



Te Kauwhata Primary School

Panui ~ Extra

21 November 2017

Kia ora koutou

With many things happening at this busy time of the year it is important we keep you all up to date. There is a lot of information in this newsletter so we do ask you to take the time to read it through, thanks.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make the consultation meetings last week, your input is valued. One of the agenda items was our school structure for 2018. I am pleased to be able to share the following and very pleased to let you all know we are fully staffed to start the new year. There are some staff changes next year. After nearly 11 years Chris Plant is moving on to take up a new role working with children under the care of Oranga Tamariki (formerly CYFs). Chris will be very much missed for many, many reasons, but we do wish him all the very best in his new and challenging role. Candice Bateup leaves us for the 2018 school year on maternity leave; it is exciting times for her and husband Mark as they welcome their first child early in the new year. Also leaving us is our gardening guru Rhonda Irvine, who after many years as both a learning assistant and our enviro support person is 'semi-retiring'. Our amazing school gardens and the gardening programme available for all children are largely in place due to Rhonda's dedication, passion and commitment to our school, and we have endless thanks to Rhonda for this.

Next year we add two new team leaders within our school structure and congratulate Loren Mills and Marg Northcott on their recent appointments to these roles. We also welcome Vanessa Hickey, Stephanie Gudsell and Nicola Brogan-Brown onto our fulltime staff. Joining us from Jean Batten Primary School is Matthew Jackson who completes our 2018 teaching team. Simone Irvine will be taking on a more part-time role next year as release in our Y4-5-6 team.

Due to our growing roll we are very grateful to our Board of Trustees for funding us to start with an extra teacher next year. We are currently in the planning stages of converting our existing library building (library and R12) into another Hub for our senior learners, and some Y4 children. We are very hopeful that these changes will be in place for the start of the year. Our library will then move to a classroom space. We will keep you updated on this and also be in touch with you individually should your Y4 child be considered for learning in one of the Hubs.

Next week we will be spending considerable time organising classrooms for 2018. Please, if you know your child will not be returning, OR, if you have siblings joining us, that we don't already

know about, let us know as soon as possible to ensure our numbers are as accurate as possible, thank you. You will be informed of your child's next classroom on Friday December 8th.

Our 2018 teaching team is:

Senior Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki Saunders - Principal • Brian Martin - Deputy Principal • Gillian Constantine - Assistant Principal 		
Year 1-2 team	Year 3-4 team	Year 4-5-6 team
Room 1: Marg Northcott (Team Leader) Room 2: Edith Cullen Room 3: Ruth Brown Room 4: Kara Burns Room 5: Vanessa Hickey	Room 9: Loren Mills (Team Leader) Room 8: Matthew Jackson Room 7: Stephanie Gudsell	Hub A (will be renamed): Carolyn Berney (Team Leader) and Erin Taylor Hub B: Angela Reading and Nicola Brogan-Brown

Pink Ribbon Day

Our annual Pink Ribbon fundraiser, in memory of Wendy Hickey, will be held this Friday, 24th November.

The following are ways you can contribute to this:

- For a gold coin donation children may wear mufti to school, maybe something with a splash of pink
- Sausage Sizzle: Children can order a sausage for lunch - please use the form below to order - they need to be in by Thursday, thank you. Sausages are \$2.00 each.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser, all funds raised remain in our community.



Sausage Sizzle orders: Please have this order sheet into school by Thursday 23rd November, thank you. **\$2.00** each per sausage

Child's name/s:	Number of sausages	Room number/s:
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Vicki Saunders and team

School Lunches: Expressions of Interest sought for Te Kauwhata Primary School Lunch Service

Did you know the school has been receiving in excess of 80 lunch orders each Friday? Sadly this level of demand is no longer sustainable for our staff and not practical with the kitchen resources we have on site. There are also pending changes in the regulations around the preparation, service and sale of food coming into force by 1 March 2018 which will make our current school lunch service non-compliant. For these reasons the Board has had to make the decision to cease the school lunch service in its current form from Term 1 2018. We do appreciate that many students and their families value the lunch order service and we would like to open expressions of interest to local businesses, individuals and community organisations who might like to tender for the business. Interested parties would need to meet the Food Safety Regulations, the school's commitment to the Healthy Heart tick and EnviroSchools. Further details are available below. **Please email laurenbot@tkp.school.nz by 6 December if you would like to discuss further.**

If no alternative service provider is found please rest assured that there will still be opportunities for students to share kai throughout the year. Under the new regulations the school can still work with students to prepare food as part of the curriculum. For example students will still be able to cook and enjoy the produce from the school garden. The school can also still sell food for up to 20 fundraising days a year so we can still run Mufti Day and Calf Club Sausage Sizzles, School Galas etc.

On behalf of the Board we'd like to thank the staff for their efforts to maintain the school lunch service this year in difficult circumstances.

Applicant Criteria for School Lunch Provider

- Compliance – the provider would need to demonstrate to the school that they are compliant with the [National Food Safety Standards](#) and carry any required permits from [Waikato District Council](#).
- Menu – you will need to demonstrate to the school that your proposed menu carries the Heart Foundation Tick. You can do this by contacting the Foundation for advice [here](#).
- Packaging – we are an EnviroSchool and the provider will need to demonstrate to the school that the majority, if not all, food packaging is recyclable.
- Frequency – the provider must provide a regular service one or more days a week. The school will require two weeks notice around any variation to the agreed service schedule.
- Placing Orders – the provider must be able to manage the orders independently from the school. This may be via an online order form or an order box at the school that they collect on lunch mornings. The school will not be available to give advice, check orders, issue change etc.
- Delivering Orders – the provider must be able to deliver the orders back to the school by 12.45pm on lunch days, clearly named and sorted into class boxes. The school can provide lunch monitors to deliver them to each class. The provider should remain available until 1.15pm to ensure all orders are correct and that there are no issues to resolve.
- Pricing – this is at the discretion of the provider. Our current offerings are priced very competitively from 80c to \$2.20 per item. School families may sustain a small increase for the convenience of a school lunch service but we have no way of knowing the impact of a significant price increase.

Please direct all Expressions of Interest to laurenbot@tkp.school.nz by 6 December if you would like to discuss further.

