



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Well here we are at the end of the second term, time really is flying by this year! This term has been another busy and eventful one with winter sports well underway, some changes made to our learning environment and an extremely successful week last week celebrating Matariki. To those of you who were able to make it to our celebration assembly, thank you and we hope you enjoyed it as much as the team here enjoyed presenting it to you.

For the first half of this year all teachers have been involved in professional learning around children's writing with Alison Davis. This has had a very positive impact on what your children are achieving and I am sure you will see and hear about this at the student led conferences early next term. Next term our focus is on positive behaviour management and we are very fortunate to have Joseph Driessen, a well-respected facilitator in the field of behaviour management and teaching boys, join us for some staff development. As previously mentioned we are also reviewing our current Science curriculum and will be presenting our draft strategic plan for Te Ao Maori within our curriculum.

We are most fortunate here at school to have an extremely dedicated team of Learning Assistants who during the course of the day support numerous students who require that little extra to ensure their learning is the best it can be. If your child is receiving some extra support you will receive notification of this and also an invitation to find out more through a parent/caregiver meeting. Mr Martin, DP, will be in touch with you to inform you of these and we hope you will be able to come along and discover how you can further support your child at home.

In August we will be opening up our 12th classroom again to cater for the growing number of 5 year olds enrolling. I thank the Board of Trustees for funding this extra classroom so we are able to keep classroom numbers manageable. Mrs Wendy Hickey and Miss Vanessa Hickey are joining us to teach in Room 12 and we look forward to having them onboard.

If you are leaving our community over the holiday break we wish you all the very best for your new adventures and thank you for being part of our school. To everyone else have a safe and enjoyable break with your children and we look forward to seeing you all back here on Monday July 20th.

Nga mihi

Vicki Saunders
Principal

Kahurangi Maori Dance Company

On Friday 24th July (first Friday back next term) we are fortunate to have this company performing for our children, a performance linked to Matariki. We would like all children to have this experience. The school will subsidise each child so it will only cost you \$2.00 per child.

A note will be sent home on our first day back next term requesting this.

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.





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PTA'S GALA UPDATE - Saturday November 14th!

Donations of Second Hand Goods

Throughout term 3 we will be collecting donations for the School Gala. Over the holidays please put aside any pre-loved books, toys, clothing, furniture, homeware etc. that you would be willing to donate for sale at the Gala. All unsold items will be given to charity so be assured your donation will either raise funds for the school or go to a good cause. Small items can be dropped off to the school office any Friday throughout term 3. We will also advise of some Saturday drop off dates as we get closer to the Gala. Large item drop offs or collections can also be arranged by contacting pta@tkp.school.nz.

Kid's Invention Competition

The holidays is also a great time for your kids to start their entry to the Kids Invention Competition that will run alongside the Gala. There are not many rules. We just want to create a platform for kids to showcase their problem solving skills through bold imaginations and/or clever engineering. There will be prizes age categories 5 – 8 yrs, 9 – 12 yrs, 13 – 18 yrs. You can enter as a team or individual. There are two ways to enter:

Option One - BLUEPRINTS

For the most wild and whacky ideas draw us a detailed plan / picture / blueprint of the invention.

Option Two - MODELS

If you can actually build your invention then please go for it.

All entrants must fill out an application form to explain:

- What inspired their invention
- How it works and what it does

Entry forms will be available from the school office in Term 3 or you can download one now from <https://www.facebook.com/TKPSchoolFair>



Gala Sponsors

While the Gala is a fundraiser the PTA works hard to ensure a wide range of free and subsidised activities are available so there are no barriers to participation. We can only do this thanks to grants and the generous support of the school community. We would love to hear from you if you or your business can donate goods and services for the Gala raffles. We also have some fabulous cash sponsorship opportunities for naming rights to Gala stalls and activities range. To learn more contact pta@tkp.school.nz.

Portugal Versus Qatar

What an amazing trip the writing group and Mrs Constantine had on Wednesday 3rd June. Everyone was excited to go the the Under 20s FIFA World Cup match between Portugal and Qatar at the Waikato Stadium. However, the weather was like a cyclone when we left school and our trip began.

As we approached the stadium, it was like we were going inside a huge mansion. We were moving forward towards the stadium. A lady gave us a flag each. After that, we gave our tickets to a gate man and walked up the stairs like we were walking into a whale's mouth. We found our seats but they were soaked, like someone had dumped a bucket of water on them, so we moved under shelter.

After the anthems, the whistle blew and Portugal kicked off. A second later, the Qatar fans went wild. The drums were going and they were shouting as loud as 40 sirens going off in your ear. The battle started.

There were four goals in total. A couple of them were pretty wicked. My favourite one was the bicycle kick. It was cool! When one of the Portugal players did a bicycle kick, we were amazed. It was funny as Jacob had just said "I wish someone would do a bicycle kick".

I asked him, "whats that?"

He replied, "It's when someone kicks the ball while back flipping." And then it happened.

Before long we started to feel cold and hungry. As the rain poured down like meatballs, getting wetter and wetter, we rushed to get some food. Far out, those chips and drinks were dear, but they were crunchy, soft inside and really salty. We quickly ran back to our seats, to watch the rest of the game, and eat them up.

Before we knew it the game had finished. It was four nil to Portugal and we made our way down to the field to get autographs. Matthew was the only one to get an autograph from a Qatar player. Lucky! It was as cold as Antartica, and our butts were frozen, so we moved swiftly back up to the shelter and headed back to our warm cars. We were so happy, we wanted to do its again.

Mark, Liam, Justin, Charlie, Jacob, Damien, Wiremu and Matthew.

P.s. A big thanks to Rob Burns, Sam Gordon and Susan Stephens for coming with us.

Room 9 Hangi

Mr Plant and the boys from Room 9 had a successful celebratory hangi and would like to thank the parents who gave their time and resources especially Tex Koinaki, Tony Tapu , Mrs Katu, Catherine Tangaroa and Tim Hinton.

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.

Middle School Update - Journals

We have been having a clear out of the 1990 Journals and as a result all year 3 and 4 students have been given 5 journals each to bring home and keep. Please don't return to school!!

Coming Up:

July 03	: End of Term 2 - Reports given out
July 20	: Term 3 commences
July 24	: Kahurangi Maori Dance Company

Don't bury them, call....

Ernie's Casualty Calf Cart

**We look forward to being of service to you
again.**

Collecting Now!

Contact Ernie

Phone 07 8285742 027 4867184

Childrens Event

July 8th & 15th

9am - 12 midday

\$2

5 to 12 year olds

Morning Tea Provided

St Andrews Church Hall

Contact: Linda 8263606

Community News:

Support your School

When you shop at PlaceMakers Huntly, just tell the staff to invoice your cash sale to your School's Know How Card and they (the School) will receive a \$25 voucher for every \$250 spent.

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WINTER WARMERS

Pumpkin Soup



1tsp oil
2 finely diced onions
2 celery, diced
1tsp of garlic
1tsp of ginger

1 small pumpkin,
chopped
2 medium potatoes,
chopped
2C milk
2C water

In a large pot, cook onions and celery with oil until soft. Add garlic and ginger, cook for 2-3 minutes. Add pumpkin, potatoes, milk and water. Boil until veges are soft. Season. Using a blender, remove any lumps before returning to a low heat. Serve with wholegrain toast or buns.

Feeds a
family
of FIVE!



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