



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Last week I attended the Rural and Teaching Principal's conference where I was fortunate to listen to some very high quality keynote speakers and participate in a variety of workshops. It is always very affirming to attend such an event and come away with a great deal of satisfaction as to our direction here at Te Kauwhata Primary. It is also inspiring and motivating to hear other success stories from which valuable ideas can be 'stolen' and considered within our learning environment. Next term consultation will begin as we review science within our local curriculum, so please start thinking about our local environment, issues and priorities that we should be considering in the 'science' sense.

For the first time here at school we are now running Reading Together Programme workshops to support home reading and success for children. This week our first session was held for a group of invited parents. We are very fortunate to have Ms Mandie Hildreth, a Resource Teacher of Literacy, support our launching of the programme and agreeing to facilitate this series of workshops, four in total. The following explanation of the programme comes directly from The Biddulph Group website (the people behind the initiative).

“Reading Together® is a research-based workshop programme which helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading (and thereby also supports teachers in their classroom programmes). “

Another series of workshops will be run later in the year. The Ministry of Education supports this programme in selected schools and we are very pleased to be one of those schools.

As previously indicated in newsletters our school roll continues to grow. Later in the year we will once again be opening a 12th learning space to accommodate the number of 5-year-old enrolments due to start with us. The growth is not just in the junior area of the school. At the beginning of the year we had a roll of 59 students in our new Year 5/6 Learning Hub with 3 teachers, an ideal scenario as we launched this new environment. Due to significant roll growth in the senior area we have now made some changes to alleviate overcrowding in this space and Mr. Plant is now teaching in Room 9 with a group of 22 boys, with Mr. Martin

teaching part time alongside him. This group remains an integral part of the senior team and is very excited about their learning programmes that have been developed.

Congratulations to some of our netball girls who had the amazing opportunity to lead the Northern Mystics netball team onto the court in Auckland last weekend for their game against the Melbourne Vixens. Unfortunately the Mystics did not manage a win but it was a big win for our girls to have such an exciting experience. Our thanks to Tash Johnson for organising this, and to Shona Fitness for helping make it possible.

We are finding many children are extremely tired at school, which can impact significantly on their behaviour and tolerance of others. Please support us by ensuring your children are getting a good night's sleep, including on Sunday evenings after busy weekends. The following table, from the Kiwi Families website, offers a guide to recommended hours of sleep for children.

Newborn baby	16 hours
3 - 6 months	14 - 15 hours
9 months - 2 years	13 - 14 hours
3 - 5 years	11 - 12 hours
6 - 9 years	10 - 11 hours
10 - 14 years	9 - 10 hours
15 - 18 years	8 - 9 hours

Next week the children have the opportunity to enjoy the college production of Polly Hood in Mumuland. It is great to be able to support our local college and I am sure many past pupils will be part of the cast. Only children who have paid will be able to attend and those who are not going will be supervised here at school.

Well done to all the children who trialed for the Tough Guy, Tough Gal challenge last week and congratulations to the team selected to represent the school next Friday at the inter-school's challenge. I look very forward to being able to support you at the Ngaruawahia event. Good luck to you all!

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Boys and Blokes don't forget your special evening next Tuesday from 5.30pm.

Our thoughts this week go to the communities of Taradale School in Napier and Northcote School in Christchurch following tragic recent events that have affected many families, children and staff.

Enjoy your weekend, good luck to our sportspeople!

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 - 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.



WINTER WARMERS

Minestrone Soup



1 tsp oil
1 finely diced onion
4C veges eg. corn, carrots, celery
2x 400g can chopped tomatoes

4C stock
1x 400g can cannellini beans (drained)
½C pasta

Heat oil in a pot and cook onion, celery and leek until soft. Add diced vegetables and simmer over a low heat. Add tomatoes, stock and simmer for 10 minutes.

Pour in cannellini beans and pasta, stirring occasionally until pasta is cooked. Season if required and serve with wholegrain buns.



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Coming Up:

June 09 : Polly Hood in Mumuland Show midday
June 09 : Boys n Blokes night
June 12 : Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
June 19 : Winter Sports Event - Huntly Rugby Club
June 24 : BOT Meeting
July 03 : End of Term 2
July 20 : Term 3 commences

Community News:

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