

TE KAUWHATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We C.A.R.E

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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Well here we are at the end of week 3 already, time is certainly flying by again this year! We welcome all those new families who have joined us over this past week or so; our roll continues to grow steadily.

Meeting the Teacher evening / Pool Party Get-together

This is taking place next Monday 23rd February from 5.15pm. The purpose of the evening is to mix and mingle with old and new families and whanau, meet all staff and then finish the evening with a visit to your children's classrooms.

The pool will be open for a swim between 5.45 and 6.15pm. Children **must** be supervised by parents / caregivers if swimming.

A sausage sizzle will be running however you may wish to bring some extra food for a picnic tea with your family. No glass bottles please.

A reminder that this evening is not for individual meetings about children, if you wish to catch up with your child's teacher for a more personal chat about your child please arrange this for another more suitable time. Thank you for respecting this.

The staff looks very forward to catching up with you all next Monday! See you there!

Swimming

On Tuesday our junior team children showed off their water skills during their Swimming Expo. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came along to watch; we hope you enjoyed the morning and are proud of what your children are achieving.

Next week our middle and senior teams run their swimming sports. Please refer to note in this newsletter for further details. Once again we look forward to seeing you at these events.

Education Review Office Report

This was finalised during the holiday period and can be viewed via a link on our website. The report reflected where our school is at with some mutually agreed areas for further development. It is a very positive report and I thank all the team for their continued efforts as we grow the quality of education here at TKP together – We C.A.R.E.

Some excerpts from the report:

- *"The school's inclusive tone promotes a family-like atmosphere, supports tuakana-teina (older helping younger) relationships, and provides a positive climate for learning."*
- *"Parents are well-informed about their children's learning through comprehensive written reports, student-led conferences, and many opportunities for informal contact with teachers."*
- *"Te Kauwhata Primary School provides a broad and rich curriculum that supports student learning."*
- *There are long-standing positive and meaningful relationships with community groups.*

Student Achievement 2014

Throughout each year the staff and Board of Trustees look carefully at our student progress and achievement data. Over the next few newsletters I will be feeding back to you our results from 2014 and the implications they have for future teaching and learning.

One area we wish to see improved outcomes in is student writing with only 57% of all students achieving at or above the National Standard last year and only a slightly higher percentage the previous year. As a result of this the Board is funding high quality teacher professional development and learning with Alison Davis, a very respected literacy consultant and author who works both in New Zealand and internationally. We are very privileged to have this opportunity and have already enjoyed two days with Alison and look forward to more ongoing throughout the year.

We have also been very fortunate to be accepted onto the Accelerated Literacy Learning programme offered through the Ministry of Education. This provides us with some extra funding which we are using to partially fund a teacher to support reading programmes and participate in regional days where teachers / school leaders work together for better outcomes.

So as we often say to the children – We are all Learners! It doesn't stop when you leave school.

This Sunday on TV One the 'Sunday' programme (7.00pm) is all about boy's education. Across the country many schools are coming up with initiatives to further engage boys and

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

First 20 hours are now offered FREE!

our needs here are no different. The Board of Trustees is committed and right behind staff as we place an emphasis on our boy's achievement this year. Your voice, ideas and participation will be critical to us making a difference. Further information as to how this will happen will be shared with you in the very near future.

Uniform

Our school uniform is as follows:

- Black or yellow school polo shirt – purchased from school only
- Plain black shorts / pants / skirts / skorts (as appropriate) – available from school or you can purchase yourself elsewhere
- Red polar fleece jacket – only available at school
- Red sunhat (Terms 1 and 4) – available at school
- Red beanie (Winter) – available at school.

The above is our uniform and we expect all children to be wearing it correctly everyday. Sports shorts (eg. league shorts) are not acceptable nor are caps of any description.

Please ensure your child's uniform is named and remind them frequently that if they take their jacket or shoes off to keep them in their school bags. Our goal this year is to significantly reduce the amount of lost property that is accumulating. Thank you for you co-operation and support here.

Bible in Schools

This programme will be re-commencing later this term, or early next term. If you do not wish for your child to participate in it please complete the note in this newsletter and return it to school next week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, how fortunate we are to be enjoying continued fine weather! I look forward to catching up with you all at the various events next week.

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders

Principal

Bible In Schools

My Child/ren will NOT be participating in the Bible in Schools programme:

Names:

Room:

Signed:

Name:

Thank you for returning this slip to school as soon as possible.

To go directly to our website using a QR reader on your smartphone, use the QR code below.



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

Stationery Fees

A friendly reminder all stationery fees are due in by the end of February. Thank you to all those who have paid their fees already.

Netball Permission Forms

Please make sure all netball permission forms are handed to the office by Monday. This is required so we are able to finalise teams.

Another newsletter with more netball information will be sent home next week.



