




# Newsletter

Term Three, Week Six



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# Kia ora

A big thank you to all the students who made Wheels Day such a success! We were lucky to have such wonderful weather and the kids had a fantastic time.

Please take note of a few important upcoming dates:

- Cross Country will be held next Thursday, August 28th.
- Next Friday, August 29th, is a Teacher Only Day. The school will be closed for students while our teachers participate in professional development.
- Finally, we'd love for you to join us for our fortnightly assembly this Friday at 2:30 PM. All whānau are welcome!

# Important Dates

<b>Term Three</b> <b>July 14th – September 19th</b>	<b>Term Four</b> <b>October 6th – December TBC</b>	
<p><b>August 28th</b> School Cross Country</p> <p><b>August 29th</b> Teacher Only Day</p> <p><b>September 5th</b> Lower Waipa School Cross Country</p> <p><b>September 17th-18th</b> School Production</p> <p><b>September 19th</b> Term three ends</p>	<p><b>October 6th</b> Term four begins Year 7 &amp; 8 Immunisations</p> <p><b>October 9th</b> Ag Day</p> <p><b>October 17th</b> Group Day</p> <p><b>October 24th</b> School Photos</p> <p><b>October 27th</b> Labour Day (Public Holiday)</p>	<p><b>November 7th</b> LWS Athletics (Te Awamutu)</p> <p><b>November 11th – 14th</b> Senior Camp (Year 7 &amp; 8)</p> <p><b>November 14th</b> Big Day Out (Year 5 &amp; 6)</p> <p><b>November 28th</b> LWS Junior Tabloids (Paterangi School)</p>



# CROSS COUNTRY

THURSDAY  
28TH MARCH

STARTS AT 11:30 AM

Our school Cross Country is coming up soon! Students will be racing in their age groups and by gender.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their school uniform. They will also need to bring appropriate clothing and footwear for running, as they will change before their race.

You are welcome to take your child home once they have finished racing. If you choose to do this, please let their teacher know and sign them out before leaving.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to seeing you there!



# Rukuhia School Ag Day 2025

Ag Day will be held Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> - first week of Term 4

We have contacts for Lambs & Calves. Please see below for contact details.

More information regarding the events for each animal is located on our school website.

Link: [Ag Day Information](#)

David Blaine 021 299 7503 (Lambs)

Ray Cotterell 021 246 0022 (Calves)

## Saving Dates:

### Kids

Early: 10<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> August

Late: 20<sup>th</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> September

### Lambs

Early: 10<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> August

Late: 20<sup>th</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> September

### Calves

Early: 10<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July

Late: 1<sup>st</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> September

# Room 1 Newsletter



Kia ora e te whānau,

We are well past the halfway point of the term now, and it's been a busy and productive time!

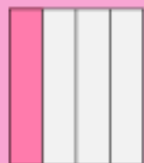
In writing, we've just kicked off our new unit on persuasive writing. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their skills in constructing arguments and influencing their audience.

Outside of the classroom, our cross-country training has been in full swing. It's been so wonderful to see the students' resilience and incredible improvement each week. They are all showing such a great attitude and are really giving it their all.

Looking ahead, the majority of our math for the rest of the term will be dedicated to fractions. We'll be working hard to understand what fractions are, how to represent them, and how they relate to the world around us.

Nga mihi,

Miss Cowling



## Room 2

# Clay Creations

This week, Room 2 had a fantastic time creating with clay alongside Mrs Esselbrugge. The students explored different textures by pressing, pinching, rolling, and scratching their clay using a variety of tools and their hands! With plenty of imagination and creativity, they shaped and moulded their pieces, learning how to fix and change their designs as they went. It was a hands-on, messy, and magical way to bring their ideas to life!

# Array City

This week, Room 2 turned our multiplication learning into a cityscape! We used arrays to design buildings, windows, and other features, showing how repeated addition works in real life. Each building's windows were carefully arranged in rows and columns to represent multiplication facts. Our Array City is not only colourful and creative, but also a great reminder that maths is everywhere!





# Room 3's News

Stay in touch:

leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz

## Upcoming Events

- Cross country training - if your child wants to wear sneakers for our training please send them to school everyday. We will be running when the weather lets us.
- Encourage your child to improve their fitness at home by doing laps of your property / section or street.

## Reading

We are currently reading both fiction and non fiction texts and focussing on our comprehension. Some students are working with our student teacher Miss Gribben.

End of term reading testing will be happening over the next few weeks.

## This Fortnight

### Writing

Our letter writing to Room 5 is going well and it is rewarding to see both Room 3 and Room 5 excited to receive their letters each week. This is a great way for students to extend their connections across the school.

### Maths

Both Year 4 and Year 5 are working on money at the moment. Year 4's are looking at adding and subtracting money and calculating change. Year 5's are comparing, rounding and solving word problems.

## Inquiry

Students are starting their own inquiry into a famous scientist or inventor. Questions have been shared in google classroom, which they should have answered by now. They will then be using that information to write a report and then follow this up with a poster.

At the same time we are working on Famous New Zealanders with Miss Gribben.

These will be on going to the end of term, as independent learning opportunities in class.

## Class Routines

### Monday:

Book bags, Homework books come home with spelling words

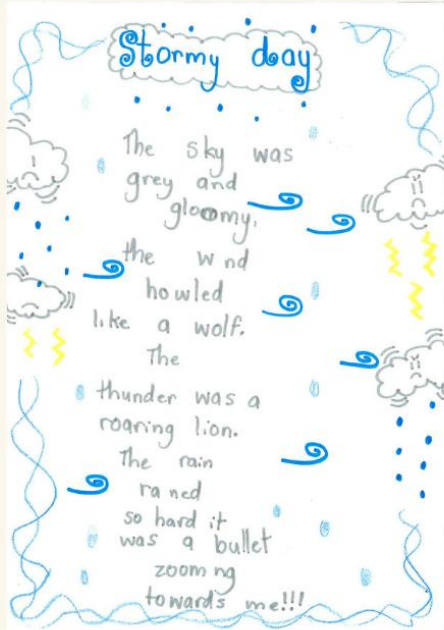
### Library day now Monday

### Friday:

Book bags, Homework books back to school, poem book goes home



## Our Poems



**By Emily**

nce there was a  
little boy called Harry.  
Harry had a friend  
called Barry. Harry Barry,  
Harry Barry. Barry and  
Harry had a friend called  
Gary. Harry, Barry Gary.  
Gary left a snail trail  
which made their Mum  
go pale!

**By Olivia**

## You have mail!



# ROOM 4 CLASS NEWS

CLASS READING	The boy who harnessed the wind
WRITING	Procedural Writing
MATH	Geometry
INQUIRY	Inventions

## Upcoming learning:

We are looking forward to our upcoming production parts and can't wait to get started.

## A note from the teacher:

In Maths, we have been mastering our use of a protractor, learning the different names of angles, comparing various angles, and exploring compass directions—both clockwise and anticlockwise.

In Writing, we are wrapping up our procedural writing unit by writing a "how to" for launching a rocket! We will be decorating our 1.5-litre bottles and then heading outside for our big launch day.

We were fortunate enough to have had the awesome team from TA Sports teaching us Kiwiball—which turns out to be far more fun than you could ever imagine with just plywood and a ball!

In Reading, we'll soon be diving into profiles of inventors, exploring their incredible ideas and the stories behind them.

Finally, farewell to Daniel. You have been a wonderful addition to our school. We wish you, Hunter, and your family all the very best on your big move.

Warm regards,  
Ngā mihi,  
Mrs. H



## Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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# SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR **ROOM 5**



Room 5 has been caught up in a whirlwind of letters lately, and it all began with a surprise! Out of the blue, every Room 5 student received a handwritten letter from a Room 3 buddy, each one personally addressed. The excitement on their faces when opening the envelopes said it all, pure magic!

Since then, the back-and-forth correspondence has taken on a life of its own. Students have been discovering all sorts of things about each other: favourite colours, hidden siblings, exciting weekend adventures, and even some quirky surprises. More importantly, they're learning the art of conversation, how to acknowledge someone's personal sharing and then ask thoughtful questions to keep the dialogue flowing.

Of course, all of this couldn't happen without the hardworking Adam & Jepsen Post Office. The "postal workers" have been run off their feet keeping up with the avalanche of mail zooming between the classrooms. But every delivery is worth it when they get to see the joy on the faces of the letter receivers.

