



Newsletter

Term 2 Number 11 - 19 June 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

On Wednesday evening many of us enjoyed our first Whanau Hui for the year. Our Kapahaka group performed and the senior boys who have been learning the taiaha gave us a demonstration of their skills. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the night. A big thank you again to our dedicated PTA team who provided the food.

We are very fortunate to have Matua Te Whati and Whaea Karen as part of our team providing tuition for our children but also valuable support for the staff. Thank you both!

This past week has seen our children participate in many sporting events. Last Friday a large group of children represented the school at the annual Tough Guy Tough Gal mud challenge in Ngaruawahia. What fun they had and what grit and determination they showed. Congratulations to them all! This Wednesday we had one Ripper Rugby team compete in the Hamilton tournament. While not successful in making the playoffs it was a great experience for these boys and girls and well done to them. Today our senior students are participating in the annual Huntly cluster winter sports tournament. This involves netball, hockey, football and league. I have no doubt they have represented our school with pride and a demonstration of fair play. As always we thank you as parents for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Marble season has descended upon the school. To ensure it runs as smoothly as possible the children have helped put together a set of rules and to be able to play marbles all children need to apply for a marble license. The rules are displayed around the school and the children have a copy of them. There are consequences for children should they choose not to follow the rules. If your child is a marble player please ask them to share the rules and consequences with you.

Next week we celebrate Matariki. Classrooms will be looking at Maori legends and a variety of activities linked to this special celebration of the Maori New Year. At next Friday's assembly classes will present an aspect of

their learning and you are all most welcome to come along and enjoy this with us at the usual assembly time of 9am.

Also next Friday we have our next Whanau Group day which will see all children participating in some fun football games (FIFA World Cup our style!) between 11am and 1pm. Children are asked to wear their Whanau colours – Waikare – blue; Whangamarino – red; Waikato – yellow and Whangape – green. Once again you are welcome to join us and support your children – feel free to come along in their group's colours. Children will then have lunch with their Whanau group and then be back in their classrooms for the afternoon.

This year has seen some changes in the roles of our senior students and for the first time we have a 'team' of 'Student Leaders'. These ten students have been selected by both peer and teacher voice. We will conclude next week's assembly with a special presentation to these children and introduce them to the school. These leaders will meet regularly with me and be a valued voice of our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge Mathew Bayliss's time on our Board of Trustees. Mathew was voted on as a parent representative in 2013 and was a valued member of the team. Mathew and his family have relocated and this has now created a vacancy on our Board. Please refer to the advertisement in this newsletter. His wife Karen was an integral member of the PTA and put in many hours supporting our school. We wish them both, along with their children, all the very best and thank them for their support during their time with us.

I have to conclude with 'Go the Chiefs!' – a big ask in Dunedin tomorrow night but we can do it!

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders
Principal

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Casual Vacancy for an elected trustee

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The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Te Kauwhata Primary School
P O Box 46
Te Kauwhata 3741

by Wednesday 22nd July

PTA

The PTA Meet regularly on the 1st Wednesday of every month, excluding the school holidays. New members and visitors are welcome at all times, so please come along.

Pencil these dates into your diary!

Wednesday 5th August - 7pm

Wednesday 2nd September - 7pm

Wednesday 4th November - 7pm

Wednesday 2nd December - 7 pm.

WINTER WARMERS

Mac & Cheese



400g macaroni
1½ tsp margarine
3Tbsp flour
700ml low-fat milk

½C breadcrumbs
2C chopped vegetables
½C grated edam cheese
3 tomatoes, thinly

Preheat an oven to 190°C. Cook macaroni, drain and set aside. On a low heat, melt margarine in pan and whisk in flour. Gradually add milk, stirring to keep sauce smooth. Add vegetables and half the cheese, allow sauce to thicken. Combine with pasta and pour into an ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with remaining cheese, breadcrumbs and top with tomato slices. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden.

Feeds a family of FIVE!



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Get to know your Board of Trustees

Grant Clegg

I live at Hampton Downs with Fraser (year 4) and Jo, my wife of 30 years. We've always been Counties people, growing up in Papakura, but moving closer to central Auckland to be nearer to friends and jobs. However, when Fraser was 4 years old, we "escaped" to the country, in search of a school that more closely fitted our ideals, and Te Kauwhata Primary has been exactly what we hoped. Jo and I travel up to Auckland most days – Jo to run the IT company she co-owns, and me to manage Tamaki ITM, which we bought into last year. The traffic can be crazy at times, but the benefits of living where we do, more than makes up for that. We share our home with a couple of cats (Harvey & Stirling) and a crazy black Labrador (Hansel) who was a failed guide dog.



As a family, we have two great passions – motorsport and travel, and that is one of the reasons we built on a lifestyle block just behind the new race track at Hampton Downs. For about 20 years, Jo and I have raced Classic cars and competed in tarmac rally events like Targa. We also help to run events like the NZ Festival of Motorsport at Hampton Downs each January, where the School PTA sells programmes as a fundraiser. We love getting in the car or on a plane to see our own beautiful country, and when time permits, catching up with friends and relatives overseas.

We've always been keen to help out where we could, and nothing changed when we came to TK. Jo joined the Community Committee and as well as being a Board Trustee since 2013, I've coached some of Fraser's rugby teams and now help manage junior rugby in Te Kauwhata. With Board elections coming up again in early 2016, I would encourage you to think about putting your hand up. It's not an onerous task – we typically meet just once a month for a few hours, bringing our own ideas to the table and providing guidance to the school's management team. To ensure the school continues to meet the needs of all students and parents, the Board will ideally have representatives from as broad a cross-section of our whanau as possible.

Coming Up:

June 19	: Winter Sports Event - Huntly Rugby Club
June 24	: BOT Meeting
June 26	: Whanau Group Day
July 03	: End of Term 2
July 20	: Term 3 commences

Community News:

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Fri 19 June 2015
Waahi Whanui
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11am - 2pm

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