



Newsletter

Term 4 Number 21 - 27 November 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Gala Day

Once again another extremely successful gala day was held. The weather was kind and a fun time was had by all! Once again HUGE thanks to our dedicated PTA team for their organisation, and to all those parents, staff and family friends who helped prepare and run the day. We will let you know the amount raised in our next and final newsletter for this year.

Board of Trustees

Last month the Board of Trustees welcomed Andre de Thierry on as its new representative. We thank Andre for his interest and look forward to working with him over the next few months. Board of Trustees triennial elections take place next year so it is not too soon to be thinking about becoming a trustee. More information and important dates will be shared during Term 1 next year.

Pink Party Day

Yesterday we held our Pink Party Day in memory of Wendy Hickey. We are thrilled with what we have raised to donate to the local DISC, as per Wendy's wishes. Thank you everyone for supporting this day. A special presentation will be made on Monday morning at 9am.

Staffing 2016

In a few weeks we farewell Mrs. Louise Trousdale who is transferring to Pukeoware School, much closer to her new home. We wish Louise all the very best and thank her sincerely for her efforts and dedication over the past 7 years. Mrs. Sylvia Liddiard returns to a part time position next year and we thank her very much for stepping in at short notice and teaching Room 1 this year. We also say a big thank you to Vanessa Hickey for her time in Room 12 and wish Vanessa all the very best as her family welcomes their second child early in the new year. It is thank you too to Mrs Pippa Martin who has taught part time in Room 12 throughout this term.

Our teaching team for 2016 is:

Junior Team ~ Year 1 and 2:

Assistant Principal and Team Leader ~ Mrs. Gillian Constantine

Room 1	Mrs. Marg Northcott
Room 2	Mrs. Edith Cullen
Room 3	Mrs. Angela Readings
Room 4	Mrs. Kara Burns
Room 5	Ms. Erin Taylor

Middle Team ~ Years 3 and 4

Room 7	Mrs. Carolyn Berney ~ Team Leader
Room 8	Mrs. Simone Irvine
Room 9	Mrs. Candice Bateup

Senior Team ~ Years 5 and 6

Deputy Principal and Team Leaders ~ Mr. Brian Martin

Room 6	Mr. Chris Plant (Years 4, 5 and 6)
Learning Hub	Ms. Loren Mills and Ms. Samantha Smith

Release and part time teachers:

Mrs. Sylvia Liddiard

Mrs. Maria Farmer

You will receive notification of your child's 2016 class on Friday 11th December. If you know your child will not be returning next year we would appreciate you letting the school know. With all the new home building and movement into the village next year we are expecting some significant roll growth, and due to this we have not opened up applications for out-of-zone enrolments at this stage. The Board will review this once the roll has settled in Term 1.

Property Update

The focus at present is repairing the school roof and preparing it for painting. Much of the repair work has been made necessary as a result of children playing on them and running over them outside of school hours. This is most disheartening and we need it to stop! We are very grateful for the community members who always notify us when they see such behaviours occurring. We thank everyone for your ongoing vigilance.

Library Competitions

Recently Mrs. Bateup organised some library competitions for children to enter. It is congratulations to the following children for winning their respective categories:

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& Learning Centre

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9 Mahi Rd, Te Kāwhata
Ph: 826 3280
Email: tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz

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

Senior Team (re-design our library)

- Resmay Va, Mark Mahe, Liam Reeve

Middle Team (design place marker cards for use in the library)

- Natasha Janthaphoree, Xander Honiball, Ashley Green

Junior Team (artwork)

- Maia Bird, Rachel Gredig, Luke Brown

There are many events coming up over the next few weeks. We thank you for your support of them and the teachers for their extra time and effort put into ensuring they are well-organised and enjoyable for your children. I look forward to my 4 days next week with our Year 5 children as they work towards becoming our leaders and role models as Year 6 students next year. All the very best to our Year 6 students as they head away for their end of year camp next week – personal challenges and fun for all!

Enjoy the last few weeks of this year with us and I look forward to catching up with many of you during this time at the many events on.

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders

Principal

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 this date into your diary!

Wednesday 2nd December - 7 pm.



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.



Open Invitation to all parents / caregivers Open Invitation to all parents / caregivers

This year we introduced our first flexible learning space – The Learning Hub.

This meeting is to:

- Share the journey of The Learning Hub this year
 - Listen to children's perspectives
 - Share achievement data
 - Share changes for 2016

We will also be discussing changes being made to our Year 3 and 4 Team next year.

Tuesday 8th December
5.15pm – 6.15pm
in the
Learning Hub

Term Dates - 2016

- Term 1** - Wednesday February 3rd to Friday April 15th.
(Waitangi Day 8th Feb, Good Friday 25th March, Easter Monday 28th March, Tuesday 29th March)
- Term 2** - Monday May 2nd to Friday July 8th. (Queens Birthday 6th June)
- Term 3** - Monday July 25th to Friday September 23rd.
- Term 4** - Monday October 10th to Friday December 16th. (Labour Day 24th Oct)

From kidspot.co.nz as the warmer weather arrives...

Personal hygiene for school aged children

Teaching your child to keep his/her body clean is an important part of building his/her self-esteem – if he cares about the way he/she presents himself/herself and feels good about his/her body then he'll/she'll feel pretty good about himself.

Children can be pretty brutal with each other, so there are about a million ways your child can feel self-conscious during his school years. But if you teach him/her good personal hygiene habits early, then at least he/she won't have to worry about the obvious ones: hair-care, body odour and bad breath.

Clothes and hygiene

Clothes, and especially underwear, should be changed every day. Even if they're not smelly, your child's clothes have collected sweat, stains and dead skin cells (and who knows what else!) while they've been worn. Overnight, bacteria will start to work on these stains so the clothes will never smell as nice on the second day of wearing.

Encourage your child to take off his school uniform as soon as he gets home and to hang it up to air before he has to wear it the next day.

Teach your child to change his underwear every day – it sounds obvious, but this is something that sometime stops happening regularly once your child begins to take charge of himself.

Coming Up:

- Nov 27 : Orientation Day at Te Kauwhata College
- Dec 01 - 04 : Year 6 Camp ...
- Dec 01 - 04 : Year 5 Programme
- Dec 08 : Invitation for all Parents/Caregivers for the Learning Hub
- Dec 09 : Room 9 Trip to Rangitoto Island
- Dec 09 : Junior School, Rms 1,2,3,4,5,12 trip to Bullswool Farm
- Dec 09 : BOT Meeting
- Dec 11 : New School entrance way unveiling
- Dec 15 : Prizegiving evening
- Dec 17 : Last day of Term, School finishes for the year - midday
(buses will run at this time)

Community News:

A big thank you to Tim & Nicola Hinton from Inform Trees & Landscapes for the donation of Bark for our playground.



- Kindling For Sale -

\$5 for a Large Sack

Kindly donated by the Lions Club
Contact Rob or Rhonda at the
School



After School Care and School Holiday Program Dec 2015 – Jan 2016

We are currently offering After School Care and a School Holiday program for children aged 5 – 13 years for this coming school holidays. The program will involve a scheduled program of local and wider community excursions.

For further information on the program and fees, please feel free to contact
Tarina Moorfield on 0274-870-662 or email
bigkids@suitsandgumboots.co.nz.