



Newsletter

Term 1 Number 02 - 13 February 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Student Safety

I have been made aware this week that some of our students who ride bikes or scooters to school are putting themselves at risk by not wearing helmets and cycling / scooting down the centre of Mahi Road.

The law requires all cyclists to wear a helmet, correctly sized and fastened. If your child does not have a helmet they **MUST NOT** ride their bike to school. If we see them arriving or leaving without a helmet we will stop your child from riding and contact you for their own safety.

While it is not law to wear a helmet on their scooter we support it as a good safe practice.

Pedestrians

This week the new council crossing area has been completed. This is where the children must cross the road in the afternoons and we recommend the use of it in the mornings. We ask that all drivers respect this newly painted area and refrain from parking in the 'no parking' lined areas and travel at a reduced speed along the school road.

Coming up...

We would also like to inform you of some event dates that are coming up over the next few weeks:

Wednesday 18 February

Junior School Swimming Expo – 11am – 12.15pm

Rooms 1 and 2 will be showing their skills from 11.00 until 11.30am, and then Rooms 3, 4 and 5 will be showing their skills from 11.30 until 12.15pm.

Come along to see what your child/children have been up to in the pool this year. All welcome poolside.

Monday 23 February

Meet the teacher Evening / Pool Party – 5.15pm – 7.30pm

Come along and join the staff for a sausage sizzle from 5.15pm. The pool will be open for a swim but please appreciate your children need to be accompanied by an adult that evening to be able to swim. The pool will close and classrooms open from 6.30pm for an opportunity to wander through your child / children's room/s and meet their teacher/s.

A reminder this is not an appropriate time for individual child meetings; such a meeting should be arranged with their teacher for another time. Thank you for respecting this.

Tuesday 24 February – School Swimming Sports

Senior team from 9.30am at community pool (TK College)

Middle team from 11.30am in our school pool

We look forward to catching up with many of you as you support your children at these events.

Nga mihi

Vicki Saunders and the Team @ TKP

Swimming

All Year 3 -6 swimmers will need a polypropylene or thermal top on a Monday, Thursday & Friday if they tend to get cold.

Netball

We will be holding a muster at lunchtime on Monday. Any children from Years 1 to 6, who are interested in playing netball this season, are invited to attend. Information will be given out for your child to bring home.

Netball games are played in Pukekohe on a Friday night or Saturday morning (dependant on age) Please see Mrs Berney, Miss Mills or Brenda at the office you have any questions.

Headlice

Headlice have once again appeared in the school. While it is impossible to stop the spread of headlice it is possible to stop them becoming established. To achieve this it requires the co-operation of all parents/caregivers to check and treat their children's hair.

The best way to check your child's hair is by 'wet combing' and this should be done at least once a week. If live lice are found on one head all others living in the household should be checked and treated as necessary.

Recommendations:

- 1) daily brushing of child's hair at bedtime.
- 2) Weekly check of child's hair – condition hair and while damp comb through with a fine tooth comb. Clean the comb between each stroke.

Treatment Options:

- 1) wet comb using conditioner every 2-3 days for approx 2 weeks until no further lice are found
- 2) Insecticidal shampoo – which can be purchased from you local chemist – ensure you follow directions carefully.

Continue to treat hair until you break the cycle and no live lice are found.

Remember the shampoo will kill the lice but not the live eggs.

Myths regarding headlice: Headlice do not have wings so do not fly.
They can't jump or hop as they don't have knees.
They don't swim so therefore are not living in the swimming pool.
They do not live in carpets, furniture, clothes or bedding.
Headlice are not selective about the type of head they feed from, they like, dirty or clean, black, brown or blond hair.

Headlice cling swing and crawl very quickly. They require head to head contact for transmission so when children are working very closely together it makes it very easy for the lice to transfer from one head to another.

Headlice require blood to survive. They feed at least 3 – 4 times a day and without blood cannot survive.

With children now settled back at school now is a good time to check and treat your children's hair. If your child has headlice please contact your school and remember schools do not give people headlice – people bring headlice to the school.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact your Public Health Nurse.

School is back and so are the Water Alert Level restrictions. Summer for us in the Waikato means long, hot, dry days. This nice weather has meant lots of water is being used, but there's less about than usual.

Waikato District Council is on Water Alert Level Two. This means sprinklers can only be used between 6-8 am or pm, on alternate days. Follow the letterbox rule - houses whose street address number is an even number can use their sprinkler systems on days with even dates. Hand-held hosing is ok. Smart Water Starts With You!

**WATER
ALERT 2**

**SPRINKLERS
ALTERNATE DAYS**

6AM – 8AM

& 6PM – 8PM

HAND HELD HOSING ANY TIME