



Newsletter

Term 3 Number 14 - 07 August 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

It has been really encouraging this week to see so many of you come along for your child's student led conference, we hope you enjoyed having your child share their learning with you. For those of you who were unable to make it please contact your child's teacher to arrange another suitable time for a conference. This is able to happen during school time on most days.

Mid Year Progress and Achievement

Our mid-year data has indicated the following as we get a snap-shot of how the children are tracking towards end of year expectations:

	Reading	Writing	Maths
Achieved / On track to achieve	All students 70%	All students 57%	All students 65%
	Boys 55%	Boys 41%	Boys 57%
	Girls 85%	Girls 74%	Girls 78%
	Maori Students 58%	Maori Students 51%	Maori Students 57%
	NZE Students 77%	NZE Students 59%	NZE Students 70%

As you will note there are some areas of very pleasing progress and achievement and some areas for concern. Your child's mid-year / interim report will indicate ways you can help support your child at home towards meeting expectation and during student led conferences you would have learned more about your child's next learning goals to ensure progress in learning continues. If you have any concerns please see your child's teachers for further ideas on how you can help your child.

Staffing

Next week we welcome Mrs Wendy Hickey and Ms Vanessa Hickey onto staff. Between them they will teach our new Year 0 / New Entrant class in Room 12 from Monday 17th August.

It is also congratulations to Mrs. Gillian Constantine whose position has been regarded to that of Assistant Principal and to Mrs. Carolyn Berney who is now the permanent Team Leader for the Middle Team.

Scholastic Book Fair

As always we thank you for supporting this. The profits from the fair result in extra books for our school library and this time round we are thrilled to have earned \$522.00 worth of new library books. It is thank you to Lynley and Alison who ran the fair very smoothly for us.

Surplus Furniture

The school currently has several student desks and a few chairs that are no longer required. If you would like one (for a small donation) as a desk for your children at home catch up with Rob, caretaker, and he will point you in the right direction.

The current **BIG Idea / Inquiry focus** for learning across the school at the moment is 'Our Country' – Tatou Whenua. It is exciting to see the children learning more about our wonderful country and asking very good questions to delve more into their inquiry. If you have a special story to share about NZ I am sure your child, and maybe their class, would love to hear about it. Also coming up this term is our biennial Runathon fundraiser and Speeches for those children in the middle and senior teams.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children are coming to school in correct uniform. There has been a marked improvement over the past two weeks and we appreciate everyone supporting us in achieving this.

Illness

As mentioned last week there has been significant illness across the school, both children and some staff. Please do not send your child to school if they are miserable with the flu virus to help prevent the spread of it. It is quite serious at the moment with as many as 40 children away on one day. If you are concerned please see your doctor



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Enjoy the weekend ahead and I hope all our sports people enjoy their weekend of sport.

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders
Principal

Staying in touch!

We are updating our student database. Do we have your current up-to-date contact details? We would also like your email address to speed up some communications from time to time. You can email updated details to Louise at reception@tkp.school.nz
Thank you for taking the time to do 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.

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Calf Club - Wednesday 14th October 2015

Our Calf club will be held on Wednesday 14th October, week 1 of Term 4. Group Day will be held Thursday 22nd October, which is the second week of Term 4. Show day is the following Friday 30th October.

Calf Club is for lambs, calves and kid goats only. We encourage as many children as possible to participate in this day.

Entry forms and information booklets will be available from the office in the next couple of weeks.

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 2nd September - 7pm
Wednesday 4th November - 7pm
Wednesday 2nd December - 7 pm.

Photolife

Please remember to return your Photolife envelopes to school on Monday. Make sure all children are in correct uniform for the Photos on Tuesday. Could all the netball girls please bring their netball dresses in for the Team Photos. Thank you.

Coming Up:

Aug 11	: Photos today (Photolife)
Aug 13	: ICAS Maths Exam
Aug 19	: School Cross Country
Aug 26	: BOT Meeting
Sept 04	: Interschool Cross Country

Community News:

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