



Ruapotaka School Newsletter

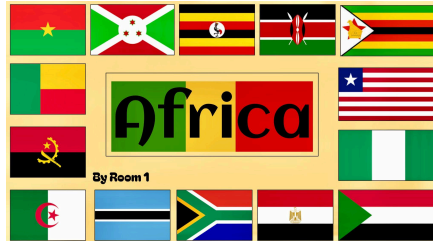
Term 2, Week 9 2025

Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Aweh, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu kia mutolu oti and warm greetings to all our friends and whanau. A special warm welcome to all our new families joining us this term. We look forward to working alongside you and your child.

Celebrating Our Learning

Each newsletter our teachers will be putting up information about their classroom. If you would like to see more of what your children are doing, go to our school website and look for our classroom learning sites and you will see more about your child's class there. In the meantime, check out what they have been doing...

Room 1 has been working hard behind the scenes to organise our school disco; planning entertainment, music, budgets, games, posters, and fun disco packs. We are looking forward to seeing it all come together this Wednesday, with the junior disco from 1:30–2:30pm and the senior disco from 5:30–7:00 pm. On Tuesday, our ki-o-rahi teams will be representing Ruapotaka at the cluster tournament held at Pt England Reserve. Room 1 has been training hard all term for this event, and we would love your support on the day. We are also excited for our upcoming trip to the Stardome, which ties perfectly into our learning about astronomical systems. Over the past couple of weeks, we have explored the continent of Africa as part of International Language Week learning. We also celebrated Matariki by learning a new waiata and discovering fascinating facts about the stars and their meaning in Aotearoa. Thank you to all the whānau who attended the parent teacher conference; it was lovely to connect, celebrate your child's progress, and share their learning journey with you.

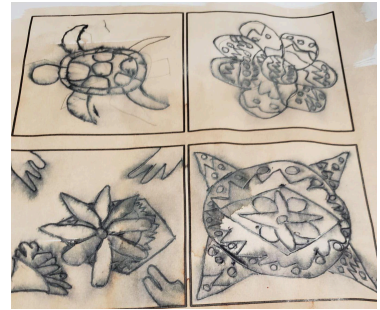
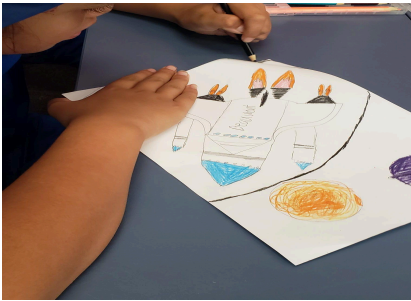


Room 2: What a busy last two weeks have been and term 2 almost finished. Tamariki have been very busy creating their wonderful art. These past weeks we learnt about international language week and our class performed the counting in Filipino as we represented the country Philippines. Tino pai tamariki! We also celebrate Matariki where kids are engaged in lots of different activities like poi making, kite making, rakau sticks and weaving. It was a fun-filled day. Thank you whanau for attending the learning conferences. Have a safe and happy holiday.



Room 3

Over the past two weeks, room three has been buzzing with activity and excitement! We celebrated Samoan language week with beautiful *siapo* art and learned more about the rich culture and traditions of Samoa. The rocketeers from Youthtown launched us into a world of science and fun. Some flew impressively high! We also proudly showcased our creativity at the art expo, where our students' amazing artwork was on full display for the school community to enjoy. Lastly, a big thank you to all the whānau who joined us for parent conferences, it was a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate each student's progress so far this year. Ngā mihi and thank you for your continued support!



Room 4: We have had a fantastic couple of weeks getting to know each other while having fun celebrating different events at our school. We celebrated International Language Week with a focus on Pakistan, where children explored Urdu greetings, numbers, their culture, and created Pakistan's flag. Children shared their understanding and the facts of this culture during our assembly. Tino pai! We also learned about Matariki, the Māori New Year, through stories, waiata, star-themed arts and crafts, poi making, creating and flying kites. The tamariki enjoyed expressing their creativity while deepening their understanding of different cultures. Next, we are looking forward to enjoying our disco time and school holidays!



Room 5: What a busy term we have had! We have finished our science and art projects for the term and they turned out amazing! Ka pai to mahi, tamariki. We also had a wonderful time celebrating international language, studying South Korea. Special thanks to Ruqayyah who presented her learning at the whole school assembly all by herself. Well done! We celebrated Matariki and had lots of fun during the different rotations, learning the importance of Matariki in Aotearoa. Thank you whanau and tamariki for attending the learning conferences the past week. We are looking forward to our Stardome trip and school holidays. Woohoo!



Room 6: We are almost at the end of term 2. It has been a short but busy term with lots of learning and fun activities. We enjoyed working on our paintings for the Art Exhibition. We learnt to blend hot and cold colours and add details to our art work. Room 6 focused on Myanmar for our International Language Day celebrations. Some of us shared the facts we learnt at assembly. Our focus this week was on Matariki. We created colourful Matariki stars which are hanging in our classroom. We look forward to our trip to Stardome next week.



STEAM: We have been having fun finishing off our STEAM learning for the term. The juniors had fun creating their own rocket to launch on the stomp rocket launcher. Some of the rockets went higher than the classrooms! We learnt about air pressure and force. The senior classes used the learning they have done about Mars to explore all the things that are needed to set up a colony on Mars.



