



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Newsletter

16 March 2016 Term 1 Number 4

Kia ora koutou, Greetings all

It was a pleasure last week to join our swim team at the interschool competition in Huntly. Our children were extremely well behaved, showed genuine sportsmanship and participated in great spirit. A big thank you to all parents, whanau and supporters who were also able to be there for the team. Well done to all the team, there was some very strong competition but you all gave your best and should feel very proud.

We have been very lucky this week to have Wendy Smith from Swimsafe NZ join us to support teachers and students during swimming sessions. How fortunate we are to have such opportunities available to us. We thank Swimsafe and Wendy for their assistance and guidance.

This week our Year 6 students have the opportunity to apply to be student leaders. The 10 students selected will have an important role in the school from welcoming visitors and students, to organising our charity mufti days each term. We look forward to presenting these leaders to you in a couple of weeks.

Recently there have been requests for students to use the school buses on a casual basis. Unfortunately this is not possible as there are strict guidelines around eligibility to use school transport, and we must adhere to these. Thank you for respecting this.

Currently our information booklet about reporting to parents is being updated. It will be sent home to you and available on our website shortly.

This booklet provides important information to help you support your child's learning and provides prompts you can use during your child's student led conferences (coming up on the 4th and 5th of April).

Our annual triathlon is next week, we look forward to seeing you there!

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 - Wednesday 23rd March

The annual Triathlon will be held on Wednesday 23rd of March this year. While the children compete as individuals in the triathlon they will be representing their Whanau Group. Children who place will be allocated points and after the event they will be collated to see which whanau group has won. For this reason we encourage all children to wear the colours of their whanau group - Whangamarino - red , Waikare - blue, Whangape - green or Waikato - yellow.

We will begin at 9:10am with a Whanau group parade. The first event at 9.30am is the Junior Biathlon event (running & swimming), beginning with 5 year old girls, followed by 5 year old boys, 6 year old girls and 6 year old boys. This will be followed by the Junior Triathlon event (biking, running & swimming) in the same age categories. The junior events all take place within the school grounds.

From 11:20am the Triathlon events will take place for 7 to 10 year olds, beginning with 7 year old girls, followed by the boys etc. At this age, the children are encouraged to complete a full triathlon. If children do not bring a bike, they will take part in the running and swimming legs of the event, however they will not receive a placing. The cycling event for these children will take place across at the domain.

Could children please start bringing their bikes to school from Monday the 21st of March. These will be locked up in our swimming pool area. Bikes need to be at school by the 22nd to ensure they have been checked prior to Triathlon day. Of course all children will also need a helmet.

Please remember to collect bikes once the Triathlon has concluded or they will be locked in the pool area over the weekend.

As always we love to have family and friends coming along to support the children. You may also like to wear your children's' Whanau colours in support of them.

Prizegiving for the event will be held at our morning assembly on Friday the 1st April.

Please see Brian Martin if you have any questions, or ring Brenda at the office.

Brian Martin
Sports Co-Ordinator

Introducing our Peer Mediation team...

Well done to the following students who give up a morning tea and lunch break each week to help keep our playgrounds safe. This is a very responsible role and I am impressed at how engaged in their role these children are.

Mikyla Blank, Finn Parkes, Jewel Tupuhi-Joyce, Soriya Va, Gabby Fluhler, DeAnne-Maree Michalick, Austyn Dalgety, Cameron Smith, Rose Gredig, Alysha Watene, Ronan Parks, Haze Hook-Tupaea, Brayden Pater, Xander Honiball, Holly Sealey, Joshua Moorfield, Aliyah Tumai-Wilson, Riley Bell, Lachlan Walter, Stephanie Butler, Jyotika Tiwana.

Over the past week the peer mediators have visited classrooms and explained to all children how they can help them in the playground. A copy of the poster displayed around the school follows to share with you an overview of the mediation process. In each newsletter a pair of mediators will write a small piece and share some photos about what they have enjoyed and observed during their time on duty.

Peer Mediation Process

The Peer Mediators are in the playground to help you solve your problems.

They can be found roaming the playground, wearing their orange vests and carrying their clipboards



OR

Sitting at the Mediation Station under the shade cloth on the courts.

