



# Newsletter

Term Four, Week Six



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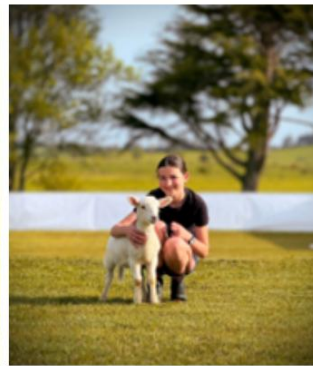
## Week 6: Full of Fun and Adventure!

What a busy week it is shaping up to be!

Our Year 7/8 students are having a fantastic time and making great memories on their class camp. Meanwhile, the Year 5/6 students are looking forward to their big day out, and our Junior students are buzzing with excitement for their Fun Day! A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such a great event for our youngest learners.

Please note: Due to all the exciting events and trips happening on Friday, there will be **no** assembly this week.

We have lots of important dates coming up, so please be sure to check the Important Dates section on the next page so you don't miss a thing!



# Important Dates

## Term Four

**October 6th – December 10th**

**November 11th – 14th**

Senior Camp (Year 7 & 8)

**November 14th**

Big Day Out (Year 5 & 6)

**November 19th**

Big Day In (Paterangi School)

**November 21st**

Grandparents Morning Tea

**December 10th**

10am Final Assembly

School finishes at conclusion of assembly

## Term One 2026

**January 27th – April 2nd**

**January 27th**

Term One begins

**April 2nd**

Term One ends

# PHOTO DAY COMING SOON



Pack 1	Pack 2	Pack 3	Pack 4	Pack 5
1 copy 8 x 10 inch	4 copies 6x4 inch	3 copies 5x7 inch	1 copy 8x10, 1 copy 5x7, 1 postcard print, 2 x Wallet size photos	1 copy 8x10, 2 copies 5x7
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\*Please note packs cannot be split across multiple images\*

## Class Photos \$17 each



## Photo Day

Rukuhia Primary School

Friday 24th  
October

## School Photo Orders

All individual, class, and sibling photos have been taken and are now being processed by Masterpiece Photography.

Please note these important dates for placing and receiving your orders:

- The final date for all photo orders is **November 18th.**
- Photos are scheduled to be delivered to the school on **November 25th.**

*Please ensure you place your order before the closing date to guarantee delivery.*

# Room 1 Newsletter



Thank you Mr J for creating this super cool mailbox for our classroom!

We are currently exploring our "The Power of the Letter" unit. The students have become skilled at recognizing the features of letter writing, confidently distinguishing between formal and informal letters, and understanding how different approaches influence the reader. To celebrate their progress and the season, we are now channeling these new writing skills into some Christmas fun. We will be learning about the gift of giving, through words, connecting our literacy goals with the festive spirit of kindness. Keep an eye out for their wonderful, thoughtful creations!



# Room 2



**Room 2 have been learning about Guy Fawkes! We decided to create some colourful firework art to represent the celebration. The students loved experimenting with bright colours and different painting techniques to make their fireworks burst off the page!**

# Room 3's News

Stay in touch:  
leanne.adam@rukuhia.school.nz

## Upcoming Events

A huge congratulations to Ava, Ava, Arush, Bohdi, Celina, Paige-Louise, and Tae for representing Rukuhia School at the Lower Waipa Schools Athletics. You did us proud! A special well done to those who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their events.

Friday sees the Year 5's off on their outdoor adventure to Rotorua. Year 4's will be placed in other classes for the day.

Class wide testing will be completed this week for maths.

## This Fortnight

### Reading

- I have just finished testing student's reading for the year.
- It has been great to see the progress that they have all made over the year. I have been particularly impressed with the increase in confidence when answering comprehension questions.

### Writing

- For the next couple of weeks, students will be expressing themselves through creative writing. While they have the choice of their topic, there will be guidelines for them to follow.

### Maths

- Year 4 students are investigating graphs and learning how to read them.
- Year 5 students will be completing a review of their learning for the term, and the year.

## 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

We are using our laptops most days at the moment for researching information. Please make sure they come to school daily and are charged.

After this week we will be starting our final inquiry for the year.

An email has been sent home regarding glass jars and lids. Please let me know if you didn't receive it.

# ROOM 4

# CLASS NEWS

CLASS READING	Myths & Legends
WRITING	Legend of Kuirau Parka
MATH	Volume
INQUIRY	Parihaka

## Upcoming learning:

Big day out  
Wool Shed

### *I am a book.*

*I am very knowledgeable, and I have good spelling.  
But what is my story?  
Although I am smart, I lack physical ability.  
Sacrifice...  
I am an encyclopedia, of much content.  
I learn, I draw and I play.  
"You are a dictionary" they say.  
Burning is my soul.  
I am smart, and full of ideas.*

*Oracle*

I am a crow.

