



# Te Kauwhata Primary School

## Panui ~ Newsletter 5

22 March 2017

Kia ora koutou

Last week we farewelled Ms. Angela Thomas who has been a valued support staff member since last year. We thank Angela very much for her efforts and dedication and wish her all the best in her new role at Te Kauwhata College. Thank you to everyone who supported our annual triathlon last week and well done to all participants, a great effort by you all and another wonderful school event.

### Whole School Photo

We have organised for a whole school photo to be taken on Monday 3rd April so we hope all children can be at school on this day, and in correct uniform, for this special opportunity. It is the first time in many years and such photos have an important place in our schools 'story' for future jubilees etc. You will be offered the chance to purchase a copy of this photo, we will let you know how and when in our next newsletter and via our Facebook page. Please note that you will NOT be permitted to take your own photos at this time, so we ask that refrain from trying to do so, thank you.

### Student Led Conferences - Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March

The conferences provide a valuable opportunity for the children to share their learning and goals with you. We encourage all of you to book a time and support your child's learning. If you wish to discuss any issues about your child we ask that you arrange another time with the class teacher. Conference bookings can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using Event code: srne6 If you do not have Internet access please phone the school office to arrange a time.

We thank you for taking the time to consider how you wish to receive our school newsletters and complete the form below.

Nga mihi

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](mailto: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](http://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

We have received very few returns to date, it is not too late to let us know, thank you.

## Sharing our learning...

We are proud to share student learning with you all.

This fortnight some of senior students share their writing. These students have been learning how using metaphors can enrich their writing.

Enjoy!

### Cameron's Metaphor Poem

Cameron is a minivan, small but definitely has a lot of character.

Cameron is a scrunched up parcel, delivered a day late, with a rainbow coloured string.

Cameron is the Sky Tower, falls down a lot but always gets back up and is very famous.

Cameron is a muddy rugby jacket, gets used a lot, and has fun.

### Leticia's Metaphor Poem

Leticia is a self-driving Tesla, she likes peace and quiet but sometimes she's a little noisy.

Leticia is an apartment, she likes the night's lights and at day she admires the view. She's self taught, but she loves company.

Leticia is a pair of shorts, she's a little dusty, she gets worn a lot, and she loves to get muddy.

Leticia is a bowl full of homemade cereal with bright oats, golden honey, and clear yoghurt.

### Hot! Hot! Hot! - By Sophie

A fantastic smell hit my nose.

"What's for dinner, Mum?"

"Your favourite."

"Ooooh yay!" In no time, it was finished.

"It might be hot," said Mum.

I scooped up some rice with my fork. I shoved it in my tiny, little mouth and...

"Aaaaaaaarrrrrrrggggggghhhhhh!" "My mouth is on fire!!!" My brother was laughing like mad. I shot outside. The wind was howling and the grass was like ice on my feet. I stood on the edge of the brick wall separating the house from the horse paddock. I opened my mouth and spewed. Then I sped inside.

"What-hick did-hick you-hick just-hick do-hick?" my brother asked struggling through hiccups. I decided to ignore him. My Mum was sitting at the table with a look of horror and confusion on her face.

"I don't remember putting spicy things in it!"

"It wasn't spicy, it was HOT, HOT, HOT!!!" My Mum disappeared around the corner. Ten seconds later, she reappeared with a glass of water. She opened the freezer and began stuffing cubes of ice in it. She returned to the table, sat down and pushed the drink over to me. I started gulping down the drink. My tongue was frozen. I didn't care. I kept on drinking until the whole drink was gone. I felt a whole lot better. I was really hungry so I took the risk and started eating. It wasn't hot anymore, it was simply delicious!

## Supporting our Environment

We are an EnviroSchool and very proud to have achieved our Silver award at the end of 2014.

Now we are striving towards achieving our Green-Gold status.

Each fortnight we will share with you some of the great practices happening in our school, beginning this term by celebrating less landfill rubbish by reducing the number of food wrappers in our bins.

Look at this great 'Nude Food' lunch box and the healthy contents!



### Important dates...

- Student Led conferences - Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March
- Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th March
- Ice Skating for Middle and Junior teams - 4 April
- Next PTA meeting 4 April at 7pm
- Onesie Wednesday - supporting Autism Awareness Week - 5th April
- Board of Trustees Meeting 12th April 6.30pm
- Term 1 finishes Thursday 13th April

### **Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th March**

This is running between Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th of March. Please visit the school library to check out all the great book deals! Proceeds go directly back into our library!

### STATIONERY PACKS

Thank you if you have paid Stationery fees.

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.



**COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER**

# DIET OR ZERO DRINKS

Diet or zero drinks don't contain any sugar, although some will still contain caffeine.

Caffeine can affect sleep and isn't recommended for children.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016



**COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER**

# SPORTS DRINKS

Sports drinks were originally designed for elite endurance athletes.

When participating in sports or any activity the best drink is water.

1 bottle of sports drink = 11tsp sugar

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## 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](mailto:pta@tkp.school.nz) or call Jo on 027 471 7623 or Sandra on 022 657 7613.

### Meeting dates:

Wed 4 April – 7pm

Wed 6 June – 7pm

Wed 2 Aug – 7pm

Wed 1 Nov – 7pm

Wed 3 May – 7pm

Wed 5 Jul – 7pm

Wed 6 Sept – 7pm October special Gala Meeting TBC

Wed 6 Dec – 7pm



## KIDS AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

April School Holidays are fast approaching!

Keep the kids entertained and get your holiday care sorted with KAS!

A copy of our brochure has been sent out through your school.

For more information and enrolments visit: [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

Or pop into our programme at Bombay School.

Book now to secure your place, spaces are limited!

## 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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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



## SUPER SUNDAY MARCH 26 SEE MAGIC PLAY AGAINST THE TACTIX

BUY A SUPER SUNDAY TICKET TO GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A SUPER SUNDAY SELFIE WITH A MAGIC STAR PLUS A BACK STAGE TOUR WITH 3 FRIENDS!

KEEN FOR MORE? GET 20% OFF TICKET FOR MARCH 27 AGAINST NORTHERN STARS.

GO TO [TICKETEK.CO.NZ](http://TICKETEK.CO.NZ) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY



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](mailto:huntlythistleafc@gmail.com)

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



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](mailto: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](mailto:stephanie@kowhai.biz)



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### 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](mailto:johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz)



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