



Newsletter

Term 3 Number 17 - 18 September 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our last full newsletter for this term, a term that has seen a lot of illness throughout the school. The holiday period will hopefully be a time of recharging batteries and getting rid of the many viral flu bugs that have affected so many. We have also appreciated your understanding over the past couple of weeks, as classes have needed to be 'juggled' here and there due to teacher sickness and a shortage of relievers.

The **Runathon** took place last Monday and now is the time to be collecting in sponsorship monies. These need to be back to school by next Wednesday, 23rd, for your child to be eligible for prizes. Thank you in advance for your efforts, our prize giving assembly in next Friday morning at 9.00am.

Over the past two terms many of you have been involved in the children's winter sports, which has involved many after schools, Friday evenings and Saturdays. Your dedication, time and effort is admirable and we are very fortunate that so many of our children can be involved in this range of sports. So from us all a HUGE thanks!

Next term on Saturday 14th November is the school gala, with our dedicated PTA group working extremely hard to make the day a success. I am sure you will have seen on their Facebook page that voting has opened for **Gunge the Teacher** – who will be the teacher or staff member to receive the most votes? Who might be the surprise entry on the day?

Please get behind the PTA with your support, 8 people alone cannot make it happen!

Today was **LOUD** Shirt day raising money for the Hearing House and Cochlear Implants. Thank you for your generosity, the school has donated \$190.50 to these worthy causes.

Keep warm and dry everyone, have an enjoyable weekend.

Nga mihi

Vicki Saunders, Principal

Notifying of absences...

Parents and caregivers can **text** when children are sick and going to be absent from school.

You can also send an email from our website www.tkp.school.nz - go to absences and follow the prompts. If you are texting about an absence you can now reply to that number.

Parents and caregivers can also phone the office on 826 3564 and leave a message.

The number for texting absence messages is 027 503 7425

To go directly to our website using a QR reader on your smartphone, use the QR code below.



For our School garden

Does anyone have old Gumboots or Crocs, any colour or size?

Rhonda is also after beads, buttons, old cutlery or wooden spoons for the garden.

And finally we having Buxus hedging for sale at \$2 per plant. Contact Rhonda.

Calf Club - Wednesday 14th October 2015

Please call into the office and pick up your calf club forms if you have not already done so.

All entries must be into the school office by Monday 21st September.

Te Kāwhata Childcare



& Learning Centre

We offer quality care and education, where learning and fun become one! Come & visit any time!

Operating hours:
8.00-5.30 Monday-Friday
9 Mahi Rd, Te Kāwhata
Ph: 826 3280
Email: tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz

First 20 hours are now offered FREE!

PTA

The PTA Meet regularly on the 1st Wednesday of every month, excluding the school holidays. New members and visitors are welcome at all times, so please come along.

Pencil these dates into your diary!

Wednesday 4th November - 7pm
Wednesday 2nd December - 7 pm.

Coming Up:

Sept 25	: Last Day of Term 3
Oct 12	: Term 4 commences
Oct 14	: Calf Club
Oct 22	: Group Day
Nov 13	: Grandparents Day
Nov 14	: Gala Day today!

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\$40 +gst / WEEK

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Community News:

Waerenga Tennis 2015-2016 season

Its only a few weeks until the new tennis season begins. We have plenty of options for all ages including coaching, tournaments and adults social twilight.

Professional Coaching - 8 week coaching classes – Term 4.

Mondays after school at the Rec Centre in Waerenga. Maximum of 8 players per group so places are limited.

Costs per term (8 lessons): 30 minutes \$65 (for young children), 45 minutes \$95 (for older children), 60 minutes \$125 (for teens and adults).

Contact Christine Goodin 07 8267702, text 021 328822, or email goodinnd@xtra.co.nz

You are invited to Afternoon Tea with the PTA

Tuesday 22 September after school

On the concrete outside the office (if fine)

In the junior school covered area (if wet)



The Parent Teacher Association is a group of parents and teachers that meet monthly to plan events and initiatives to celebrate, fundraise for, and increase community engagement with our school.

Are you new to the school?

Or maybe your children have been at TKP for a while?

Perhaps you have a question about the PTA?

Or maybe you just want a free afternoon tea?

