



Newsletter

Term Three, Week Two



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Respect Excellence Attitude Learning

Kia ora

Kia ora whānau,

A warm welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing break, and that our students are back feeling energised and ready for another term of exciting learning.

This term promises to be a busy one, so please take note of the important dates outlined on the next page.

Board of Trustees (BOT) Elections: We are currently in the process of our Board of Trustees elections. Please remember to return your completed nomination forms to the school office by **12:00 PM on Wednesday, August 6th.**

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Looking ahead, our Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5th, and Wednesday, August 6th.** You can book your interview slot online through School Interviews using the link and code listed on page 4.

School Assembly: Join us for our first school assembly of the term this **Friday at 2:30 PM.** We'd love to see you there!

Ngā mihi,
The Rukuhia School Team



Important Dates

Term Three

July 14th – September 19th

July 14th

Term three begins

August 4th

Hearing and Vision Screening

August 5th & 6th

Parent Interviews

August 6th

BOT Nominations close 12pm

August 28th

School Cross Country

August 29th

Teacher Only Day

September 5th

Lower Waipa School Cross Country

September 17th & 18th

School Production

September 19th

Term three ends

Term Four

October 6th – December TBC

October 6th

Term four begins
Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

October 9th

Ag Day (To be confirmed)

October 17th

Group Day (To be confirmed)

October 24th

School Photos

October 27th

Labour Day (Public Holiday)

November 7th

LWS Athletics (Te Awamutu)

November 11th – 14th

Senior Camp (Year 7/8)

November 14th

Big Day Out (Year 5/6)

November 28th

LWS Junior Tabloids
(Paterangi School)

School Interviews

Bookings for Parent/Teacher Interviews are now open.

Please click the link below and enter the event code:

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www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

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

Our Term focus

Inventions and Innovations: Evolution and Improvement

Throughout the term, students will dive deep into the fascinating history of how things have changed and developed over time, understanding the impact of key inventions. Our goal is to empower them to think critically, identify areas for improvement, and become proactive "little innovators" by designing and creating their own solutions. Students have already been fascinated by how everyday technology has evolved – we've looked at devices such as the simple phone and the complex computer, and how far they've come. Watch this space to see what innovative ideas they come up with over the term.



Room 2 has been learning about place value, focusing on tens and ones. We are learning to make numbers using bundles of ten and loose ones, and are starting to understand how this helps us with counting, adding, and understanding numbers better.

We've also been working in buddies to check each other's learning and share our thinking. It's been great to see everyone showing mahi tahi, working together to learn and succeed!

Room 3's News

Stay in touch:

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Upcoming Events

I would like to welcome Makayla Gribbens to our class from week 3. She is a 3rd year student teacher and I am looking forward to her being part of Room 3 for the rest of the term.

Reading

This term we are starting by reading a range of fiction and non fiction texts that require us to use decoding strategies. We also continue to work on our comprehension.

This Fortnight

Writing

We have 2 focuses this term. Letter writing and poetic writing. We are writing letters to a buddy in Room 5 for the first half of the term, getting to know the seniors. We are also going to explore writing poetry.

Maths

The year 4's are working on measurement at the moment - length, volume, capacity, mass and length. Year 5's are learning all about fractions.

Inquiry

We are continuing our inquiry into Scientists and Inventors. We have done some exploring of the Solar System, Eva Crane and Leonardo Da Vinci. Our last mini inquiry is Stonehenge.

Following this, students will have the opportunity to choose a scientist or inventor to research. Details of this will be coming home as this will involve homework for collecting information.

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	The boy who harnessed the wind
WRITING	Procedural Writing
MATH	Decimals
INQUIRY	Inventions

Upcoming learning:

Year 5 & 6 Big day out:

Please remember to return permission slips or parent help forms by the 1st of August



A note from the teacher:

Kia ora whānau,

This term, our class will be diving into an exciting inquiry focus on inventions! We'll be exploring how inventions shape the world around us, beginning with our read-aloud text: *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* – the inspiring true story of a young inventor from Malawi who brought electricity to his village.

In Week 4, we'll be launching into our own mini-invention project by making rockets – and we need your help! Please send in any 1.5L plastic bottles (like Coke bottles) you may have at home.

