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## Newsletter

**Term 4 Number 18 - 16 October 2015**

### **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to our new families and whanau who have joined us this term, it is great to have you here!

It is hard to believe it is term 4 already and like always it is a busy one! We look forward to our very first Grandparent's Day next month on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your children to invite their grandparents along. Also coming up is the ASB Getwise Financial Literacy programme that all classes will be participating in. This is always popular with the children and very beneficial to them from a young age. We have our annual Zero Waste programme with Matua X-Man, Year 6 camp and our Year 5 leadership programme. Our PE focus this term is athletics. Please check the school calendar and future newsletters carefully to be aware of these upcoming dates.

This week our annual Calf Club day was held. Well done to all participants for the time and effort you had put into having your animals ready for the day. Congratulations to all winners and good luck for the annual Group Day next week. Thanks as always to everyone who helped organise and prepare for the day.

#### **A message from Mrs Perrie**

Last year many of you will recall us collecting books to donate to the country of Tanzania. Mrs Perrie, our former Deputy Principal, traveled to Tanzania as part of a voluntary group to help a school establish a library. Mrs Perrie has recently returned from her second trip over there and has included these pictures and message to share with you all.



How lovely that we were able to help so much!

**We C.A.R.E.**

*Joshua Magugu School now has a library housed in a container especially modified for the purpose. Last year the books were collected from all over New Zealand and then shipped to Tanzania in the container. Thank you Te Kauwhata Primary children for the many books you donated. The teachers and children are very happy to have a library at last and they thank you very much.*

### **Sunsmart Policy**

A reminder that as part of our Sunsmart Policy all children are required to wear a uniform sunhat in Terms 1 and 4. As from next week we will be asking those children who are not wearing their hat to remain in a shaded area. Our school hats are available from the office at \$10.00 each. Thank you for ensuring your child has one.

### **GALA! GALA! GALA! – Mad Scientist Theme**

An amazing day is planned for **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Please show your support by getting in behind our dedicated PTA group who is working tirelessly to make this day another huge success. More information is included in their notice further into this newsletter.

Also all children are encouraged to enter the Mad Scientist Invention competition. This can be completed at home and entry forms are available at the school office. There is a special guest judge on the day to look at all the entries.

### **Lateness**

There has been an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. A reminder that your children need to be at school ready to start their day by 8.50am – ten minutes earlier is even better!



**Te Kauwhata 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 Kauwhata**  
**Ph: 826 3280**  
**Email: [tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz)**

**First 20 hours are now offered *FREE!***

If for some reason your child is late, could you please make sure you let Brenda and Louise in the office know that they have arrived. This is not the teacher's responsibility and will ensure unnecessary absence texts are not sent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Well I am sure you will all be behind the All Blacks on Sunday morning! Best of luck to our team! Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi nui

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](http://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.



## 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:

Oct 21	: BOT
Oct 22	: Group Day @ Domain
Oct 26	: Labour Day Holiday
Nov 13	: Grandparents Day
Nov 14	: Gala Day today!
Nov 20	: Year 6 Camp Fees due

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](http://asb.co.nz/schoolbanking). Offer ends 31 December 2015.

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## Community News:

