



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Newsletter 17

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Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the last term of 2017, and a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this term.

We ended last term with a most successful Nga Toi (The Arts) celebration, thank you to everyone who was able to make it along to support our talented tamariki. Many thanks to everyone who supported our teachers and kitchen team on the day!

Term 4 is only 9 weeks long and we have a lot coming up during this time.

GALA Our ever amazing community GALA is being held on Saturday 11th November and it promises to be another fun-filled entertaining day. Please see the note in this newsletter requesting support on the day - many hands make light work and we thank you in advance for offering up a bit of your time to assist on and around the day. Don't forget you can vote for the teachers you would most like to get GUNGED! Vote at the school office!

Social Sciences review We have had a small response to this, however all feedback is appreciated, thank you. It's not too late to respond if you missed our cut-off last term.

Fundraiser evening Our senior team has organised a great fundraising evening with a hypnotist, raising funds towards the Y6 camp - it promises to bring a lot of laughs. Tickets are available from the school office, see the poster about it in this newsletter.

2018 Over the next few weeks we will be looking at our classrooms for 2018. If you wish to discuss anything about your child's placement OR if you know your child will not be returning in 2018, we'd love to talk with you now. Thank you.

Enjoy this exciting term with your children!

Ngaa mihi nui

Vicki and team

Term dates 2017

Term 4:

Monday 16
October - Friday
15 December

Start date 2018

Term 1
commences for all
children on
Wednesday 31st
January 2018.

Public Holidays 2017

Monday 23
October - Labour
Day

COHORT ENTRY CONSULTATION

The Education (Amendment) Act 2017 now allows schools to implement a Cohort Entry Policy for 4 and 5 year olds. We are now seeking feedback around the possibility of introducing Cohort entry next year, 2018.

Why? Helping students to have a great start at school is important for their early success. Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better into school. There is evidence that starting school alongside other children helps children build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life. It can also mean less disruption for new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date rather than on an individual and ad hoc basis through the year.

What Does this mean? This means that some children, depending on when in the term their birthday falls, will be able to start school up to two months before they turn five, while other children will have to wait up to two months after their fifth birthday before they can start school. The precise cut-off dates for each term are listed below (for 2018). Children turning five before the cut-off date for a term will be able to start at a school with cohort entry at the beginning of that term.

Will this mean my child has to stay in early childhood education longer than they would otherwise?

Possibly. Depending on where their birthday falls within the term, some children could stay in early learning or other care for either a slightly shorter or longer period than they would otherwise if the school their family or whānau chooses has adopted cohort entry.

Some parents may choose to have their child wait for a later cohort entry date if they feel their child is not ready to start school.

Cohort entry does not apply to children who have turned six, or who are transferring from another school. A school with cohort entry cannot enforce that a child turning six, who has not yet been enrolled, start at the beginning of the term prior to their turning six. It is a legal requirement that a child enrol at a registered school from age six, but the legislation about cohort entry only applies to four and five year olds. Therefore, if not already enrolled, a child can start school on their sixth birthday, but must start school no later than their sixth birthday.

Can a child enrolled in a cohort entry school move to a non-cohort entry school and be enrolled at the same age? Yes. If a child is four when they enrol in a cohort entry school, they can move to a non-cohort entry school and enrol, even if aged four.

What effect does cohort entry have on early learning services and ngā kōhanga reo, childcare and OSCAR subsidies? Families are still eligible for Ministry of Education ECE subsidies, including 20 Hours ECE, until their child turns six or is enrolled in school. The Ministry of Social Development will be making changes to the childcare assistance regulations so that children over the age of five remain eligible for the childcare subsidy, and children under the age of five are eligible for the OSCAR (out of school care) subsidy.

Will cohort entry policies affect the quality of transitions for children who may require additional support? Where a child would benefit from a staggered transition to school, a transition plan can be agreed between the child's parents, the school principal and the Ministry of Education

2018 mid term dates for implementing Cohort Entry ~ as set by the Ministry of Education

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID TERM DATE*	END OF TERM
1	31.01.2018	20/03/2018	13/04/2018
2	30/04/2018	11/06/2018	6/07/2018
3	23/07/2018	03/09/2018	28/09/2018
4	15/10/2018	12/12/2018	14/12/2018

A consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday 25th October at 5.00pm here at school.** You are invited to come along to the meeting and share your thoughts, **OR**, if you are unable to make this meeting respond via the questionnaire in this newsletter. The completed questionnaire may be dropped into our school office, or emailed to principal@tkp.school.nz prior to the 25th of October.

Following this consultation process the school will makes its decision and you will be advised accordingly.

Thanks in advance for your feedback.

PRINTERS - We have **6 Black laser printers** for sale, excess to the school's needs. 5 Brother and one HP. Two of the brother printers can go on a network, just plug it into your home router, the others are just stand alone. They have a range of toner left in them. Printers priced at \$10 each. First in first served. Please ask at reception or see Mr Plant in the Learning Hub.

YUMMY STICKERS - Thanks to all who have contributed, keep them coming please. We have a sticker sheet in reception or hand your cut out labels from bags to Louise at the office.

Lost Property - Please check our lost property box in the Library, it is filled with a lot of mufti clothing, shoes and unnamed jackets. 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. We will be cleaning the box out as there is no more room for more recent lost items.

Gala Update

Whanau group grocery donations

For the next four weeks leading up to the gala we are asking families to please donate one or more grocery item to our raffle hampers for the Gala. Please send your items in on Friday mornings and staff will allocate whanau points for the donations. Please don't send anything that requires refrigeration. The kind of items we are looking for are:

- Canned fruit, vege, fish, meals
- Sauces & spreads
- Cereals, rice, pasta, noodles, grains
- Herbs, spices, preserves
- Treats - crackers, biscuits, chocolate, chips, jellies etc
- Toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, plasters, sun cream etc
- Other useful household items you might like to find in a prize hamper

Pre-loved books, toys and white elephant goods

Please continue to bring in quality second hand items. No clothing this year thanks but we'd love books, toys, baby gear and useful household items. You can drop off any Monday morning between 8.30am and 9am or contact us to arrange another drop off / pick up - pta@tkp.school.nz / 021 222 5682

Home Baking

We will send home a plate with each child the week of Nov 6. Please return your plate with baked goods on Fri 10 Nov (or by 9.45am on Sat 11 Nov for extra freshness).

Gala Roster

It takes almost 100 volunteers to run the gala. We are grateful for every mum, dad, nan, koro, friend and neighbour who can lend a hand. The roster is broken into shifts so each family can help out and also enjoy some family time. There are all sorts of jobs from cooking BBQ, supervising a game, face painting, selling raffle tickets, making candy floss etc. We will find a job that works for you.

Please let us know how you can help by returning the form attached to the school office OR contacting pta@tkp.school.nz / 021 222 5682.

I can help at the Gala:

Name

Phone number:

Email:

Please tick your to indicate your availability below:

- Friday 10th - Transport of furniture goods to school
- Fri 10th - Set up stalls after school
- Sat 11th - Early set up outside tents and signage from 7.30am to 10am
- Sat 11th - Help on a stall or activity between 9.45am and 12noon
- Sat 11th - Help on a stall or activity between 11.45am and 2pm
- Sat 11th - Pack up from 2pm to 4pm
- Mon 13th - Drop off furniture and tents back to local businesses

Cohort Entry Consultation Questions

Would you support a cohort entry policy at Te Kauwhata Primary School?

If Yes, why?

If No, why

Do you consider any individuals or groups would be disadvantaged by the adoption of a cohort entry policy at Te Kauwhata Primary School?

Do you consider any individuals or groups would benefit from the adoption of a cohort entry policy at Te Kauwhata Primary School?

If Te Kauwhata Primary School adopts a cohort entry policy, would you consider enrolling your child at an alternative school that does not have such a policy?

If Te Kauwhata Primary School adopts a cohort entry policy, would you be more likely to enrol your children as a result?

Thank you :)

Important dates...

- Group Day - Friday 20th October
- Monday 23rd October - Labour Day, School closed
- Cohort Entry Consultation meeting - Wednesday 25th October, 5pm
- Board of Trustees meeting - Wednesday 25th October, 6.30pm
- Hypnotist evening - Y6 camp fundraiser - Thursday 26th October t TKP Rugby Club from 6.00pm
- Grandparents Day - Friday 3rd November
- Scholastic Book fair - from Monday 6th November
- Years 3-6 athletics - Wednesday 8th November
- Board of Trustees meeting - Wednesday 15th November, 6.30pm
- Year 6 camp and Year 5 leadership building - 27th November - 1st December



Dave Upfold
Comedy Stage Hypnotist

From South Africa
Fun Family Show

www.net1but2.com

Venue - Te Kauwhata Rugby Club
(Te Kauwhata Primary School Fundraiser)
Thursday 26th October - 7.00pm
Tickets from the school office
Show info phone or txt Dave 021 453 202
online tickets @ eventfinda and search Dave Upfold
Tickets only **\$30.00** - Family Ticket (2 adults, 3 Children): **\$100**
Raffles on the night. Doors open and food available from 6pm

Te Kauwhata Fitness Centre Swimming Lessons

Swim School – Registration forms are now available from the Fitness Centre, or contact the office on 8264090 and we can send you one.

Heated 25m pool, qualified swim coach.
Start's early November. Tues/Thursdays.
Swim platforms for smaller children. 4yrs and over.

Contact the office for more info.



25
days to go

www.facebook.com/TKPSchoolFair/

**Waikaretu School Farm Fun Run
29th October, 2017 @ 9am**

Registration - www.simpletiming.co.nz/waikaretu-school-farm-fun-run/

This exciting new Fun Run takes participants over scenic farmland in Waikaretu, with views down a picturesque valley and out to the west coast.

It is an all off-road run, over an up and down course, with a beautiful back drop.
Is a perfect opportunity to get out with friends and family with a range of distances to choose from.

10 km Run/Walk \$25.00
5 km Run/Walk \$15.00
3 km kids course (12 and under)
\$10.00

Spot prizes on the day.

Waikaretu School is a small rural school and this fun run is our major fundraising event for the year.

Hey Kids, do you want to try Golf?

Waikare Golf Club are once again running an introductory programme this summer

Starts: Tuesday 17th October - 5pm to 6pm
Then every Tuesday or Wednesday (your choice) except for school holidays

Ends: End of March with daylight saving

You Need: To be Primary School age
To wear sports shoes
To bring \$10 for the whole programme

We Will: Provide all the gear
Teach you to play golf
Provide fun (and prizes)

Any questions, please contact the golf club office on

826 3574



TE KAUWHATA
GOLF CLUB



HEALTHY HOME BAKING

FILL UP WITH FIBRE



Fibre helps us feel full for longer and keeps our digestive system healthy. Increase fibre by replacing $\frac{1}{2}$ the white/plain flour with wholemeal flour.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

HEALTHY HOME BAKING

GET SPICY




Sugar in recipes can be reduced by $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ the suggested amount. Add spices like cinnamon, allspice or nutmeg for extra flavour.

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Bring your ASB School Banking Envelope to School

Any spare coins will do. If you save \$1 each week in Term Three, you will have \$10 for the school holidays!



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Visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking for terms and conditions.

ASB

Te Kauwhata Childcare



Now offering 30 hours **FREE**

Conditions apply

We provide quality care and education, where learning and fun become one!

Call in and visit anytime

4 Learning Centre

Hours of Operation: 8.00-5.30 Monday-Friday ■ 9 Mahi Rd, Te Kauwhata
Ph: 626 3280 ■ Email: tkchildcare@xtra.co.nz



KIDS AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

October holidays are fast approaching and KAS has an exciting new holiday programme planned to keep the kids entertained!

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!



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

Te Kauwhata Community Fitness Centre



Fast five mixed social netball competition; it's fun & fast, no previous experience needed.

Team registrations are open now, please pick yours up from the fitness centre or

Email me on tkfitness@clear.net.nz and I will send you one.

Maximum of 10 players per team, 2 females on court at all times. All players must be over 15 years old. Minimum of 12 games. Competition starts Wednesday 18th October.

First round 6pm second round 7pm.

If you would like to play but don't have a team; just call me and we can sort one for you.

It's a great way to meet the community.

Contact Kerry on 8264090 for more info.



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