In Maths, we're wrapping up fractions and moving into decimals, while in Writing, we'll be focusing on clear instructional writing – perfect for budding inventors wanting to share their ideas with the world!

We're looking forward to a creative and hands-on term of learning!

Warm regards,
Ngā mihi,
Mrs. H

Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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ROOM 5

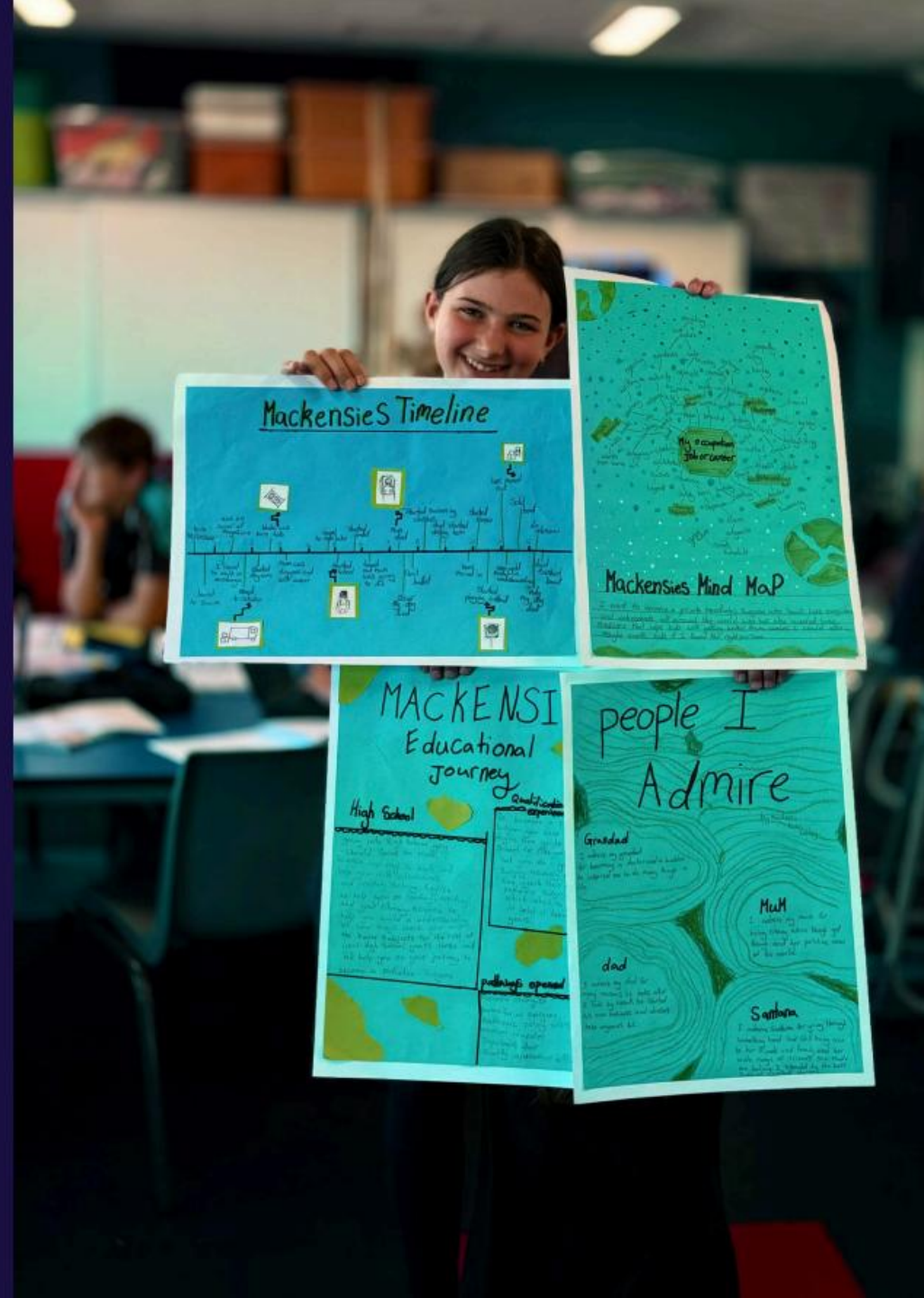
DREAMING BIG PLANNING BOLDLY

Room 5 students have been boldly looking ahead, exploring who they are and who they want to become. Through a deep dive into their life timelines, they reflected on the events that have shaped them and the people they admire, discovering the values and qualities that matter most to them. From here, they began connecting these strengths to potential careers, researching the education and pathways needed to turn their dreams into reality.

