



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Newsletter

2 March 2016 Term 1 Number 3

Kia ora koutou, Greetings all

This week our 2016 Charter outlining our strategic goals and annual targets has been submitted to the Ministry of Education. The Board looks forward to increased consultation with you all over this coming year, beginning with a survey later this term.

One priority focus this year is improving student attendance and punctuality. Currently student absence is averaging 10% and 4% of students are often late to school. We look forward to working with you to help our achieve our targets. Writing continues to be our main curriculum focus area this year. Overall our writing achievement improved by 12.5% last year, this year we will be focusing on spelling and punctuation to further improve our writing outcomes. Our Charter document is available on the school website and a copy is available for reading in the office foyer area.

Congratulations and well done to all our students who recently participated in our school swimming sports. The weather was amazing and some great personal bests and results were had. It was wonderful to see and hear lots of positive support for the children. Our interschool team will travel to Huntly next Wednesday to represent our school. We wish them all the best!

This year is Board of Trustee elections. Please refer to the election timeline in this newsletter for important dates. An information booklet is available from the office about what the role of a trustee entails, please ask for one if you are interested to know more.

After school we have a staff member on duty to cross the children over Wira St and also on Waerenga Road. We strongly urge parents/caregivers to also use these crossing areas with the children to support pedestrian safety.

Thanks everyone for your continued support.

Nga mihi nui on behalf of our team...

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

Friday 25 March -
Tuesday 29 March -
Easter break

Monday 6 June -
Queens Birthday

Monday 24 October
- Labour Day

Notifying of 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.

Triathlon

Our school triathlon will be held on Wednesday the 23rd March, with Thursday being a fall back day if needed. Please ensure that your bike is ready for that week by dusting off the cobwebs, checking the chain and the brakes, and making sure your helmet fits.

STATIONERY PAYMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their children's stationery. Please continue to make payments either via the Internet or to the office if you have not paid as yet. Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS

Has your address, phone number or email changed over the holidays?

Have emergency contact details changed?

Please let us know as soon as possible if any of your details have changed.

CHROMEBOOKS

While we don't expect parents/caregivers to purchase Chromebooks (used in Years 3-6), we do have some parents who wish to. At present we can obtain Chromebooks for a very good price. If you would be keen to buy one through the school please contact the office for further details.

Lunch Orders:

Please send money in a sealed envelope with child's name, order and class number clearly written on it. Orders are taken at the school office from 8.30 each Friday morning.

Menu:

Butter Chicken Wrap - \$2.50
Mince and Cheese Pie (110gm) - \$1.50
Classic Apple Pie (100gm) - \$1.50
Pizza - Hawaiian or Meatlovers - \$2.00

Choc Chip Cookie (33gm) - .80 cents
Juicie 100ml Tropical - .80 cents
Ham sandwich - \$3.00
Ham and Egg sandwich - \$3.80

We C.A.R.E - Manaakitia

Communicate - Aspire - Respect - Engage

2016 Board of Trustees Triennial Election

Returning Officer: Brenda Hitchcock

Main voting roll closes noon Wednesday 4th May

Nominations open by Friday 6th May

Supplementary roll closes: noon Wednesday 18th May

Nominations close noon Friday 20th May

Voting papers sent by Wednesday 25th May

Polls close noon Friday 3rd June

Votes counted Thursday 9th June

New Board takes office Friday 10th June

Whanau Groups

This year we will be 'decked out' in our whanau colours for various events throughout the year. It would be great if all students could have a t-shirt in their group colour as well.

- Waikato = Yellow
- Whangamarino = Red
- Waikare = Blue
- Whangape = Green

Our next event is the school triathlon on Wednesday 23rd March. On this day children will be able to wear their whanau colour and support other participants during the event. If your child does not have a t-shirt you are able to purchase one through the school at a cost of \$7.00, please see Brenda or Louise. As parents and caregivers we invite you to support your child's whanau group and join us on these days in the appropriate colour!

Did you realise...

10 minutes late to school each day = 33 hours of missed school per year.

Getting to school on time gives your child time to:

- chat with their friends
- chat with their teacher
- be ready for the day ahead

School starts at 8.50am.

