



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Newsletter 3

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Kia ora koutou

There has been a very positive response to our 'Help us know your child' meetings and we thank you very much for supporting this initiative. We are currently arranging extra times to accommodate everyone and will be in touch with you to sort these out. If you do not wish to request a meeting time at this stage please ensure your child's form is completed and returned to school next week, thank you.

Health and Safety

For health and safety purposes we ask that when you visit the school you come to the office and if necessary Brenda or Louise will ask to 'sign in'. This ensures that in the event of an emergency we know exactly who is on site at any given time. Please also then 'sign out' from the office when you leave. Our system is working well for students, visitors, trades people and outside agency workers so thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance and Punctuality

One of the school's strategic goals is to reduce student absence by 5% by the end of 2017. Our goal for 2016 was to reduce it initially by 2%. I am very pleased to report that we have achieved our 2016 goal - reducing student absence by 2.2% overall. We will continue to work towards our overall goal both this year and next and thank you all for placing the priority you do on your child's education.

The percentage of children arriving late to school dropped by 0.4%, from 4% to 3.6%, and while this is a shift in the right direction we still hope to drop this further reducing lateness

Term dates 2017

Term 1:

Wednesday 1 Feb -
Thursday 13 April

Term 2:

Monday 1 May -
Friday 7 July

Term 3:

Monday 24 July -
Friday 29
September

Term 4:

Monday 16
October - Friday
15 December

Public Holidays 2017

Friday 14 April -
Good Friday

Monday 5 June -
Queens Birthday

Monday 23
October - Labour
Day

to less than 1% by the end of next year. Supporting your children to get to school on time is a great way for them to start the day. Their before school chats and time with their peers are important as they start the school day.

Student Achievement

The following is the school's National Standards achievement for 2016. There are areas of very pleasing progress and achievement and some areas where further improvement is still desired. Our 2016 Analysis of Variance, along with our 2017 Charter documents and annual plan, will be made available on the school website after the 1st March, a copy of each will also be available in the school office. Please note that National Standards data does not include children who have been at school for less than 40 weeks.

Reading: At or above National Standard

All students:	74%
Maori students:	69%
NZE students:	79%

Your child's teacher will make contact with you to discuss any areas of concern with their learning and share ideas of how you can support them at home. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning please arrange a time to meet with their teacher.

Writing: At or above National Standard

All students:	70%
Maori students:	62%
NZE students:	74%

Maths: At or above National Standard

All students:	77%
Maori students:	72%
NZE students:	82%

Nga mihi
Vicki Saunders
Principal

On **Wednesday 1st of March**, the Year 3 to 6 teams are having their annual swimming sports. The swimming sports will start at 9.30am for the Y5 and 6 students at the Te Kauwhata Community Fitness Centre.

The Year 3 (including the children from Room 5) and 4 students' event will start at 11.15 at the school pool.

Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Swimming Expo will be on Friday 3rd March at 11.15 at the school pool.

All children will need to bring:

- swimming togs and two towels
- a drink
- their school hat
- please ensure they apply sunblock before school

We look forward to seeing you at this event supporting your child.

Homework Expectations

Year 1

The homework expectation for Year 1 students is that each child reads their "take home reader", to an adult or sibling, as well as practising their word train, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night. On Friday, the students may share a piece of published writing, with their parent/caregiver, as well as practising their weekly song/ poem.

Year 2

Year 2 students are expected to read a book, and practise their sight words every day from Monday to Thursday. On Friday they will take home their poem book to read over the weekend. Students may also be given weekly sounds/ spelling words to learn, some basic facts or a maths game.

Year 3 and 4

For homework, students are expected to read either to a family/whanau/household member or read independently each night of the week. This is to be recorded in their homework diary each night and signed. Books will be provided in class for the children however they are welcome to use their own books from home or the library. Spelling work will be practised during class time however if you would like to have words to work on each night at home please see your child's classroom teacher. During the year there may be individual needs identified which will require some extra homework but this will be discussed with you at the time.

Year 5 and 6

For homework, students are expected to read either to a family/whanau/household member or read independently each night of the week for about 20 minutes. Children have access to school library books or they can use their own books from home. There are a range of online options for different curriculum areas if you would like your child to do these at home. Ask your child, or see their subject teacher for available options. During the year, there may be individual needs identified which will require some extra homework, but this will be discussed with you at the time.

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding these.
Thank you

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 \$12.00 each at the school office.

Did you know that our school has a Phone App. for both Apple and Android?

You are able to keep up to date with events and notifications. You can also do absences through the App. A link to that will be on the School Website. www.tkp.school.nz

STATIONERY PACKS

All children will have been given their stationery packs and invoices have been sent home.
Please ensure the invoice is paid by the end of February, 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

At present we can obtain Acer Chromebooks for a good price. If your child is in the middle or senior school and you are interested in purchasing one through the school please contact Brenda for further details.

