our newsreporters have been amazing sharing their wonderful knowledge and answering questions from their classmates.



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

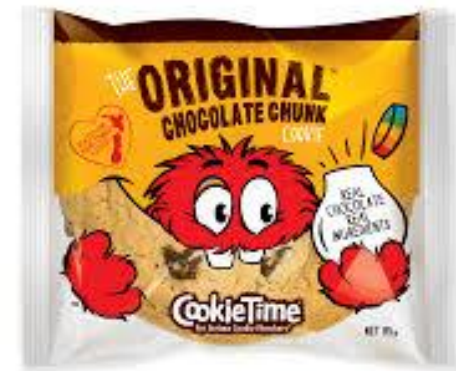
Lunches

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



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**Rukuhia Brim
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\$15**

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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