



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Newsletter 6

5 April 2017

Kia ora koutou

What a impressive sight on Monday as our whole school photo was taken, made even better by the feedback received from the Photolife crew as to the extremely positive and cooperative behaviour of our children, so well done everyone, it was certainly a very 'slick' process. Copies of the photo will be available to purchase after the holiday break, we will keep you informed.

This week we have welcomed Catherine Tangaroa back into our dedicated support staff team, lovely to have you back on board Catherine!

Community Learning Garden

Next term we launch a new initiative, that of our community learning garden. This will be located on the lower domain on Mahi Road opposite our school grounds. It will provide an opportunity for community members who are not able to have a garden on their property OR would like to learn more about starting off a garden. Our students are excited about helping others learn to garden and look forward to working with everyone. At this stage there is room for 8-10 garden plots so please share this message with anyone you think might be interested. Names can be given in at the school office or please email reception@tkp.school.nz A meeting will be organised early in Term 2 to arrange times and get the project underway.

Policy Review

The Board of Trustees is currently reviewing the following policies and statements which fall under National Administration Guideline 1:

- Curriculum; Gifted and Talented; Special Needs and our Health statement.

These are available on our website and any comments or questions can be emailed to principal@tkp.school.nz.

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

Emergency procedures

Over the past two weeks we have been practicing our emergency drill procedures in the event of an earthquake or a lockdown being necessary. We have our fire evacuation practice coming up before the end of this week. The children have listened carefully and I have been most impressed with how quiet and orderly they have acted during these drills. Please ask your children to share with you what they have practiced, well done everyone.

As this is our last full newsletter for term 1 I'd like on behalf of the team to thank you all for your support throughout this term and your ongoing commitment to your child's education. School finishes at our usual time of 2.50pm next Thursday, 13th April and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 1st May.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Nga mihi

Vicki and the team

Kiwi Competition - Challenge Yourself! **(for Year 5 and 6 learners)**

Please remember to complete your kiwi competition forms and return to the office by Friday 7 April. This is an online test for English, Science and Maths.

Just to clarify, there will be no ICAS this year as we are trying Canterbury University's Kiwi Competition instead.

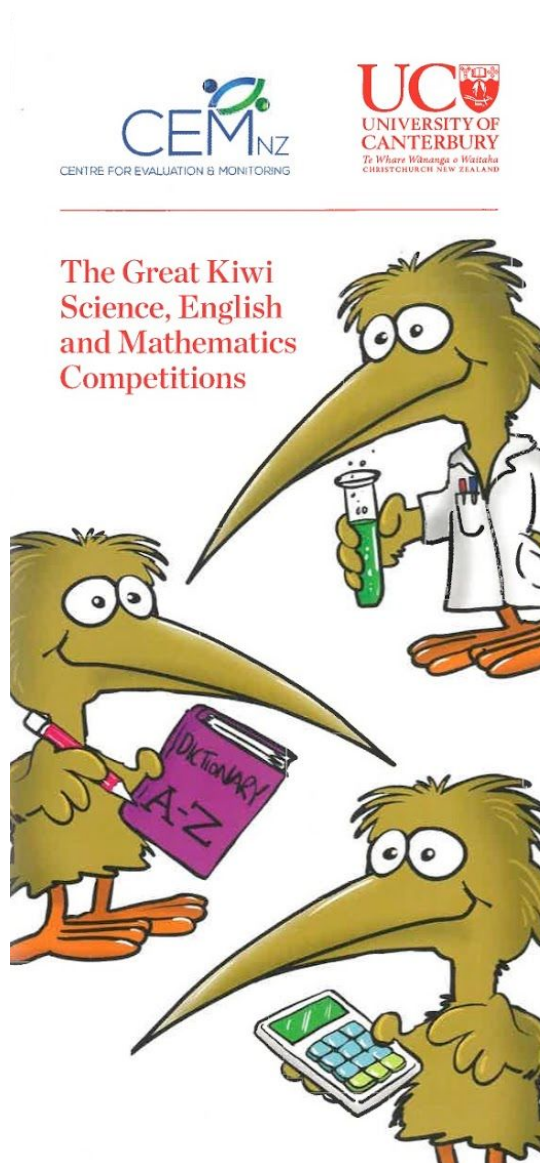
Thanks to those who have already returned their forms.