Swimming Sports - Tuesday 24th February

On Tuesday, 24th February we will be holding our School Swimming Sports for children in Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. We are combining with Waerenga School for both events.

The Years 5 & 6 event will be held at Te Kauwhata College and will begin at 9:30am. There will be both width and length races to cater for different swimming abilities. Children have been selecting which events they are going to race in, keeping in mind that if they race in a width event for a certain stroke, they cannot race in a length event in the same stroke. They can however race lengths in strokes they are more confident in and widths for other strokes. There will be an open event for a 3 length medley, including backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. All length races will be timed and we will require some help with the timing of the races. Children will be considered for Interschool Swimming Sports, held in Huntly on Wednesday 11th March from their placings at this event.

The Years 3 & 4 event will be held at school. This will begin at 11:30am. As above, children have been selecting which events they are going to race in, keeping in mind that if they race in a width event for a certain stroke, they cannot race in a length event in the same stroke. They can however race lengths in strokes they are more confident in and widths for other strokes.

Please ensure all children have a packed lunch, a water bottle, a hat, their togs and two towels. Please ensure all items are named.

Coming Up:

February 23: Meet the Teachers evening

February 24: Swimming Sports

March 05 : Bikewise

March 06 : Triathlon

March 11 : Interschool Swimming - Huntly

March 18 : BOT Meeting

Community News:

Te Kauwhata Junior Rugby

Te Kauwhata Junior Rugby Muster from 3pm to 5.30 pm at the Te Kauwhata Rugby Clubrooms, Mahi Road, on Monday the 2nd of March. Boys and girls welcome from age 4 upwards. Children are put into teams based on their age.

Cost per child is \$60. If there is more than one child playing per family then each extra child is \$50. Small Blacks (aged 4-5) are \$ 20. Please pay on registration day.

If this is your first time playing for the club please bring along your birth certificate.

If any family members are interested in coaching or managing or volunteering in any other way please let us know on the day.

We look forward to seeing you all there! If you have any questions please contact Grant Clegg on grant.clegg@outsource.co.nz or 021 840 981

A Family Outing:

Learn about the past in your local "Settlers Museum." The Museum is maintained by the Te Kauwhata & Districts Historical Society and located on Homestead Rise, Aparangi. Through February and, now, in March the Museum will be open each Sunday from 1pm until 4pm. Come and visit, see how the district used to be. The entry fee is a nominal \$5 for a family.

For Sale - one second hand size 10 Jacket for Te Kauwhata Primary.
Contact Katie on 07 8266757



SPLASH 'N' DASH

Sunday 1 March

10am to 2pm

Te Kauwhata Domain

Celebrating Children's Day

FREE FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

This summer, for one day only, the Te Kauwhata Domain will be transformed into a watery wonderland for kids of all ages.

BYO Togs, Towel, Sunscreen and Sense of Adventure

Slippery Slides
Tube Sledding
Dunk Tank
Pre-School Tent



Foam Spray
Inflatables
Fire Engine Rides
Team Games



NUTRITION CLAIMS

REDUCED FAT



This means there is less fat than the regular version, whether it's 2% less or 40% less.

"Fat Free" products might still be high in sugar – check the label!



NUTRITION INFORMATION			
DRINKS PER 100 mL		SERVING SIZE: 10 g	
	QUANTITY PER SERVING	PER 100 g	QUANTITY PER SERVING
ENERGY	140 kJ	28	140 kJ
PROTEIN	4.5 g	90	4.5 g
ATOTAL	4.5 g	90	4.5 g
- saturated	1.7 g	34	1.7 g
- trans	0.05 g	1	0.05 g
- polyunsaturated	1.6 g	32	1.6 g
- monounsaturated	1.2 g	24	1.2 g
CHOLESTEROL	4.3 mg	86	4.3 mg
SODIUM	1.0 mg	20	1.0 mg
IRON	0.1 mg	2	0.1 mg
FLAVONOIDS	1.0 mg	20	1.0 mg
POTASSIUM	19 mg	38	19 mg

If all specified values are averages, 1 Percentage Daily Intakes are based on an average adult diet of 1700 kJ. Your daily intakes may be higher or lower depending on your energy needs. *Recommended Dietary Intake.



HEALTHY LUNCHBOX OPTIONS MADE EASY

Healthy food doesn't have to be expensive and can be easy to prepare when you're in a rush. Here are some low cost options you can include in your children's lunchboxes:



Quick sandwich fillings

- ▼ spread of choice
- ▼ vegemite & lettuce
- ▼ sliced banana
- ▼ cheese & tomato
- ▼ tuna & lite mayo
- ▼ grated carrot & cheese

Snacks

- ▼ in season fruit
- ▼ low-fat yoghurt
- ▼ vegetable sticks
- ▼ edam cheese slices
- ▼ plain popcorn
- ▼ wholegrain crackers

For more information, visit www.heartfoundation.org.nz

