



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Newsletter 3

8 March 2017

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to all our children who recently took part in our swimming sports and junior swim expo, an enjoyable display of talent over the past week. It was lovely to see so many whanau and friends supporting the children, thank you all for coming. This week we wish our Interschool team all the very best as they compete in Huntly on Friday. Every year our children not only perform with pride but always represent our school in such a positive way and I know this year will be no different. Over the past fortnight we have run for the first time our 'Help us know your child' meetings, an opportunity for you to share with us about your child. As a school we have been very encouraged by the success of these and we hope you have felt the same about them. Any feedback you would like to give us is welcomed and you can do so either via our school website www.tkp.school.nz and click in the link on the home page, or by emailing me at principal@tkp.school.nz. If you were unable to attend a meeting during these times and would still like to please see your child's teacher. If you have not completed and returned your 'Help us know your child' profile sheet we ask that you do so as the information on there is important to us. Please contact the school office if you require another sheet. This weeks our thoughts are with Lachlan and the Brown family over the recent sad loss of a grandad, dad, husband and friend.

We have a busy few weeks coming up so please keep a lookout in newsletters and our Facebook page for all details.

Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders, Principal

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

Newsletter options

Each fortnight we send home a printed newsletter to every family in the school, approximately 170 families and over 1000 pieces of paper printed on both sides. In an effort to save on paper and photocopying costs, and consider our environment, we would ideally like to significantly reduce this number of printed copies.

The following options are available to you:

- Via email
 - Read it online via our school website
- Make it available on our school Facebook page
 - Read it via the school App

Over the coming weeks we will be also adding extra content to our newsletters by way of students sharing their learning, EnviroSchools news, updates and more.

Reading it digitally will ensure you enjoy the added colour and details!

We'd appreciate you taking the time to let us know your preferences and hopefully contribute to helping the school and the environment.

Please indicate your preference on the slip below.

OR

Email Louise at reception@tkp.school.nz stating your preference.

Thank you in advance for supporting us in making a positive change!

Newsletter preferences

Eldest or only child's name:

Room:

Please indicate by ticking your preference:

- By email, my email address is _____
- I will read it online via the school website www.tkp.school.nz
- I will read it via the school App (Android or Apple)
- I will read it via the School facebook page if it were made available on there
- I would like a paper copy

Thank you for letting us know by next Wednesday - 15th March

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

The annual **Triathlon will be held on Wednesday 15th of March**. Your child will need to wear their uniform to school and get changed into their whanau t-shirt and a pair of shoes when they are competing.

We will begin at **9:30am with 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.

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.

Could children please start bringing their bikes to school from Monday the 13th of March. On Tuesday we will have the Bikewise programme which includes checking bikes and a safety course. Bikes need to be at school by the 14th to ensure they have been checked. All children will also need a helmet.

(A full notice on the Triathlon was sent home on Monday this week).

STATIONERY PACKS

All children have been given their stationery packs and invoices have been sent home.

Thank you if you have paid.

Fees are now overdue, please make arrangements for payments as soon as possible.

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 by Friday the 10th of March.

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 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...

- Interschool swimming sports - Friday 10th March
- Bikewise - Tuesday 14th March
- Triathlon - Wednesday 15th March
- Next BOT meeting Wednesday Wed. 15th March 6.30pm
- Student Led conferences - Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March
- Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th March
- Next PTA meeting 4 April at 7pm
- Term 1 finishes Thursday 13th April

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



FIZZY DRINKS

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

Fizzy drinks can contain a lot of sugar which is not good for our teeth. Fizzy drinks don't contain any goodness (vitamins, minerals etc.) for growing children.

1 can of fizzy drink = 10tsp sugar
1 600ml bottle fizzy drink = 16tsp sugar



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SUPER SMOOTHIES

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

Smoothies are a great drink that can double as a snack. They are quick, nutritious and easy to make.

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 150g pot of fruit yoghurt
- 1 cup low fat milk
- Ice cubes (optional)

Blend all ingredients together and enjoy. Experiment with different types of fresh, canned or frozen fruit.



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Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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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



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.



HUNTLY SOUTH RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB JUNIOR MUSTER

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

Wednesday 15th of March @ 3.30 till
5pm at the Huntly South Clubrooms
at 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



Presents...

Huntly Fun Run



Huntly Thistle is hosting a Fun Run for the Huntly and wider community. The events include a 2km and 5km event for men, women and children. All funds raised is to be used for the 2017 football season.

When: Friday 24th March

Time: 5.30 — 7.30 pm

Where: Huntly Doman and Lake Hakanoa

Cost: Adults \$10 & Under 14's \$5

Registrations available on Huntly Thistle AFC's
Facebook page or email
huntlythistleafc@gmail.com

Note: a \$3 late fee will be added to entries received after
the 22nd March

Te Kauwhata Childcare



& 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 3260 ■ 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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