



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Newsletter

3 February 2016

Kia ora koutou, greetings,

A very warm welcome to 2016!

On behalf of all the team welcome back to our returning students and whanau, and to our new families and whanau who have joined us this year. We look forward to another exciting year ahead!

This year we welcome two new teachers to our team. Mrs. Marg Northcott joins us as Room 1's teacher and Mrs. Angela Readings is our new teacher in Room 3. We also farewell and say a big thanks to Catherine Tangaroa who has been a valued member of our support staff team, and wish her all the best.

As you will notice we have a revised newsletter format and we also have a change to our newsletter day. You will now receive your fortnightly school newsletters on Wednesdays, instead of Fridays. We have chosen Wednesdays as it avoids public holidays and long weekends. Our next newsletter will be on Wednesday 17th February so please look out for it.

This first newsletter aims to answer any questions you may have as the new school year gets underway. We should be able to confirm all Term 1 dates in our next edition. These can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Again, welcome!

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders, Principal.

Term dates

Term 1:

Wednesday 3 Feb -
Friday 15 April

Term 2:

Monday 2 May -
Friday 8 July

Term 3:

Monday 25 July -
Friday 23
September

Term 4:

Monday 10 October
- Thursday 16
December

Public holidays

Monday 8 Feb -
Waitangi Day
Observation

Friday 25 March -
Tuesday 29 March -
Easter break

Monday 6 June -
Queens Birthday

Monday 24 October
- Labour Day

Start of Year Information...

School Uniform

Our school uniform is as follows:

- Black polo shirt
- Black shorts, pants, skorts, tights or shorts (League shorts are not permitted)
- Sensible shoes or sandals (jandals are not the safest school footwear). At this stage there is no colour regulations for footwear
- School sunhat (Terms 1 and 4)
- Red polar fleece school jacket

The polo shirts, sunhats and polar fleece jackets are available only through the school office.

Sunsmart

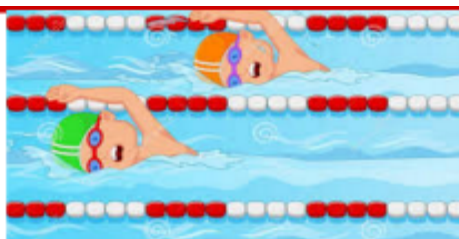
We are a Sunsmart school. All children are required to wear a sunhat when outside during terms one and four. We expect ALL children to have a school uniform sunhat at school everyday during these terms. Please ensure your child has one, any children without one will be asked to play in a designated area. Sunhats are available for \$10.00 each at the school office.

Stationery

All children have received their stationery packs today. You will shortly receive an invoice for these. Prompt payment either to the school office or via the Internet would be much appreciated.

School Lunch Orders

These are available each week on Fridays. The first day for ordering lunch this year will be Friday 19th February (Week 3). A lunch list with prices will be in our next newsletter on Wednesday 17th.



School Swimming

Swimming is an integral part of our school curriculum and we expect all children to take part in it. Classes are timetabled to swim each day so children need to bring their swimming gear every day. Please ensure their swimming costumes and towels, and goggles if they have them are all clearly named and in either a plastic bag or swim bag.

You are asked to provide a written note if your child needs to be excused from swimming on a particular day.

Our school swimming sports are coming up a bit further into this term.

We C.A.R.E ~ Manaakitia
Communicate ~ Aspire ~ Respect ~ Engage

Meet the Team - 2016

Principal: Mrs. Vicki Saunders

Deputy Principal: Mr. Brian Martin

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Gillian Constantine

Junior Team (Years 1/2): Team Leader - Mrs. Gillian Constantine

Room 1: Mrs. Marg Northcott

Room 2: Mrs. Edith Cullen

Room 3: Mrs. Angela Readings

Room 4: Mrs. Kara Burns

Room 5: Miss Erin Taylor

Middle Team (Years 3/4): Team Leader - Mrs. Carolyn Berney

Room 7: Mrs. Carolyn Berney

Room 8: Mrs. Simone Irvine

Room 9: Mrs. Candice Bateup

Senior Team (Years 4, 5, 6): Team Leader - Mr. Brian Martin

Learning Hub (Years 5/6): Miss Loren Mills and Miss Samantha Smith

Room 6 (years 4, 5, 6): Mr. Chris Plant

Part time teachers: Mrs. Sylvia Liddiard, Mrs. Maria Farmer

Office Manager: Mrs. Brenda Hitchcock

Office Assistant: Mrs. Louise Salzwedel

Support Staff

Learning Assistants: Mrs. Lynley Johnston, Mrs. Sonia Katu, Mrs. Rhonda Irvine (EnviroSchools), Mrs. Alison O'Neill, Mrs. Shona Fitness, Mrs. Sara Hartley, Mrs. Brenda Buxton

Kaiawhina / Te Reo Maori: Whaea Karen Thompson

Caretaker: Mr. Rob Burns

Cleaners: Mrs. Betty Samuels, Ms. Missy Taoho

Board of Trustees

Chairperson: Mr. Grant Clegg

Parent Representatives: Mrs. Clare Ramsey

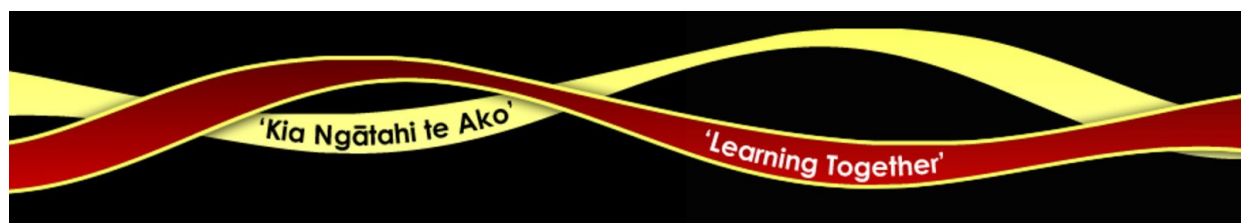
Mr. Kevin Hickey

Mr. Andre de Thierry

Staff Representative: Mr. Chris Plant

Principal: Mrs. Vicki Saunders

This year is a Board of Trustees election year. Please look for information regarding this in future newsletters.



Absences

If your child is absent please let us know as soon as possible. You can do this in one of the following ways:

- Phone the school office 07 8263564, if it is outside of office hours please leave a message
- Text the school mobile phone 027 503 7425
- Leave a message on the school website www.tkp.school.nz On the home page click on 'Absences' and enter your message.

Please always state your child's name, their room number (or teacher's name) and the reason for their absence. Unexplained absences will always be followed up.

Important dates...

Dates for the following events will be confirmed in our next newsletter or sooner where necessary:

- Meet the Teachers evening
- Bikewise
- Triathlon
- Swimming sports
- Interschool swimming sports
- Student Led Conferences
- Scholastic Book Fair
- PTA Meeting

- Board of Trustees Meeting
 - 17 February, 6.30pm

For the first half of this term all classes spend time exploring We C.A.R.E. - our school values.

All children will also learn about Cyber Safety - keeping themselves safe when online.

Please speak with your children about what they are learning, having them share with you about our values and how everyone can keep safe when online.

You will find out more information about our curriculum foci during our 'meet the teams' evening. Date to be confirmed.

Te Kauwhata Childcare



& Learning Centre

We offer quality care and education, where learning and fun become one!
Come & visit any time!

Operating hours:

8.00-5.30 Monday-Friday

9 Mahi Rd, Te Kauwhata

Ph: 826 3280

Email: tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz

First 20 hours are now offered FREE!



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