



Newsletter

Term 4 Number 19 - 30 October 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Last term we held our biennial Runathon fundraiser and I am pleased to share with you all that we raised just over \$5000.00 from it. A BIG thank you to everyone who supported the event and returned all fundraising contributions. Next Friday at 2.00pm we will hold the prize-giving assembly to acknowledge our top fundraising efforts. You are most welcome to come along.

If there are any outstanding monies to be handed in to school please do so as soon as possible, thank you.

Over the next few weeks end of year assessments will take place for many of the children. These assessments form part of your child's overall achievement against the National Standards. Other aspects of their learning that are important to these judgments include their records of learning in-class, teacher observations and learning conversations between teacher and child. If your child is in Years 1, 2, or 3 their end of year report will have been sent home at the end of the term of their anniversary at school, some will be this term. If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6 they will receive their end of year report on Friday 11th December.

It's also now the time of the year when we start collating class lists for the next year, so please if you know your child will not be returning to our school, let their teacher or the office staff know, so we can take this into account as we place the children, your support is appreciated. We are expecting quite a bit of roll growth over the next year with many new homes in the process of being built and already a growing list of new enrolments heading our way in 2016. So we also ask that if you have a pre-schooler joining us, or know of other families with children about to join us – please let us know and ask new families to call in and do the same.

A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in Terms 4 and 1. These are required to be **school issue** sunhats and available from the school office for \$10.00 each. Children without the correct sunhat will be directed to play in the

shade areas. Please also remember that all children are expected to be in the new black uniform shirts at the start of next year. There has been an 18-month transition period, but this is now coming to an end, with the yellow shirts no longer correct uniform as from 2016. The new shirts are available through the school office.

It has been very disappointing to receive reports about our children, and others, on the school roofs during the holidays and weekends. Quite a bit of damage has occurred which has resulted in some repairs needed. Vandalism such as this is not acceptable and extremely frustrating. Please help us look after our buildings so we are able to channel our funding into worthwhile causes supporting your children's learning and enjoyment of our grounds. Thank you for being vigilant at all times and also reinforcing to your children that such behaviour is not acceptable but also very unsafe.

For families with children traveling on the school buses, we are very aware that the Rangiriri Bridge will be closed later next month. I am just awaiting confirmation from Taverners as to what will be happening on the two affected mornings, and will pass this information on as soon as I have it.

GALA ~ GALA ~ GALA

We are only a fortnight away from this amazing biennial event. Please keep your donations rolling in and continue telling your friends and family about it. It promises to be all the fun of our previous gala PLUS more! And children don't forget to enter the Mad Scientist Invention competition – we want to see as many entries from our school as possible. It's not too late to pick up your entry form from the school office. I wonder who will be the teacher with the most votes to be gunged and who the mystery person to be gunged will be!!!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone – I am sure that you will all be glued to your TVs at 5am on Sunday morning to cheer on the ALL BLACKS. All the best to them, we know they can achieve this Back-to-Back win!

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders
Principal

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!

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.



Gala Update

Just a couple of reminders further to last Friday's Gala newsletter:

- Drop Offs - This Sat 31 Oct drop off your pre-loved books, toys, clothing or household goods at the school from 10am to 12noon. Or text 021 222 5682
- Grocery items - If you can, please donate a grocery item for our raffle hampers. Send items in to classroom teachers. The class that puts together the best collection of stuff will receive Gala vouchers.



Calf Club Results

Congratulations to the following children:

Lambs:

Champion Leading: Laura Bell

Champion MOP: Dean Hall

Champion Rearing: Dean Hall

Reserve: Zara Hickey Wrigley

Reserve: Laura Bell

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Calves:

Champion Leading: Jenna Paulsen

Champion Rearing: Jenna Paulsen

Champion Dairy Type: Callum Smith

Champion Beef Type: Jenna Paulsen

Reserve: Callum Smith

Reserve: Loki Goudswaard

Reserve: Natalie Croucher

Reserve: Dale Irvine

Well done to all the children who entered this year.

Group Day

Congratulations to all those that entered the Group Day last Thursday.
Te Kauwhata Primary won the Cheyne Shield for the Group of 3 Lambs and the Shield for Highest Aggregate Points.

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.

Year 6 Camp -

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th December

Our Year 6 camp is now only 4 weeks away.

A reminder that all money must be paid by the 20th November.

The camp fees are \$60 this year. Please see Brenda in the office if you have any queries regarding this.

Coming Up:

Nov 13 : Grandparents Day
Nov 14 : Gala Day today!
Nov 20 : Year 6 Camp Fees due
Nov 27 : Orientation Day at Te Kauwhata College
Dec 01 - 04 : Year 6 Camp ...
Dec 17 : Last day of Term, School finishes for the year

Community News:

TE KAUWHATA FITNESS CENTRE – SWIMMING LESSONS

Registration is open for swimming lessons – forms are available at the T K Fitness Centre.

Our season will be shorter than usual as Fred will be away from 14 December.

However we are offering 2 lessons per week for \$80.00 and a 3rd one for those wanting more, for an extra \$10.00. Registration closes Friday 13 November.

Fred will start swim assessments on Tuesday 17th November & Thursday 19th @ 3.15pm @ the fitness centre pool.

We also offer learn to swim adult classes: registration forms are available from the fitness centre.

Any queries please contact the centre on 8264090.