I am loud, and I like to attack.  
Can anyone see how kind I am?  
Although I like to attack, I still love.  
Strong.  
I am as loud as heavy rain.  
I watch, I crow, wait, watch and crow again.  
"Stop being so loud", they tell me.  
Flying I will rise above them.  
I might be loud but that's how I grow.

Annie

I am a sleepy puppy.

I squirm with anticipation, and I try to fall asleep.  
Can people see the pup inside me?  
Although I don't look tired, sometimes I feel tired.  
Dazed.  
My eyes shutter like flickering lights.  
I yawn, pause, stretch, then yawn again.  
"You're too crazy!" I'm always told.  
Rolling sideways, I search for inner peace and silence.  
I'm not a sleepy puppy anymore, I'm a sleepy dog.

Kiefa

## A note from the teacher:

Kia ora Parents,

Last week, our students truly blew me away! In our metaphor writing task, some went incredibly deep and meaningful, producing outstanding work. Here are just a few examples of their creativity.

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In reading, we explored a journal story about Parihaka, followed by thoughtful class discussions that really brought the story to life.

In maths, our Year 6 students excelled as they tackled perimeter and area concepts—smashing their learning and showing excellent understanding during review activities. We've also started an exciting collage art project inspired by the Taniwha from the legend of Kuirau Park. The students have dived into the accompanying writing task with enthusiasm and dedication. I'm looking forward to sharing their legends with the junior classes soon!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Tyler Hogg

## Stay in touch:

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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# ROOM 5

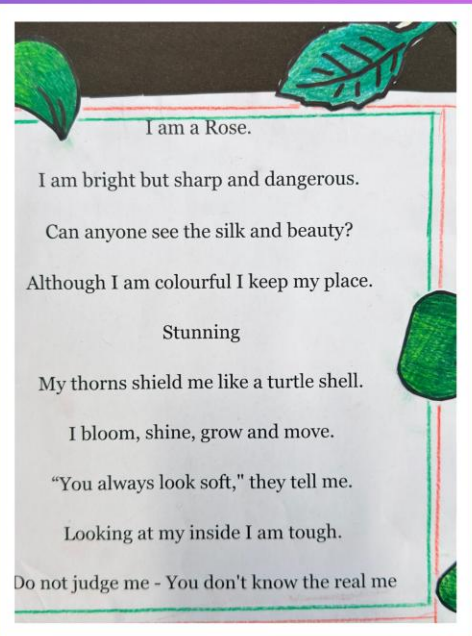
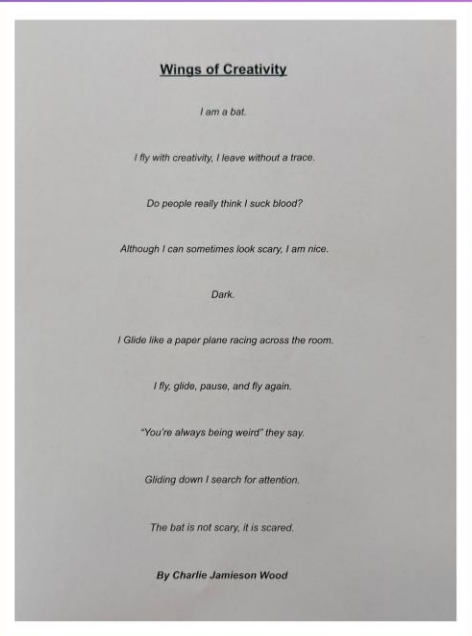
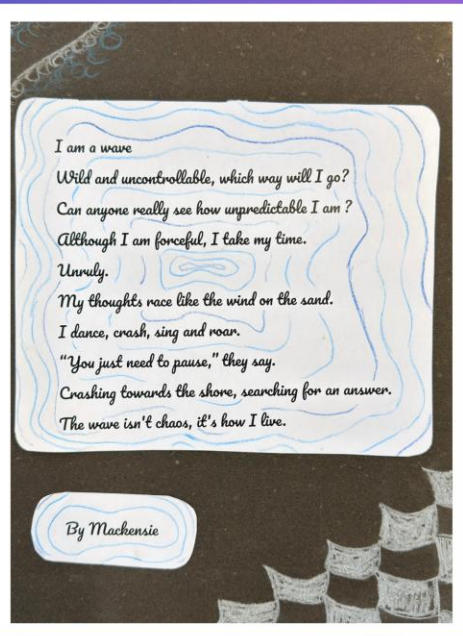
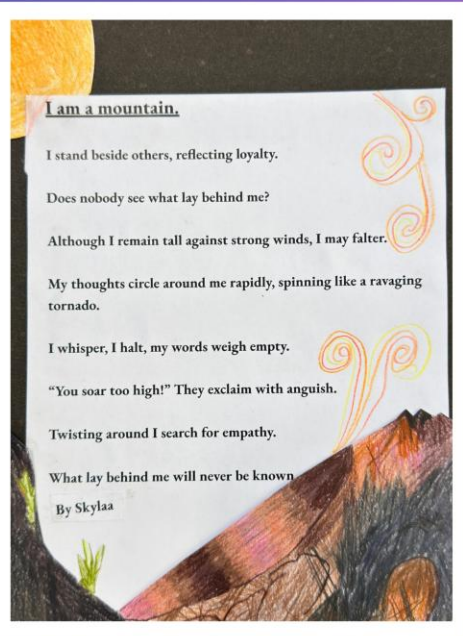
## POETIC WRITING

The students of Room 5 have been diving deep into the world of poetry, exploring classics such as Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken*. Through this learning, students have been developing a stronger understanding of how language, rhythm, and symbolism can express emotion, experience, and perspective.