Along the way, they were inspired by real-life role models, from authors and live performers to Navy officers, real estate agents, teachers, doctors, and more. These powerful conversations opened their eyes to the wide world of opportunity waiting for them.

To bring their learning to life, students wrote detailed information reports about their dream jobs and crafted engaging narratives imagining a "day in the life" of their future selves.

More than just career exploration, this journey taught Room 5 that no future is out of reach. Every student has unique gifts to offer the world. With belief, purpose, and goals, anything is possible.



ROOM 6 NEWS

Letters for the Week

Week 1: a e i o u
Word Family: did/mid
Week 2: m n p s t
Word Family: bed/led

*It is really **important** that your child can identify **all the letters in the alphabet** by the name and the sound. Please use the alphabet chart in the back of your child's home learning book.*

We are learning a new karakia to sing at the end of our school day:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6XvRldNxvQ>

Jane Coles

Update

Kia ora Parents/Whanau
A warm welcome to Zoe, Aidan, Mackenzie and their whanau.
We are super excited about our learning this term. Students are continuing to read each night at home - thank you for your support with this. Remember to also support with your child learning his/her spelling words. I would like to see all Room 6 students moving to List 2 or 3 this term. If you are unsure about this task then please see me. We will be practicing for cross country regularly so it is a good idea for students to bring old shorts and a tee-shirt to run in.

Curriculum

Reading - who/where/when/why/how
Retelling a story in sequence and describing characters.

Writing - drawing and talking about traditional stories and cultural narratives. Writing describing words.

Spelling - recording time words, such as, first, then, later, after.

Maths - Number knowledge and number strategies with a focus on number bonds.

Health & PE - Cross Country & Pause/Breathe/Smile

The Arts - creating book characters and story maps around traditional stories.

Maori - daily practice of our karakia, commands and simple questions. Understanding some cultural narratives.

Latest Photographs

We are exploring narrative stories this term - starting with Little Red Riding Hood. We listened to two stories about Little Red Riding Hood and made notes about different aspects of the stories. We then used two hoops to represent a Venn Diagram to identify things the same and things that were different about the two stories.



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 in/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

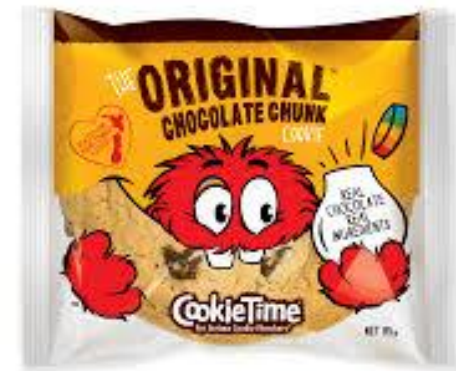
Lunches

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 School
Pants
\$45**



**Rukuhia Brim
Bucket Hat
\$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.

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Light Night

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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.

KIAH



Kiah is approx. 2 years old. She is a foxy mix breed. She is very shy to start, so needs a home with lots of patience and love.

LACEY



Lacey is a 2 year old small-medium mix. She is shy and nervous so is looking for a patient and calm home, who can show her the world isn't as scary.

ELLIE



Ellie is approx 18 months old mixed-breed, maybe American bulldog x Dalmatian. She is soft-natured and would make a lovely family dog.

DOBBIE



Dobbie is approx 18 months old mixed-breed, maybe American bulldog x Dalmatian. Very sweet-natured and sensitive, but also fun-loving 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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GIRLY



This old girl is 10-12 years old. She loves food and lazing around.

ROCKY



Rocky is a 7 year old mix-breed. He is social, affectionate and still loves chasing after balls and playing with his toys.

ANNIE



Annie is 9-12 month old mix mixed-breed. She would thrive in an active house where she can be part of all the action.

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PIPPA



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

ZIVA



Ziva is a 1 year-old lab. She is a sweet-natured, high-energy pup. She needs a home with lots of exercise and fun.

PUP1



This pup is a Lab/Collie mix. He is looking for a loving and caring forever home.

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