Special School Events

Matariki Celebrations: We held a special assembly to celebrate Matariki last week on Wednesday. Thank you to Room 1 and Ms Erick for organising the assembly and programme for the day. The students participated in their house teams and took part in rakau songs, weaving, poi making and making kites. It was a fantastic day and we enjoyed the beautiful weather. Manawatia a Matariki!



International Language Week: We celebrated International Language week in Week 7. Each class chose a country they would like to learn more about. These were countries where some of our students or their families have come from. The countries we looked at were Myanmar, Pakistan, Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka and the continent of Africa. The students enjoyed learning facts about different countries and cultures. They even attempted to say a few words in the languages that are spoken in these countries. Each class shared their learning at assembly on Friday. Thank you to Ms Erick and Room 1 for hosting.



Netball: Our Year 6 netball team, the Ruapotaka Rebels, have enjoyed an amazing season of netball so far. Our girls have won 5 consecutive games in a row! Well done to Krisana, Macaelah, Anna, Isadora, Ally, Sinai, Elisapeta, Amber, Pele, Taina and Grace. This week's game is taking place on Thursday at 5pm on court . We have training on Tuesday straight after school. Thank you to our coaches Nicky-Lee and Skylar for supporting the team. The last round of games will take place in Term 3.



School Disco: We have our school disco on Wednesday this week. The Junior school will have their disco from 1:30 pm until 2:30pm in the multipurpose room. Our Year 4 - 8 students will have their disco at 5:30pm - 7pm. The cost to attend the disco is \$2 per student. There are celestial packs being sold for \$5 and VIP packs being sold for \$10. All payments must be made to the classroom teacher or office before the disco. The packs will be distributed to students at the disco upon entry.



Important Notices and Reminders



Ruatotaka School Year 1-6 Jacket
Product Code: RUP0203
\$60.00 (GST inc.)



Ruatotaka School Year 1-6 Fleece Royal
Product Code: RUP0308
\$55.00 (GST inc.)



Ruatotaka School Year 1-6 Beanie
Product Code: RUP0001
\$18.00 (GST inc.)

Uniform Expectations for Term 2: We currently do not have a winter uniform as such but you can wear items of clothing as long as they are all the same colour. All years 1-6 students will wear only royal blue uniform and all the Year 7-8 wear navy blue uniform.

This year we are wanting to add some more items to our uniform and look at **changing some parts of the uniform** as well. We would like to hear your thoughts on our current uniform and what you would like to see added or changed in our current uniform. **At our learning conversations this term we will be asking you to fill in a survey and we will also put it on our school website and facebook** page for you to fill in.



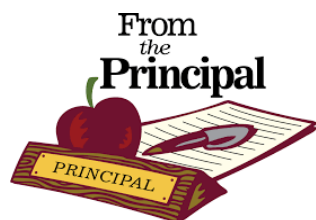
Important Dates for Term 2 There are many extra activities that happen over the term and some activities are regular throughout the year. Here are a few to remember:

Newsletters: These come out to the eldest and only in hard copy each fortnight in Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

Whole School Assemblies: These also happen fortnightly during the same weeks as the newsletters come out. All whānau are invited to attend any of these assemblies. Assemblies start at 9:15am this year.

Wellbeing Wednesdays: All staff and students are expected to be off site by 3pm each Wednesday. This is an opportunity for our staff to work on their wellbeing. There will be a staff member who will remain onsite until the last child is picked up. Please do not be late picking up your children.

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
Mon 23 June	Trip to Stardome Rooms 1&5	Tue 24 June	Trip to Stardome Rooms 3&6
Tue 24 June	Kelly Sports for Senior School	Tue 24 June	Ki-o-rahi cluster day
Wed 25 June	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC		
Fri 27 June	Whole School Assembly	Fri 27 June	Last Day Term 2 finishing at 2pm



Fakaalofa atu kia mutolu oti and Kia Ora Koutou e te whānau. A warm welcome to all our new families this term.

The weather is becoming more and more unpredictable as we head closer to winter. The school holidays are a good time to look at your child's uniform and purchase or repair their uniforms. As the weather is getting colder and wet, it is important that your child has a raincoat rather than an umbrella to protect them from the rain. If your child has a royal blue uniform there is also the option to wear long track pants which can be purchased at the NZ Uniform shop in Botany. You can order these items online and have them sent to your home address. We have had a very busy term this term and it hasn't helped that it was only 9

weeks instead of the usual 10 week term. I hope that you attended your child's learning conferences to get their school report. You can make a time to meet your child's teacher any time to collect the report if you did not get a chance to see them last week. Did you see the amazing artwork in our annual art exhibition? Everyone did a fantastic job.

Term 3 is our busy term also with our focus being on the Manaiakalani Film Festival. We have two teacher only days - one on Friday 29 August for our Mathematics PLD and one on Friday 12 September to complete our movies for the festival. Please make sure you have these in your diary and make other plans for your children on these days. I look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 3. Have a safe holiday these holidays and remember we finish at 2pm on the last day of term.



Monuina e aho nei,
Allison Hamilton
(Principal)