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## Newsletter

**Term 4 Number 22 - 11 December 2015**

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to this, our last newsletter for 2015. It is very hard to believe that another school year is drawing to a close. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> end of year newsletter and each year has brought about so many reasons to celebrate what a great school we have.

Today we unveiled our new Waharoa, school entranceway. This has been carved onsite over the past term and we are very proud of the significance of it. The carvings recognise and acknowledge all cultures and our school as a place of learning for all, and the value we place on education. Our values of We C.A.R.E. ~ Manaakitia, are an integral part of the Waharoa to show what we stand for and strive to bring alive every day. The school and Board would like to acknowledge the Epiha whanau who came forward in support of our project, Rob Kahui and Daniel Coleman who have completed the carving, The Blunt and Christiansen families whose historic donation to the school has been used towards this, and the 2011 Centenary committee who also donated funds to be used for this project. A big thanks also to Rob, our caretaker, who completed much of the laborious work over the past few weeks to prepare the school frontage ready for today.

This year we farewell some members of our staff. Mrs. Louise Trousdale leaves Te Kauwhata Primary to teach at Pukeoware School in Waiuku. Louise has been a valued member for the past 7 years, teaching in the junior team. We wish Louise all the very best and thank her for her teaching, her collegiality and efforts, along with her Jump Jam abilities. Miss Vanessa Hickey finishes her fixed-term position as Room 12 teacher, we thank Vanessa again for her efforts and the quiet way she has welcomed our new 5 year olds to the world of school. Supporting her one-day a week this term has been Mrs. Pippa Martin and we are most grateful to Pippa for accepting this role and thank her. We also say thank you to Matua T, who has so ably stepped in and worked with our Kapahaka and Taiaha groups as well as co-ordinating lunchtime games twice a week. Te Whati heads south to further his studies and we wish him all the best with this.

Last week our Year 6 students spent a great 4 days at Karakariki Christian Camp. It was lovely to spend Thursday evening with them all around the campfire listening to stories, both written and told. We place a lot of value on these experiences and thank those parents who were able to take time off work and spend it at camp. Without such support these events would not be possible. It is also well done to all staff involved for ensuring the camp was well planned, safe and exciting. I spent a lovely 4 days with our Year 5 students as they had the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills as they move on to be our new school leaders next year. Thank you to our local fire brigade officers who gave up time to run the children through some team building activities and to the parents who accompanied us to Waterworld, Extreme Edge and the Karangahake Gorge. A wonderful four days for all!

This week has seen the junior team travel to Bullswool Farm for a lovely day to celebrate their year and our Room 9 boys travel by train and ferry to Rangitoto Island for an adventurous climb to the summit. Again, thank you to all involved and the many parents who supported these days.

I am pleased to share with you our preliminary National Standards results for 2015. Some very encouraging outcomes:

Reading 77% of all children at or above the Standard (74% in 2014)

Writing 70% of all children at or above the Standard (57% in 2014)

Maths 75% of all children at or above the Standard (71% in 2014)

As you can see there is growth in all areas but especially pleasing in writing, our area of focus this year. We are proud to achieve these outcomes while maintaining a rich and broad curriculum.

Next week we celebrate your children's successes and efforts at the following events:

- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Service Assembly 9am**

- At this assembly we acknowledge those children who have been:

- ♣ Fitness instructors
- ♣ Peer Mediators
- ♣ Student Leaders
- ♣ Radio DJs
- ♣ PE Shed
- ♣ Milk Monitors
- ♣ Assembly setter-uppers
- ♣ Recyclers
- ♣ Flag monitors
- ♣ Lunch monitors

- **End of Year Prize-giving – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**

- Our formal prize-giving with all children performing and a special treat at the end. We ask parents, family and friends to be seated by 6.45pm to allow for a prompt start at 7pm.
- **Please have your children, in full school uniform, at school by 6.45pm on Tuesday evening so they can also be ready with their class to start at 7pm.**

Mufti Day Tuesday – your children are invited to wear mufti next Tuesday so their uniforms can be kept clean for the prize-giving that evening.

