



# Te Kauwhata Primary School

## Panui ~ Newsletter 9

31 May 2017

Talofa lava, kia ora

Welcome to this halfway point of term 2, and a warm welcome to our new children and whanau who have joined us over the past couple of weeks. This week is our first WoW - Week of Wonder, for 2017 with a science focus happening across the school. As I sit writing this piece it is wonderful to observe and listen to the senior children outside my office engaged in a variety of science learning activities as they explore 'perpetual motion', conversing, debating and problem-solving collaboratively. I look forward to observing further their challenges as they unfold, and having them share their outcomes. The Life Education classroom is also here at present, with all classes participating in two lessons in it, welcome back to Mike Budd our Life Ed teacher!

With winter sports well underway I wish to thank the many of you who are supporting our school teams as coaches, managers and taxis! Without your dedication and commitment our children would not have these opportunities. We are very proud of how our children represent our school at all fixtures and know this will continue.

From the Board of Trustees I am very excited, and grateful, to share that our assembly area is about to be fitted with roller screens to help protect us from the elements and make the space much more pleasant to be in during these cooler, wet months. Hopefully before year end we will also be able to lay astro-turf within in it to make it even better! Thank you to the Board for agreeing to fund this project.

Lastly thank you all for your co-operation while the roadworks, due to stormwater maintenance, continues to block one end of Wira Street. Hopefully it will be back to normal by next Wednesday. Enjoy the long weekend everyone!

Nga mihi nui ~ Vicki and team

### Term dates 2017

#### 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

Monday 5 June -  
Queens Birthday

Monday 23  
October - Labour  
Day

### **Nga Toi - Arts programme**

*We continue our Nga Toi (The Arts) programme across the school. All children will be involved in either dance, drama or music lessons that support creativity and expression. The programme also reflects Tuakana Teina, whereby older students support those younger.*

*The years 3-6 programme will run between 11.45am and 12.55pm each Friday with the years 1-2 programme running between 2.00 and 2.30pm on Fridays.*

*The years 1-2 children will rotate around all teachers to begin with then choose one aspect to focus on.*

*As a school we look forward to presenting you with a cultural arts extravaganza at the end of next term to celebrate this exciting learning.*

*We are having a clean out of second hand uniform:*

*Second hand vests(Jacket with no sleeves) available: two of each of size 6, 8 and 12, call into the office. \$10 each. First come first serve.*

*Second hand Jackets: two of each size 6 and 12 available at \$10 each. First come first serve.*

*Girls skorts (skirt shorts) 2 x Size 6 and 4 x Size 10 - \$10 each.*

*1 x Boys Long pants Size 8 - \$10.*

### **Sharing our learning...**

**We are proud to share student learning with you all.**

**Every fortnight some of our students share their writing. These are from our talented Room 8 students.**

### **Winters war**

One day I was watching my favourite TV show, The Petrifying Problem with Princess Nala. "Olivia put on the news on right now!" exclaimed mum "ok mum" so I put on the news ."This is live at Antarctica. People have discovered an unusual thing. A castle covered in frosty ice. They think that someone has lived here but who knows?' It's a mystery. "Mum, one day I'm gonna go there & explore the huge spooky castle." "You really think so darling, but no one has come back, I think?" "Then I'll be the first." "Wait! Listen they are saying something about the weather. An ice blizzard is coming & it's coming straight for us! I know someone who can help. Mum can I go to the library & get a cool book to read for a few minutes. "Of course you can! But no longer than that!" explained mum in a grump. I knew I couldn't let mum know that I was a superhero. As I thought, my friend Sofie came running towards me in a panic. "Did you hear the news?" "I know. I'll use fire & all the vacuum cleaners in the world. I'll get a windmill & blow away the storm. I will become a hero!

By Olivia Clapham

## Winter's war

In the morning, when I woke up it felt really nippy. I thought there was a frost' so I looked out my window

but ice & snow were there. I went & got my fur coat and put it on. I went outside & my house was in a cave! I quickly ran to the town square but the Hall was frozen. So I walked in & I came across a pile of skulls. I went on a stroll down to the beach. The sand was snow. An Emperor penguin went by. I knew I had to do something. So I put a fire on the beach. I got a giant wind machine & blew all the water into the sea. I became the world's hero.

By Sasha Stephens



While I was going to school on a bus, I wondered about Antarctica. I imagined I was climbing a mountain but....There I was in a snow avalanche. I was sliding down the mountain. Then it finally stopped! I saw a big snow tower. I went in the tower. There were ghosts flying around me saying "danger!" As I went up the stairs I saw the Ice Queen. The Ice Queen saw me. "What are you doing here?" yelled the Ice Queen loudly. I ran for my life, jumped out the window and hurried home.

*By Peyton Woods McKinnon*





## From our Peer Mediators

As Peer mediators we love seeing children showing We C.A.R.E. around the school. Above is one of our student Leaders - Isabel Fitness playing with the little kids and below there are a couple of friends playing poison. Well done guys for showing 'Care' in the playground!

By Josh Moorfield & Jessica Dingle

### Important dates...

- School is closed on Monday 5th of June, Queens Birthday!
- Next PTA meeting Wednesday 6th June at 7pm
- Board of Trustees meeting - Wednesday 21st June, 6.30pm
- Junior Tough Guy and Girl Challenge in Ngaruawahia Friday 9th June
- Term 2 finishes Friday 7th of July



**MAAORI NEW YEAR**

# TRADITIONAL MEALS MADE HEALTHIER!



Add a variety of vegetables to any dish. Green leafy vegetables like spinach, puha, watercress and silverbeet are great. Cut visible fat from meat and skin from chicken when preparing dishes such as boil up and hangi.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

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# FLY A KITE



Kites are seen as connectors between heaven and earth, especially on the first day of the New Year. Try making a kite and fly it with whaanau.

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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 6 June – 7pm

Wed 2 Aug – 7pm

Wed 1 Nov – 7pm

Wed 5 Jul – 7pm

Wed 6 Sept – 7pm October special Gala Meeting TBC

Wed 6 Dec – 7pm

### Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

The Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki is 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, Manager Caregiver Support Waikato Region, on 07 957 4740 or email [Johnson.Taoho@mvcot.govt.nz](mailto:Johnson.Taoho@mvcot.govt.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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**WHERE:**

Glen Murray Memorial Hall  
State Highway 22, Glen Murray.

**WHEN:**

Tuesday 13 June 2017, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Tuesday 20 June 2017, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
(Tea & Coffee provided - please bring your own lunch)

# Farmer computing course

## GETTING STARTED

Enrol today for a workshop to learn some computer skills in a friendly, small group environment. Over the 8 hours of the course (spread over half days or evenings) you will gain a solid foundation and basic understanding of computers and how to use them.

### THE FOUR AREAS COVERED IN THE COURSE

- Computer skills
- Internet skills
- Email skills
- Word processing skills

### SPACES ARE LIMITED SO GET IN QUICK!

- No previous computer experience required
- No questions are dumb questions
- No one peering over your shoulder, telling you what to do

**COURSE FEE - \$80.00** INCL GST

**"Before I completed this course I relied on my family to check and print off emails, and then reply on my behalf. Now I am independent and can confidently use a computer for my business and other purposes."**

*Farmer, Pongaroa*

To express your interest and find out more phone  
**0800 273 337** or visit **[www.rmpp.co.nz/page/computer](http://www.rmpp.co.nz/page/computer)**



## 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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