We don't care, we just want to meet you. Bring the kids (obviously), enjoy a snack and have a chat. There are no formalities so just pop in and out as suits. Stay as long or as little as you wish.

We hope to see you there

Jo, Lauren, Sherie, Cory, Sandra, Leigh, Kara, Candice and Vicki –

The TKP PTA

Supporting success in your school.

For new ASB home loans over \$150,000 drawn down before 31 December 2015, ASB will donate:

\$500 cash to participating schools.

To take up this offer you must be a parent, staff or member of the participating school. ASB's lending criteria, terms and conditions apply. 20% equity is required in the security property. Other terms apply. Fees may apply for Ts & Cs and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking. Offer ends 31 December 2015.

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Heart Foundation

GROWING VEGETABLES MADE EASY

Growing your own vegetables is easy and fun. Kids are often more willing to eat veges if they've grown them themselves. Just a few recyclable containers will help to get you started. Cut the top off a plastic milk bottle and it becomes a pot.

Recyclable containers that make great plant pots

- ▼ tin cans
- ▼ plastic bottles
- ▼ buckets
- ▼ ice cream tubs
- ▼ milk bottles
- ▼ yoghurt pottles

Preparing your pots

- ▼ make some drainage holes in the bottom
- ▼ place some small stones over the holes
- ▼ fill the container with rich soil ready for a plant

For tasty vegetable recipes, visit www.heartfoundation.org.nz

Te Kauwhata Primary School

GALA

Saturday 14th November 10 - 2pm

PLANTS

Support your School

When you shop at PlaceMakers Huntly, just tell the staff to invoice your cash sale to your School's Know How Card and they (the School) will receive a \$25 voucher for every \$250 spent. Terms and conditions do apply, so ask our friendly staff in store about this.

PlaceMakers
Know how. Can do.

Hey Kids, do you want to try Golf?

Waikare Golf Club are once again running an introductory programme this summer

Starts: Tuesday 12th October - 5pm to 6pm
Then every Tuesday except for school holidays

Ends: End of March with daylight saving

You Need: To be Primary School age
To wear sports shoes
To bring \$10 for the whole programme

We Will: Provide all the gear
Teach you to play golf
Provide fun (and prizes)

Any questions, please contact the golf club office on
826 3574

TE KAUWHATA GOLF CLUB

“GOING SOLAR FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL”

Due to significant health & safety, environmental and maintenance concerns, the use of the existing coal fired boiler to heat our community pool is no longer feasible. Solar heating of the pool is the most economic option long term. Funding through grants & fundraising will be required to raise the \$68,000 installation cost of the solar heating.

We are asking our community to help raise the money needed to complete our project - to keep your pool heated.

The Fitness Centre is running a QUIZ NIGHT

16TH October @ Waikare Golf Club - 7pm

Quick fire raffles/silent auction/supper/music/cash bar

Purchase one ticket per table of 4 to 10 @ \$25.00 per head

Choose a team name, bookings essential at Post & Office TK

Prize for best dressed - theme “Let’s Get Physical”

Get out the leg warmers & sweat bands!

Special guest - DJ Clint Roberts from the Edge Radio

Enquires to Kerry 8264090/0274446153

Thank you for your support

Free Sports Holiday Programme

In conjunction with "Team Energize", Edventure is running a "Free Energize Sports Day" Holiday Programme. Spaces are limited, enrol online at www.edventure.co.nz Also check out our other holiday programmes available, "Edventure Outdoors" and "Edventure Everyday"



The Young Authors' Conference.



On Saturday the 29th of August, 6 year 5 students, Mrs Constantine, Donny (Grace's Dad) and Alison went to a young authors' conference, which was held at Morrinsville Intermediate. The reason we went was because we love to write and we hope to be published authors ourselves when we grow up.

During the day, we got sent to three different workshops to do a writing activity and got to meet 3 different people.

We also got to meet five different authors with unique tastes for writing, including one awesome illustrator named Deborah Hinde, which was Ratu's favourite class, and other authors called Judy Balcliffe, Maria Gill, Feana Tuakoi, Des Hunt and Michael Oehley.

After each class we gathered in the assembly area to get our lunch. After we did our last class we got to get the author's' signatures and then drove home. It was a really fun day, we learnt lots about writing and we would love to do it again.

By Emma, Alysha, Ratu, Charlotte, Riley, Grace.