### **Uniform 2016 reminder**

Next year the old yellow shirts will no longer be acceptable as school uniform. All students need to be wearing the black polo shirts that are available from the school office at \$22 each. You are able to purchase these now or at the start of the new term, the office will be open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to do so.

We will also be asking all children to have a t-shirt in their Whanau group colour to be worn on event days.

- Waikare – blue
- Whangamarino – red
- Waikato – yellow

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](mailto:tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz)

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

- Whangape – green

These will be available to order through school next year for \$7.50 each, or you may like to purchase one during the holidays.

Along with acknowledging your continued support as parents and whanau of our school I must acknowledge our hard working and dedicated staff who work tirelessly to make our school the vibrant place of learning that it is. Their upcoming break is well-deserved and will be enjoyed by all!

On behalf of all staff and the Board of Trustees I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday period. For those families who end their time with us this year, thank you for being part of our community and all the best in your new ventures and/or schools.

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.



## **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)

**A big thank you to all the parent/caregiver helpers who joined us on our Junior school trip to Bulls Wool Farm.**

## Coming Up:

Dec 14 : Service Assembly 9am  
Dec 15 : End of Year Prize-giving 7pm  
Dec 16 : BOT Meeting  
Dec 17 : Last day of Term, School finishes for the year - midday  
(buses will run at this time)



## Community News:



### 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](mailto:bigkids@suitsandgumboots.co.nz).

# PTA UPDATE

PTA Update – Galas, Toys and Fast Cars

We hope you had a fabulous time at the Gala. We are pleased to announce that the gala cleared a profit of just over \$13,000 for the school!

These funds will be allocated to school projects at our March AGM. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

We are enormously grateful to our sponsors (below), but are equally grateful to our 100+ team of volunteers who made the day possible. We simply could not have done it without your investment of time and aroha. Thank you...

Katie & Jessica Allen

Vai Apisai and the TK College Junior Cultural Group

Candice Bateup

Marlene Beadle

Beatrice and the team at Bannockburn

Carolyn Berney

Beverley Berwick

Sherie and Andrew Blank

Emily Brown

Jo Brown

Fiona Bryant

Selwyn Buckingham!!!! Legend

Rob & Kara Burns

Samantha Carter

Kerri & Trace Collinson Smith

Gill Constantine

Michelle Croucher

Edith Cullen

John Cunningham, Invention Judge

Wendy de Ploeg at Harcourts

Elizabeth Dobbs and family

Kirsty Dunn

Dr Robin

Ella and Sharon

Maria Farmer

Laura Green & Angela

Jennifer Epiha

Charisse Falwasser

Rachel Ferregel (and Mum)

Shona Fitness

Brett Flowerday

Chloe Gallety

Jennie Gore

Jodie Goudswaard

Toni Grace

Jake Grainger

Sandra Guerriero

Jacob Hammond

Natalie Hansen

Rachel and Samantha Hill

Tim Hinton and the AMAZING TK Fire Service

Brenda Hitchcock

Lauren Hughes & Jared Parkes

Simone, Sam and Rhonda Irvine

Jinny Irvine and the awesome folk at Smart Choice Real Estate

Leigh Johnson  
Lynley Johnston  
Claudine Johnstone  
Brian Jones and family  
Whaea Karen and the TK Kapa Haka group  
Angela Katterns  
Sonia Katu  
Jacob Kirifi  
Alanah Knaggs  
Robine and Stu Lawrence  
Maree Lovegrove  
Jo, Graham, Leanne and Alice Mako  
Brian Martin  
Paula Matheson  
Brian McLeish  
Marilyn McLeish  
Loren Mills  
Tarina & Tayla Moorfield  
Tom Mulligan  
Hazel and Khadine Ngatai  
Rose Oliver  
Alison O'Neill  
Nicole Ormsby  
Cory Pace  
Anna Pinder and Blair Ryburn  
Daniella Potter  
Chris Plant  
Louise Salzwedel  
Vicki Saunders  
Diane Sealy  
Serena Shanks at ASB Bank  
Larry Simmonds, MC extraordinaire  
Sam Smith  
Eleanor Smith  
Bec Southern  
Catherine Tangaroa  
Erin Taylor  
Te Kauwhata Lions  
The team at TK Four Square  
Theresa at St John's  
Simone Wade  
Vera Walker  
Kelsey Walters  
Walt and the team at the Eel Factory  
Te Amorangi Waraki  
Bree Welch  
Nicola Wilson  
Carol and Barry Young  
Pam Weir and Katrina  
Whiti, Monique, Tahi and Isabella