Any queries to gill@tkp.school.nz

Onesie Wednesday - raising funds for Autism Awareness - thanks everyone \$388.40 raised!



Fantastic effort!



Nga Toi - Arts programme

Next term we are looking to run a Nga Toi, Arts programme on a Friday. If you have a special talent and would like to help out, we would love to hear from you. The purpose is to build Tuakana Teina, older students supporting younger students, through the performing arts. If you are someone who has a music/dance/drama/cultural ability and would like to help out with a group each Friday in Terms 2 and 3, please contact Miss Taylor at erin@tkp.school.nz

Whanau Day

On the **last day of term** we will be having our final **whanau day**. This will run during middle block, and will end with lunch together on the court (weather permitting). We ask that students come to school in their uniform and get changed into their whanau colours at morning tea time. Please make sure that your child's uniform is named, and that their whanau colours are plain tee shirts - not mufti.

The winning whanau will then get their sausage sizzle prize at lunch time. It is a close race at the moment and anyone could win!

Reading Together Workshop

We will be running another of these popular workshops in term two. They are designed to help you to support your children's reading at home.

There are four sessions and they run for approximately one hour. The sessions are informal and we have a lot of fun.

The sessions will be held on Mondays at 3pm. Dates will be 15th, 22nd and 29th of May with the final session on the 11th June.

Some feedback from previous sessions.

"Fantastic programme- more parents need to attend this workshop. It was a big eye-opener for me and made me understand how difficult it is for them."

"..... enjoys reading at home more and better in the classroom"

"..... is more relaxed to read and enjoys reading more than before."

Please contact Angela with your interest either by email angela@tkp.school.nz or let Brenda know at the office.

Reading Together is a research-based workshop programme which helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading (and thereby also supports teachers in their classroom programmes).

Sharing our learning...

We are proud to share student learning with you all.

This fortnight some of our students share their writing. These Room 2 students have been learning to use similies in their writing
Enjoy!

Deearn Young

It was cool at ice skating. I felt like Ana.

George Puaha

When I went ice skating, I felt as hot as the sun.

Eli Davis

We went ice skating. I was excited. When I fell over I felt like a bag of potatoes!

Charlotte Pace

When I got on the ice, I felt like a penguin.

The Junior and Middle classes recently had the opportunity to participate in "ice skating" out at the Waerenga Hall. The children (and teachers) had such a great time! It was wonderful to see all the smiles on the children's faces as they mastered staying upright! Room 7 enjoying their ice skating!



Important dates...

- PTA meeting tonight at 6:30pm Annual General Meeting in the staff room, followed by the April meeting
- Board of Trustees Meeting 12th April 6.30pm
- Thursday 13th April Whanau day activities - see notice above
- Term 1 finishes Thursday 13th April

From the Peer Mediators:

As peer mediators we walk around the school and help children solve their problems. The problems that we help with include friendship issues, game issues or other small problems. As a part of our role as Peer Mediators we also look for children who show 'WE CARE' in the playground. These children may receive the Peer Mediator Trophy! As you can see in these photos children are playing together and including other children in their games - this is one of our criterion to receive the Peer Mediator Award!



By Finn Parkes and Raquela Bezuidenhout

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

A TASTE FOR SWEET

Giving children sweet drinks when they are thirsty develops a taste and habit of wanting sweet drinks all the time.

Swap sugary drinks with:

- Naturally flavoured water
- Smoothies
- Milk

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

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016



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 5 Apr – 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

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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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

Or pop into our programme at Bombay School.

Book now to secure your place, spaces are limited!

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



KIDS CATCH UP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Church Hall, Scott Road, Te Kauwhata

9.00 am - midday

Ages 5 -12 years

\$2 per Child - Morning Tea Provided

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ~

19TH & 26TH APRIL 2017

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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