Join the Parent Teacher Association

The PTA meets in the school staffroom on the first Wednesday of the month, excluding school holidays. This year our big focus is organising the school Gala, held in November. We welcome new members and new ideas. Please pop in to a meeting, email us at pta@tkp.school.nz or call Jo on 027 471 7623 or Sandra on 022 657 7613.

Meeting dates:

Wed 1 March – 7pm	Wed 4 April – 7pm
Wed 3 May – 7pm	Wed 6 June – 7pm
Wed 5 Jul – 7pm	Wed 2 Aug – 7pm
Wed 6 Sept – 7pm	October special Gala Meeting TBC
Wed 1 Nov – 7pm	Wed 6 Dec – 7pm

Important dates...

- Y3 to Y6 swimming sports - Wednesday 1st March
- Room 1 to 5 swimming expo - Friday 3rd March
- Interschool swimming sports - Friday 10th March
- Bikewise - Tuesday 14th March
- Triathlon - Wednesday 15th March
- Next BOT meeting Wednesday 1st March 6.30pm
- Student Led conferences - Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March
- Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th March
- Term 1 finishes Thursday 13th April

MILK

Along with water, low fat milk is an EVERYDAY drink as it is high in calcium, which is important for the health of your bones and teeth.

Flavoured milks are SOMETIMES drinks as they contain calcium, but can be very high in sugar.

1 x 250ml carton flavoured milk = 5tsp sugar



Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

FLAVOURED WATER

Make your own flavoured water! Fill a jug with water and add:

- Ice cubes to keep it cool
- Slices or a squeeze of lemon, lime, cucumber, orange or berries
- Mint leaves



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CAN YOUR TEAM SURVIVE IT

Each team takes part in 10 different challenges over 2 hours – with one team victorious!

Be quick - Limited to just 20 teams *min age 5yrs
Teams of 4 – 6 \$10 per team Member
Plus prizes for Best Dressed Team and Spot Prizes
Saturday 1st April 10am Start Time
Sausage sizzle & Drinks to follow

Entry forms from Emily@KEY2.co.nz or Te Kauwhata POST & OFFICE

Te Kauwhata Scouts Fundraiser

T.K. JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY

Weigh in and Muster at the Clubrooms

Monday 6th March at 3pm

Follow us on Facebook

ONEWHEREO JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB 2017

All 2016 rugby players will have received an email to re-register for the 2017 season at Onewhero Rugby Club. Please use the link in the email to re-register – please update the team you will be playing in.

Any new players to Onewhero (Under 6 to Under 13) may register online at <http://sporty.co.nz/onewherorugby> on the Junior Registration page.

If you are unable to register online, we have three registration days at the Onewhero Rugby Club.

Thursday 17th February 3.00 - 5.00pm

Friday 18th February 3.00 - 5.00pm

Friday 24th February 3.00 - 5.00pm

Saturday 25th February 10.00- 12.00noon

Rugby Muster will be Saturday 18th March at the club rooms.

If you have any registration queries, please contact Leanne 021 323 795.

TK JUNIOR HOCKEY

MUSTER 2017

Do you want your child to start a sport that is both fun and encouraging? Are they 5-10 years old?

Why not try **Hockey?**

10th March 4pm

Te Kauwhata College Turf

For more information have a look at our Facebook page: TK Junior Hockey or contact April: 0218517744—tkjuniorhockey@gmail.com



Te Kauwhata ChildCare



4 Learning Centre

Now offering **30 hours FREE**

Conditions apply

We provide quality care and education,
where learning and fun become one!
Call in and visit anytime

Hours of Operation: 8.00-5.30 Monday-Friday ■ 9 Mahi Rd, Te Kauwhata
Ph: 826 3280 ■ Email: tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz

Give your kids a 'head start' with FREE early childhood education

Do you have a 3 or 4 year olds' not
involved in early childhood education?

Do you want to access **free** early childhood education
so your child has a 'head start' before starting school?

Kōwhai will support families to:

- Access early childhood within Waikato district
- Provide support with transition to school

If you would like to know more about this **free** service,
please contact Stephanie on:

Phone: 0800 323 543 OR 027 4551 775

Email: stephanie@kowhai.biz



Kōwhai Consulting Ltd
Te Tira o Kōwhai

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





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SPLASH 'N' DASH

Sunday 5 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 picnic, drink bottle, togs, towel, sunscreen and sense of adventure!

Please note this is a smoke, alcohol & pet free event.

Slippery Slides
Zorb Balls
Dunk Tank
Pre-School Tent



Foam Spray
Inflatables
Team Games
Ice & Water Play



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