



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Newsletter 14

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Kia ora koutou,

Last week we held our school cross-country event and what a great day it was! Mud glorious mud added to the enjoyment of the day! Many thanks to all parents, whanau and caregivers who came along to support our tamariki, your encouragement is always welcome. Our interschool team has been selected and will represent our school next Friday, with this event being hosted by us. We wish all competitors the very best for it!

Over the past few weeks our Years 3-6 students have been working hard preparing for the annual speech competitions, with the finals being held yesterday. What a tough choice for our judge, the calibre was so very high. Congratulations to our winners, please see their photo further into this newsletter. A big thank you to Mrs. Debbie Tonks who once again judged our competition, we appreciate your support!

On a serious note we have been informed of incidents of inappropriate online communications outside of school recently. This is both disappointing and most concerning as we know the effects of such behaviour is damaging. I have included some information in this newsletter to support you, as parents, to help reduce the risk of such issues arising, and what to be vigilant for. I also want to assure you that social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and certain game sites (as examples) are not able to be accessed by students at school, our Internet safety protocols prevent this. Students do have limited access to YouTube, with teacher monitoring online activity. The children are regularly reminded at school about their online safety. I urge you to read this information and visit the website to find out even more. Thank you, your child's online safety is important to us all and we must work together to maintain this.

Ngaa mihi nui

Vicki and team

Term dates 2017

Term 3:

Monday 24 July -
Friday 29
September

Term 4:

Monday 16
October - Friday
15 December

Public Holidays 2017

Monday 23
October - Labour
Day

Abacus Artwork Calendars and Cards - School Fundraiser



Our Junior School classes (Room 1 to 5) have done their artwork for calendars/cards and most classes will be displaying them in the classroom. An order form was sent out last week to place your orders. Spare forms are available at reception.

Calendars \$12 each and Pack of cards \$12 (for a pack of 8)

Orders to be in by **Friday 1st of September**

Delivery date **end of Term 3.**

Daffodil Day this Friday 25th August

Please support the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society with your gold coin donation. Flowers and stickers will be available on the day. This is not a mufti day!

YUMMY STICKERS - Did you know that we collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of free DG Sport sports gear. We send these in at the end of September, please remember to bring them in. We have a sticker sheet in reception or hand your cut out labels from bags to Louise at the office.

Lost Property - We have lots of plain clothes and shoes in lost property from recent outdoor events. Also some items from children that have used loan jackets when arriving at school with non uniform ones. Check out our lost property box in the library. A friendly reminder to parents to please mark all clothing items. Each child is expected to take care of his own items, please support our teachers in this regard to foster independence and teaching our kids responsibility.

Important dates...

- Board of Trustees meeting - postponed to Wednesday 5th September
- Daffodil day 25th August
- Last day to order Abacus Calendar art 1st of September
- Interschool Cross Country 1st September
- PTA meeting - next date to be confirmed
- Runathon 14th of September
- Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday 20th September
- Nga Toi Showcase 28th September
- Term 3 finishes Friday 29th September
- Calf Club day Wednesday October 18th
- Group day Friday October 20th

Supporting children to be safe online

There are two main NZ websites that support our children to be safe online. The first of these is www.netsafe.org.nz. On this site you will find a range of resources and information to help you understand the cyber world and how to support your child keeping safe. Here at school we have a system whereby social media sites, Internet searches and certain words and phrases are blocked from any access. It is important to remember that in most cases these controls no longer exist once the children are outside of school. This page has some very useful information to support you <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/>.

A snippet from Netsafe around the importance of having conversations with your children...

"The most important thing a parent can do to keep their child safe online is to start a conversation about it. If your child is using online technologies, it's important that you give them the tools and support they need to keep themselves safe:

Set the expectations: Talk to your child about the type of behaviours you'd like them to adopt. For example, how long they should spend online, what apps and social media sites you'd like them to use and what is appropriate content to view. This will be different depending on the age of your child, and what you feel comfortable with.

Understand what they are doing online: Talk to your kids about what they're using the internet for. What's involved? Who's in their network? What information do they share? Really listen to what they have to say – what might seem like 'just a game' to you, could in fact be a way for them to connect with people who have similar interests. If you really don't understand it, try it! You need to understand the technology to better understand the challenges that young people face online.

Showing an interest in the things young people do helps to build your understanding of what their online world looks like and creates an environment that makes it easier to have more difficult conversations about it in the future."

There is also information and contact options about what to do if you are concerned about online activity and possible incident of 'cyberbullying'.

The other website is Hector's World www.hectorsworld.com. This site has a range of resources we refer to at school as well as support for parents, especially for children aged 2-9 years.

Please take some time to read through these online resources. We will also be completing a review of processes here at school to ensure that 1. The children understand how important it is to be safe online and being a good digital citizen, and 2. That we are all responsible for the children's online safety - school and community working together.

If you would be interested in attending an information workshop about Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship please complete and return the slip in this newsletter.

Thank you everyone for your support. We must work together to ensure our children are equipped for their digital future....it's not going away!

Do you realise...

- The **minimum age** to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is 13. For Vine, Tinder and Yik Yak it's 17. **YouTube** requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission. Creating an account with false information is a violation of their terms. If reported such an account may be closed.

Annual Speech Competition

Congratulations to all our Year 3 - 6 children who gathered their confidence, put in lots of effort and presented some very entertaining speeches over the past couple of weeks. Each year the calibre of speeches grows and we are proud of you all.

This years finalists made our judge, Mrs. Debbie Tonk's job very difficult, but what a great problem to have!

A big congratulations and well done to our overall winners:

- Year 3 ~ Za'Yanni Edwards
- Year 4 ~ Trenton Fitness
- Year 5 ~ Jada Potter
- Year 6 ~ Lewis Robson



Our winners



...and all finalists

CALF CLUB 2017

Calf Club will be held this year during the first week of Term 4 on Wednesday the 18th of October.

We encourage as many children as possible to participate in this event.

Calf Club is for calves, lambs and kid goats only.

Entry forms and information packs are now available from the school office.

Forms to be returned on or before Monday the 20th of September.

Events for Lambs/Goats

Birth dates are: Early Lambs/Goats - 10th July - 19th August

Late Lambs/Goats - 20th August - 20th September.

Please note: These dates may be adjusted slightly to achieve a better distribution of participants in the events.

Most Obvious Pet:

The steward holds the lamb. The child takes the lead off and takes it with him/her. The child walks to the first peg and calls the lamb. The child then walks to the second peg with the lamb following. The child then runs to the finish and catches the lamb.

Leading:

The lamb is lead anticlockwise around the inside of the ring, stopping half way and counting to three then continuing on remembering to lead around the outside of the pegs.

Rearing:

This section is judged on care, condition and cleanliness of the lamb. The child should be able to talk about their lamb with confidence knowing the name, breed and date of birth of the lamb.

Events for Calves

Birth dates are : Early Calves - 10th June - 31st July

Late Calves - 1st August - 20th September

Please note: These dates may be adjusted slightly to achieve a better distribution of participants in the events.

Leading:

The calf is lead anticlockwise around the inside of the ring stopping after the 1st peg and counting to three.

Rearing:

This section is judged on care, condition and cleanliness of the calf. Knowledge about the calf, its breed, date of birth, what it has been fed and how it has been reared.

Dairy Type:

Dairy Type can be divided into heavy and light breeds and is applicable for calves of dairy origin.

Calves will be judged on soundness, overall balance etc.

Taking part in calf club?





Calf club training info sheet available
at www.anexafvc.co.nz/calf club
Your local Vet, we're here to help

Group Day 2017

Group Day will be held on Friday the 20th of October at TK Primary.

Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship Workshop

I am interested in coming along to a workshop:

Name:

Contact number:

Contact email:

Preferred workshop time:

5.00 - 6.30pm

6.00 - 7.30pm

Please either return this slip to school by Friday 8th September or email

principal@tkp.school.nz

including the above information in your email.

Thank you



From our Peer Mediators



On our walk around the playground we found these girls (Tabitha in midair, Cassidy in the background, Isla holding the left end of the rope and Mikyla holding the right end) having a fun time skipping together. They are showing WE CARE as they are taking turns and playing nicely together!

By Sophie Hansen and Georgia Mannion

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: 626 3260 ■ Email: tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz

Don't bury them, call...

Ernie's Casualty Calf Cart

We look forward to being of service to you again,

Collecting now!

Contact Ernie

Phone 07 8285742 027 4867184

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 home 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



**ORANGA
TAMARIKI**
Ministry for Vulnerable Children

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

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