This unit has encouraged learners to think critically and creatively, analysing the layers of meaning hidden within each verse. By connecting poetry to modern song lyrics, old nursery rhymes, and famous quotes, students have learned that poetry is not just a form of writing, it's a powerful way of communicating ideas and identity.

The benefits of this learning go far beyond English: students have strengthened their vocabulary, empathy, and ability to interpret deeper meanings, essential skills for both academic success and emotional intelligence.

Inspired by Room 4's sharing at last week's assembly, our young poets have outdone themselves. The self-written poems they've produced are honest, heartfelt, and beautifully expressive, a true reflection of the incredible talent and growth within Room 5.



## Room 6

**If your child is reading for 10 minutes a day then he/she will be exposed to 600,000 + words in one year! Pretty impressive!**



Some Room 6 students have taken on the challenge to complete sequence activity sheets to retell fables. They have completed these with outstanding enthusiasm. An English educator, Pie Corbett believes that children need to retell ten traditional stories/fables in their first year of school, ten in their second year and another ten in their third year of school. Once mastered then children are able to use the known storylines and make creative changes themselves. So keep reading those traditional stories and Maori legends.

*Reading - daily guided reading with a focus on comprehension. This is reading for meaning.*

*Writing - using describing words, direct speech and writing our opinion about an issue.*

*Maths - measurement: money*

*Social Science/Science - identifying attributes of wool and the process of wool from the farm to the product.*

*Physical Education - athletics (Jumping, throwing, running)*

*Maori - waiata, cultural narratives.*

*The Arts - painting and collage.*



### Alphabet Knowledge

Week 6 Letters: w xy z q Word Family: wish/dish

Week 7 Letters: a e i o u Word Family: make/cake



Sequence Activity Sheets

Some Room 6 buddies:



# PTA

**TOP SELLER:  
PRIZE FOR FAMILY  
WITH MOST TICKETS SOLD !**

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

RAFFLE TICKETS \$2 each

Funds to help revamp the small outdoor space beside room 6.

A student lead project to enhance our school and add a new area for kids to call their own.

Families should have received the Christmas raffle paperwork by now (if not please check your eldest child's bag)

We ask that families please donate at least one item to make these amazing hampers

**So keep those donations coming in!**

### Upcoming Events

**21 NOV** CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW

**03 DEC** PTA MEETING 6PM @ The Boundary

**Contact the PTA**

**pta@rukuhia.school.nz**



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# 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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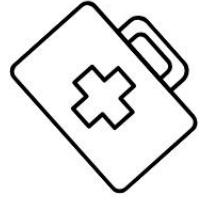
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We have a selection of sizes at the office for you to try on before purchasing online.

Rukuhia School also has a supply of second-hand uniforms that are available for \$10 each. Cash only, to be paid at the office.

# TE AWAMUTU 2025 COMMUNITY GALA



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**3.30 PM - 7.00 PM**

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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.

**OREO**



Oreo is a 4-5 months old Collie Cross, who just wants to experience love and family.

**COOKIE**



Cookie is a 4-5 months old Collie Cross, who just wants to experience love and family.

**COLLIE**



Collie is a 12-18 month old Collie Cross. Friendly, social and just lovely.

**LUCY**



Lucy is a highly active Jack Russell, who needs a farm and space to run. Very high prey drive.

For more information, or if you can offer any of these beautiful dogs a forever home, fill out the online form [waipad.govt.nz/dogadoption](http://waipad.govt.nz/dogadoption) or contact: 0800 924 723 | 027 584 7073 | [aco@waipad.govt.nz](mailto:aco@waipad.govt.nz)

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**PIPPA**



Pippa is a mixed-breed, approx. 16 month old. She has unique colours, and is sweet and playful.

**MIYA**



Miya is a mixed breed, medium sized girl, who longs to be part of a family. Good fencing required.

**PATCH**



Patch is approx 2 years old mix-breed. He is a happy social boy who gets on with other dogs. He is also very friendly and affectionate.

**BRINDLE PUP**



Brindle pup is approx. 18 months old. She wants to run, play and be an active companion.

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**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.

**ROCKY**



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

**ARCHIE**



Archie is a 12 week old mixed breed. He is a very friendly wee chap that wants to make friends with every dog.

**SCOUT**



Scout is a 1 year old, medium sized, Collie Cross. He is a very quiet boy who loves a good run in the paddock followed by some love and cuddles.

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