And everyone else unnamed who also supported the Gala in so many other ways,  
especially our unsung grandparents and wider whanau for caring for our kids while we  
were running the show.

The generosity of our sponsors enabled us to cover all our costs prior to the Gala, so every  
cent taken on the day went directly to the school.

Stall Sponsors – key partners investing in our school

The Trust's Community Foundation  
Te Kauwhata Water Association  
Smart Choice Real Estate  
TK Plumbers,  
Carley's Transport  
TK Mechanical and Towing  
Pepler's Fine Foods  
BF Builders  
Moorfield Motors  
South Hampton Automotive  
Huntly & Districts Floor Sanding  
Farm Bike Maintenance,  
TKCLC(Te Kauwhata Childcare and Learning Centre)  
Century 21 Huntly  
PGG Wrightson Real Estate  
TK Bakehouse  
Wendy Ploeg at Harcourts  
Key2 Homes  
Irvine Cartage

Contra Sponsors – donating goods and services

Botany School, TK Four Square, NZ Eel Processing Ltd, AnexaFVC Vets, Franklin Vets, Scholastics, Jumpin Jacks, Logical Toys, Crescendo Science, Stardome, Post and Office, Prolife Foods, The Southern Family, Monique, Inform Landscapes, Cadbury, TK College, BOC Gases, Ruth Brown Baker, Shona Fitness

What's Next for the PTA?

Toys

Look out for the PTA at the TK A&P Show and Christmas Parade. We are selling new toys donated to the school as a fundraiser. Grab yourself a Christmas bargain.

Fast Cars

Over summer the PTA has an annual fundraiser selling programmes for the Porsche Festival of Speed at Hampton Downs. If you are into cars this is a dream gig. You get free entry (normally \$35 per day or \$95 festival pass) and while we cant make any promises many of our volunteers in previous years have also been offered a free hot lap experience (worth \$200+). It is tricky managing a roster over the holiday period so please help us out and get in touch with Andrew now – see add elsewhere in newsletter.

Photographs

In Term 1 when we are all looking relaxed after a great summer we have a family photography fundraiser planned.

For more info or to follow us - [pta@tkp.org.nz](mailto:pta@tkp.org.nz) / <https://www.facebook.com/TKPSchoolFair/>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE PTA





It's that time of year again. Every January Hampton Downs gives the school the opportunity to fundraise by selling programmes at their summer festival. This year it is the Porsche Festival taking place over two consecutive weekends 15-17 Jan & 22-24 Jan.

Selling the programmes is very easy, they virtually sell them selves as everybody attending wants a programme. If you are a car lover this includes entrance to the track so you can enjoy the racing while selling and can stay on after you have finished.

This will be the forth year the PTA has worked this festival. It has become a fixture in our fundraisin calendar generating an average of \$2500 for the school each year. If you or anyone you know would be willing to donate their time to our good cause please return the form below to the school office by the end of term or contact Andrew Blank on 029 200 9045 or { [HYPERLINK "mailto:drew7@slingshot.co.nz"](mailto:drew7@slingshot.co.nz) }

For more race details - { [HYPERLINK "http://www.nzfmr.co.nz/"](http://www.nzfmr.co.nz/) }

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

I am willing to work:

A half day

A full day

Multiple days

Availability

*Please indicate all the slots you are available. We will only roster the number of shifts you have indicated above and contact you before finalising the roster.*

Shift	Fri 15 Jan	Sat 16 Jan	Sun 17 Jan	Fri 22 Jan	Sat 23 Jan	Sun 24 Jan
8.30am to 12noon						
12noon to 3pm						