Who knew that something as simple as a letter could spark so much learning, laughter, and connection? Room 5 and Room 3 are proving that the old-fashioned mail system is still full of surprises!



# ROOM 6 NEWS

## Letters for the Week

Week 6: q a e i o  
Word Family: do/boo

Week 7: u m n p  
Word Family: in/pin



Thank you to Eden, Ava and their whanau for donating the walnut tree.



## Update

Kia ora Parents/Whanau  
It has been great to see students improving their fitness with running around our school grounds as well playing games to develop speed in running. Please send along old clothes and suitable footwear for running around the farm - no good running shoes as it is really muddy in the paddocks!



## 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 and using direct speech.

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

**Maths** - Number knowledge and number strategies with a focus on number bonds to 10.

**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

The students are using their knowledge of traditional tales to create their own stories about characters. Room 6 students have taken on the challenge to use describing words and direct speech to make their stories more interesting and they are experiencing huge success. As you well know writing is a complex task. You have to hold a pencil correctly, be able to articulate a sentence, have a good knowledge of the alphabet, form letters correctly, use spacing, and include punctuation. Then of course, the teacher will set a goal too! Room 6 students have been introduced to alliteration and onomatopoeia.

*We have created some great castles and we will be planting some beans this week.*



# 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

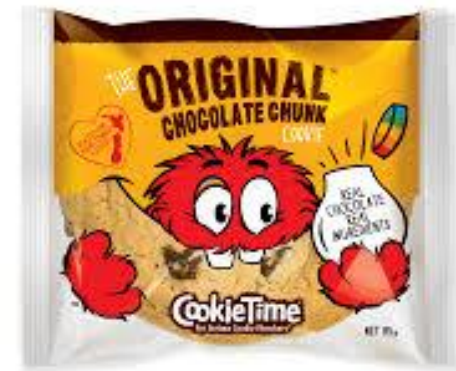
# Lunches

## 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  
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\$42**



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Skort  
\$42**



**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](http://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.

# Uniform

## SCHOOL SHOES

- Plain Black School Shoes – with black laces
- Plain Black Velcro School Shoes
- Plain Black School Sandals
- Plain Black Socks

## BOYS AND GIRLS EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL SHOES / SANDALS- PLAIN BLACK



Boys Classic



Girls Classic



Velcro



Classic School Sandal

## REGULATION HAT

Compulsory in terms 1 and 4

Available for purchase through the office or  
Logo U2



Above are examples of what is considered a 'School Shoe'. Slight variations and brands are acceptable.



# COME & SUPPORT

## Netball

**SATURDAY - 23 AUG**

9:00 AM	ŌHAUPŌ SCHOOL BLUE
9:00AM	ŌHAUPŌ SCHOOL YELLOW
11:00AM	ŌHAUPŌ SCHOOL BLACK
NOON	ŌHAUPŌ SPORTS AGCENTRIC KOWHAI

**TE AWAMUTU  
NETBALL  
COURTS**

**SUPPORT ŌHAUPŌ  
SCHOOLS NETBALL  
TEAMS IN THE FINALS.  
ALL TEAMS ARE  
PLAYING FOR 1ST OR  
2ND PLACE**



*Ready. Net. Go!*



### Good Luck to Our Netball Teams in the Finals!

A huge shout-out and good luck to all the Rukuhia School students playing in their netball finals this weekend! Below are the details for the games:

#### 9:00 AM Games

**Ohaupo School Yellow:** Our very own Emily, Ava, and Hazel will be hitting the court in this team.

**Ohaupo School Blue:** Be sure to cheer on Austyn, Isla, River, and Elliot, coached by the fantastic Kylee!

#### 11:00 AM Game

**Ohaupo School Black:** Get ready to support Laine, Mackensie, Lexi, and Autumn! This team is fresh off an incredible overtime win against a Year 9 & 10 team to make it to the finals. What an amazing achievement!

Best of luck to all players! We'll be cheering you on from the sidelines!



# 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](http://waipadcc.govt.nz/dogadoption) or contact: 0800 924 723 | 027 584 7073 | [aco@waipadcc.govt.nz](mailto: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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