



# Te Kauwhata Primary School

## Panui ~ Newsletter

3 February 2017

Kia ora koutou, greetings all

A very warm welcome to 2017 at Te Kauwhata Primary School and a very special welcome to the many new families who have joined our community this year. It is great to have you onboard and we look forward to getting to know you all better as the year progresses.

It is also 'welcome' to Mrs. Ruth Brown who is teaching in Room 3. Ruth and her family are part of the local community and we wish Ruth all the very best as part of our team. We also welcome back Miss. Vanessa Hickey as one of our Room 5 teachers, great to have you back onboard Vanessa.

At the end of last year Missy Taoho finished with us as one of our cleaners. We thank Missy very much for her time with us and wish her all the very best in her new full time employment. This week Mihara Rangi has joined us to replace Missy. Welcome Mihara and we wish you all the best in your new role.

### Newsletters

This newsletter is a bit of a 'house-keeping' one to cover a few matters as the year starts. Our usual school newsletters are sent home or emailed to you every second Wednesday, commencing next Wednesday 8th February. Newsletters are sent home with the eldest or only member of each family. If you would like a copy emailed to you please email the school office at [office@tkp.school.nz](mailto:office@tkp.school.nz) with the subject line 'Newsletter by email' to be added to our email tree. If you ever miss out on a newsletter another one may be obtained from the school office. They can also be accessed on our school website [www.tkp.school.nz](http://www.tkp.school.nz).

### Stationery

Your child will have received their stationery pack this week. Invoices for these will be sent home and payment of this amount as soon as possible is appreciated. We are pleased to once again not request any school fees from you.

### Swimming

The term 1 swimming programme is now underway. This year most classes will be swimming every second day to allow more quality instruction time in the pool. Swimming instruction and water confidence is an integral part of our curriculum so we do expect all children to participate regularly. If your child is unable to swim please make contact with their teacher, thank you.

## Absences

We thank you for letting us know if your child is absent. You can do this in 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](http://www.tkp.school.nz)

On the home page click on 'Absences' and enter your message. You can also send us an Absence note through our school phone App.

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.

## Issues or concerns

From time to time you may have an issue or concern you would like to discuss. We ask that in the first instance you touch base with your child's homeroom teacher. If this is not possible please contact the team leader for your child's classroom:

- Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5      Mrs. Gillian Constantine
- Rooms 7, 8 and 9      Mrs. Carolyn Berney
- Years 5 and 6      Mr. Brian Martin

Often an issue or concern can be 'nipped in the bud' so please don't hesitate to make contact. In the event that you do not feel there has been a satisfactory outcome reached after speaking with your child's teacher or team leader, please make contact with myself.

## Our team 2017:

Principal      Mrs. Vicki Saunders

Deputy Principal      Mr. Brian Martin

Assistant Principal      Mrs. Gillian Constantine

Room 1      Mrs. Marg Northcott

Room 2      Mrs. Edith Cullen

Room 3      Mrs. Ruth Brown

Room 4      Mrs. Kara Burns

Room 5      Mrs. Angela Readings and Miss Vanessa Hickey

Room 7 space      Mrs. Carolyn Berney

Room 8 space      Mrs. Simone Irvine and Mr. Brian Martin

Room 9 space      Mrs. Candice Bateup

Learning Hub team      Miss Loren Mills, Miss Erin Taylor and Mr. Chris Plant

Part time release teachers      Mrs. Sylvia Liddiard and Mrs. Maria Farmer

Office team      Brenda Hitchcock and Louise Salzwedel

Learning Assistants      Sonia Katu, Rhonda Irvine, Lynley Johnston, Alison O'Neill, Sara Hartley, Shona Fitness, Brenda Buxton and Angela Thomas

Please remember Monday is Waitangi Day, we shall see you all back on Tuesday.

Once again welcome, nau mai, haere mai. All the best for the coming year.

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders