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Term 3

Newsletter

2nd August 2018

Principal's Message



From the Principal: Kia Ora Koutou, Talofa lava & Malo e lelei
A warm welcome back to Term 3. It is once again to be a fun filled term with lots of exciting learning and interesting activities.

Our key focus this term is Forces and Motion with the science unit being Magonels (catapults) and Trebuhets (giant catapults) in the Senior school and simple machines in the Junior school. Lots of fun activities to be had.

Also coming up is a trip to the Wellington Zoo on Wednesday 5th September. More details to follow.

Please check the key dates section of the newsletter in order to plan ahead as to what is happening.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast is available for those students who wish to participate. A big **thank you** to Janine, Mr Harry and Rohina for their effort in preparing breakfasts. This term TVNZ 1 Breakfast will screened during Breakfast Club.

Nga Mihi

Paddy Sannazzaro



Welcome: Welcome to Chloe Rosson Epplert, Faith Coley, Teaopiki Hunt and Maiana Reynolds, who have joined Totara class. Adrian Bowker has joined Kauri class. Summer Cleghorn has joined Manuka class and Stephan Grant has joined Rimu class. We welcome these children and their families to our school community.



Happy birthday to Jazmyne, Aston, Laeyton, who celebrated their birthdays last week and Nate and Honey who celebrate their birthdays this week.

NZEI Strike 15th August: You may have heard on the news that the Teachers and Principals union (NZEI) have voted to strike on **Wednesday 15th August** and the school will be closed. There will be **no supervision for children**. I am aware that this is likely to make the day difficult for some families who have to arrange child care and apologise for this inconvenience. In short the main issues surrounding the campaign with the Ministry of Education are;

- Enrolments for teacher training have dropped by 40% between 2010 and 2016 at a time school rolls are growing. Consequently, there are nationwide recruitment issues for many schools who are struggling with teacher shortages and with attracting quality teachers to their schools. This is a crisis point!
- For a number of reasons, including salary levels and multiple work pressures, Teachers and Principals are leaving the profession.
- The need for more staffing and resourcing to support all children, but particularly those with additional learning needs.
- NZEI members seek a quality public education system in NZ which has been ignored for too long.

Sports

Sport Fees: Thanks to those that have paid their sport fees. For those that have not paid theirs, please make every effort to pay them within the next 2 weeks. Thanks.



Netball: The Netball game on Saturday 4th August is at 9am on court 6, against Koputaroa Thunder.

Basketball: This is the last game tonight. Yr 3/4 your game is at 5.15, court 3 and Yr 5/6 your game is at 6.15pm on court 1. Remember your mouth guards.

There will be a basketball tournament on Thursday 9th August, more details to follow.

World of Maths Day

Mathematics is a compulsory component of our curriculum, and to make it fun and relevant to our students, we have arranged for the World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school. The World of Maths



Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations.

More importantly, students will be engaged in hands-on activities that will cater for all ability levels and probe their problem solving skills. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!

For more information, to view a video of a session in action, and read testimonials from schools that have presented to, visit the website www.worldfofmaths.com

Date: 8th August 2018

Year levels: Year 4, 5 and 6 at 9.00-10.30am

Year 1, 2, and 3 at 11.30-12.30pm

The cost of these sessions, which is usually \$5 plus GST per student, is being covered through various fundraisers coordinated by the Home and School group in Terms 3 and 4. Thank you to all of the wonderful people who help and contribute so our students can have these opportunities.

Parents are able to attend, especially with junior classes (at no cost)

Thank you

Paulianne Taylor

Attendance: It is important to remember to notify the school if your child is going to be absent or late. Children that are late miss out on learning and also disrupt the class. Absences that have not been notified are marked as truant. By downloading the **free** school app, **Skool Loop**, you can notify the school of any absences or if your child is going to be late and it will not use any of your data. Alternately phone the school on 3686562.

Dates to remember:

Friday 3rd August: Assembly at 2pm. Tarata hosts

Tuesday 7th August: WHAT show for Yr 5 at Waiopahu College

Thursday 9th August: Basketball tournament

Friday 10th August: Hearing and Vision Screening

Friday 10th August: Duffy Theatre at 11am, all welcome

Monday 13th August: Home and School meeting in Hinau @ 3pm

Wednesday 15th August: Strike Action School closed

Friday 17th August: All Black Day school event fundraiser. More details to follow

Friday 17th August: Assembly at 2pm. Manuka hosts

Monday 20th August: Kauri/ Manuka class visit to Learning Lab Te Papa (group 1)

Tuesday 21st August: Kauri/ Manuka class visit to Learning Lab Te Papa (group 2)

Friday 31st August: Daffodil Mufti Day, gold coin donation

Friday 31st August: Assembly at 2pm, Kauri hosts



Community News

English lessons in Kapiti and Horowhenua for adult migrants and refugees.

Individual tuition by trained volunteers for 1-2 hours per week. These services are open to permanent residents and holders of work visas. They are FREE.

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