Thank you for supporting your child to get here on time.

Coming Up:

- PTA Meeting
- Inter-school Swimming Sports
- Board of Trustees Meeting
- Bikewise
- Triathlon
- Student Led Conferences
- Scholastic Book Fair

TONIGHT - 2 March, 7pm
Wednesday 9th March
Wednesday 16th March
Tuesday 22nd March
Wednesday 23rd March
Monday 4th, Tues 5th April
Monday 4th - Thurs. 7th April

PTA Update

The first PTA meeting for 2016 is TONIGHT. New members welcome as we look ahead at opportunities for the coming year. For more information contact pta@tkp.co.nz or follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/TKPSchoolFair> or pop in to meeting:

Wed 2 March – 7pm

Wed 4 May – 7pm

Wed 6 July – 7pm

Wed 7 September – 7pm

Wed 7 December – 7pm

Wed 6 April – 7pm

Wed 1 June – 7pm

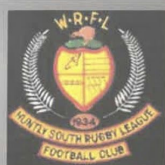
Wed 3 August – 7pm

Wed 2 November – 7pm

Community and Sports News

Junior Rugby Muster

The muster this year will be on the 7th of March from 3.15pm until 6pm up at the rugby clubrooms on Mahi Road. We welcome children (boys and girls) aged 4-12 to come along and register. Fees are \$60 for the first child in a family and \$50 for every child after that. Small Blacks (ages 4-5) are only \$20. If you cannot make it on the day then please feel free to contact us through carolyn@tkp.school.nz or call Grant Clegg on 021 840 981 to register your details. If you are interested in coaching or managing please let us know. As you know we always rely on our volunteers to keep the club and season running.



HUNTLY SOUTH RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB JUNIOR MUSTER

Mini, Mod & International grade
5 to 16 year old.

Saturday 5th of March 10am at the
Huntly South Clubrooms
Davies Park Huntly.

New players please bring copy of
birth certificate.

Coaches and Managers wanted.

Come along and give it a go.

Any queries phone club secretary
Jennie on 027-2358621

Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz





Huntly College Old Boys RFC
HUNTLY JUNIOR RUGBY
MUSTER 2016

Saturday 5th March 10am to 1pm

Huntly Clubrooms, Alexandra Street, Huntly (off Riverview Road)

Calling all Children ages from 2 to 12 years.

All Inquiries – Jess Steiner 021720517, Jstynr80@gmail.com

OR Facebook: Huntly College Old Boys RFC - Juniors

For new players to the club, please bring along your birth certificate



SPLASH 'N' DASH

Sunday 6 March

10am to 2pm

Te Kauwhata Domain

Celebrating Children's Day

FREE FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

This summer, for one day only, the Te Kauwhata Domain will be transformed into a watery wonderland for kids of all ages.

BYO Togs, Towel, Sunscreen and Sense of Adventure

Slippery Slides
Zorb Balls
Dunk Tank
Pre-School Tent



Foam Spray
Inflatables
Team Games
Ice & Water Play



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!



EGG-CELLENT EGGS

BULLS EYE EGG

- 1 slice wholemeal bread
- 1 egg
- Margarine

Using a round cutter or an upturned glass, make a hole in the middle of the bread. Thinly spread margarine on both sides of the bread. Heat frypan to low heat. Cook bread on one side until browned. Flip bread over, gently break the egg into hole. Cook on low heat until egg is set. Delicious!



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



After School Care Program Term One 2016

We are currently offering After School Care for children aged 5 – 13 years for Term One 2016. The program involves picking up the children from the school grounds, providing afternoon tea, doing homework with the children and fun free play activities until home time. After School Care runs from 2.50pm – 6pm.

For further information on the program and fees, please feel free to contact Tarina Moorfield on 0274-870-662 or email bigkids@suitsandgumboots.co.nz.

FIREWOOD/KINDLING LARGE SACK

\$5 PER BAG
DONATED BY LIONS CLUB
SEE ROB OR RHONDA

ALSO IF YOU HAVE ANY GARDEN
POTS RHONDA WOULD LOVE THEM
FOR THE SCHOOL GARDENS



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