

# TE KAUWHATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

**Term 2 Number 08 - 08 May 2015**

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Thank you all very much for your support of this term's charitable fundraiser. We have donated \$345.00 to the Westpac Helicopter Trust, which is a mighty effort and what a fun and colourful day we had last Friday.

Today, with regret, we farewell Mrs Andrea Corkill who has been a valued member of our team for just over two years. During this time Andrea has been our Reading Recovery and Special Need's teacher and for the past term our Room 5 teacher. It is a big thank you to Andrea for everything she has contributed and the dedication she has shown. We wish Andrea and her family all the very best.

Next week sees some changes in staff responsibilities. Mrs Kara Burns resumes her full time teaching role and will be the Room 5 teacher; Mrs Gill Constantine will take over the junior team leader role and Mrs Carolyn Berney will be acting team leader for the middle team. Mrs Maria Farmer's part time role grows to include classroom release time for Rooms 2, 3 and 5. Following her recent wedding Miss Crawford in Room 4 is now Mrs Bateup, congratulations again.

Joining Room 6 for the next 8 weeks is Ms Tara Sherwood, a third year student from the University of Waikato. It is a very warm welcome to Tara and our best wishes for a successful practicum.

This year the school was very fortunate to be accepted into the Accelerated Literacy Learning initiative funded by the Ministry of Education and facilitated by University of Waikato personnel. Our priority focus is linked to writing programmes and improving student achievement schoolwide in writing. Coming up this term on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> is our second teacher only day for the year. This is another writing professional learning day for teachers and we thank you for your support of it.

Keeping us in the loop...

We ask the following of you:

- If your child is a bus student and will not be traveling on the bus on certain days, or on the odd occasion please let Brenda or Louise in the office know asap. We have been spending considerable time on some days looking for bus students who it turns out have been picked up. This can result in holding up the buses and all children arriving home later.
- If your contact details have changed please also let the school office know. For health and safety reasons it is extremely important we have correct contact information,
- If your child is ordering lunch on a Friday please seal their money in an envelope with their name, room number and order written clearly on the envelope.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation here.

This term our next groups of gardeners are busy in the 'Kid's Patch'. Last term's learning centered around:

- weeding
- watering
- replanting the summer plants and seeds
- harvesting (continues)
- seed-saving
- continue to garden summer gardens
- selling produce

This term sees learning focused on:

- clearing, weeding and watering
- seed-saving and propagating
- harvesting last of summer vegetables
- preparing gardens for winter
- composting
- preparing and planting winter vegetable seedlings

How lucky we all are to have Rhonda as our facilitator of this learning! You are most welcome to join Rhonda and her groups to see what is happening on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

To all our mums out there have a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, I hope your children spoil you and make it a special day for you. I am certainly looking forward to spending it with my mum!

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders, Principal

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## ***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***

## **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.

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WINTER WARMERS

# Tuna Pasta Bake

**400g penne pasta**  
**2x 180g cans of tuna**  
**2C chopped vegetables**  
**2x 400g cans of tomatoes**

**2tsp mixed herbs**  
**½C edam cheese, grated**

Preheat oven to 180°C. Cook pasta, drain and pour into an ovenproof dish.

In a bowl, mix tuna, vegetables, tomatoes and herbs. Combine with pasta, sprinkle with cheese and bake for 20 minutes.

Feeds a family of FIVE!




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## Coming Up:

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| May 08  | : Principal Chat 9.45am Staffroom |
| May 20  | : BOT Meeting                     |
| May 29  | : Teacher Only Day                |
| June 01 | : Queens Birthday (No School)     |
| June 09 | : Boys n Blokes night             |



# Community News:

## Sale of Toys from the ToyBox Library

Due to the closure of the ToyBox Library in the Main Street,  
we are having a clearance sale of the toys.

This will take place on the weekend of the  
**23rd and 24th May,**

from **9am till 1pm** on both days,  
at the **RSA Hall** on Mahi Road.

The sales will all be cash only  
and there will be no discount  
as they are being very fairly priced.  
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Te Kauwhata DISC Executive



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