You can ask them to come and help you solve your problem.

There are 4 rules of Mediation

- No interrupting - you will each get a turn
- No put-downs
- Be honest
- Try to solve the problem together

The Peer Mediators will...

Introduce themselves



Ask if you agree to mediation



Explain the rules



Ask you to tell about the problem (taking turns)



Will summarise the problem back to you and check you both agree



Will ask "How can you solve this problem?"



Record the solution you have both come to and ask you to sign the agreement



Congratulate you and arrange a time to check back with you both

Out-n-about in the playground...

Whilst roaming the school grounds, peer mediators have to make sure the school is under great care. We are not the police, we just need to make sure we have a great friendship with not only students but also the community. Peer mediators roam around seeing who is showing We C.A.R.E. In the playground we have seen friendly students staying out of the gardens, picking up rubbish, playing nicely together etc.

If there is a problem and we need to mediate the students need to follow these four rules of mediation.

1. Be honest
2. No interrupting
3. No putdowns
4. You will each get a turn.

Here are some photos of kids being good in the playground.

By Alysha and Rose, Peer Mediators



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.

A sensory poem by Room 5

Room 5 students have been learning to use their senses to create poetry. They used their recent experiences at "Splash and Dash" to write a class poem. They hope that you can feel the excitement that they experienced at this amazing event.

Fun at "Splash and Dash"

Terrified targets falling in the icy water.
Humongous rolling balls.
Huge water slides - kids sliding down - head first!
Enormous bouncy castle
Fire brigade members squirting water everywhere.
Punchers with soft gloves.
Free sausages for kids.
Flavoured ice cups.
Traffic-light ice blocks.
White bubbly foam.
Good-time screaming and yelling for fun!
Music playing our favourite tunes.
Sirens screeching.
People laughing.
Cold jelly ice-cups.
Hot, delicious sausages and yummy hot dogs.
Freezing ice blocks.
Lots of exciting bounces with air gushing on my skin.
Cold water on my body.
Smell of sausages and sausage rolls in the air.
We had a fantastic time at "Splash and Dash"!



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!

Student Led Conferences

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th April

Supporting your child's learning!

Open for booking now!

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event Code v48uy

We aim for every child to have the opportunity to share their learning.

More information on student led conferences in our reporting information booklet coming home soon.

If you do not have Internet access please ring the office to book a time. Thank you

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

Coming Up:

- Next PTA Meeting
- Bikewise
- Triathlon
- Board of Trustees Meeting
- Student Led Conferences
- PTA Meeting
- Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 6th April
Tuesday 22nd March
Wednesday 23rd March
Wednesday 23rd March, 6.30pm
Monday 4th, Tues 5th April
Wednesday 6th April
Monday 4th - Thurs. 7th April

PTA Update

Wed 6 April – 7pm
Wed 1 June – 7pm
Wed 3 August – 7pm
Wed 2 November – 7pm

Wed 4 May – 7pm
Wed 6 July – 7pm
Wed 7 September – 7pm
Wed 7 December – 7pm

Community and Sports News

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



NEED CARE IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

TUESDAY 29th MARCH (TEACHERS ONLY DAY)

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 18th –
29th APRIL 2016**

We are currently offering a School Holiday Programme for children aged 5 – 13 years for the above dates from 7.30am – 6pm. For further information on programme details and fees, please contact Tarina Moorfield on 0274-870-662 or email bigkids@suitsandgumboots.co.nz.

EGG-CELLENT EGGS

BOILED EGG WITH VEGETABLE SOLDIERS!

- 1 soft-boiled egg (5-6min)
- ½ carrot chopped into sticks
- ½ capsicum cut lengthwise
- 1 piece wholegrain toast

Boil egg, prepare vegetables,
cut toast into soldiers.
Dip them into
your egg!



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FIREWOOD/KINDLING LARGE SACK

\$5 PER BAG
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SEE ROB OR RHONDA

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

Te Kauwhata Childcare



& Learning Centre

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

First 20 hours are now offered **FREE!**

Operating hours:

8.00-5.30 Monday-Friday

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Email: tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz



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