



KIA ORA KOUTOU

1 February 2018

Newsletter 1

Welcome to the 2018 school year! Everyone looks and seems well rested and recharged for an action packed year.

We have had a number of new children / families enrol – a warm welcome to you all. It was fantastic to see all the children back ready and eager for another fantastic year. There is a lovely air of excitement and enthusiasm in the school with lots of fun and exciting things planned throughout the year.

As you may be aware some teachers have had to move classrooms. This is to better locate classes in syndicates and to enable classes to easily connect with each other in line with teachers and classes collaborating. This is all a move to better prepare ourselves for the changes that will take place with the rebuild – all schools are being designed to accommodate collaborative teaching and learning – the design known as Innovative Learning Environments (ILE), this does sit well with the way we teach and learn in primary school, but the new design buildings will make this easier we hope! There is a map on the main school notice board showing the position of current classrooms with Teacher names.

- ❖ **NOTE:** Keep an eye out for the newsletter every Thursday (this will be emailed to you if have your email address, is on Facebook, School website and the Skool Loop App - Term 1 is traditionally a very busy term for staff, parents and children with lots of events on – we will keep you updated and reminded about upcoming events and useful information about happenings in and around the school and community.

BUILDING UPDATE

You will have noticed a lot of progress and change to the ever growing new school building.

The project is pretty much on target for completion mid April 2018 - hopefully ready for us to possibly move into the buildings in Term 2. The main driveway and bus bay area were supposed to have been dug up and remodelled over the holiday break, but due to some unforeseen issues (pipe work electrical cables etc. that were not known about), this has now put that part of the project behind time. We will therefore have to endure the inconvenience and hassles with fencing at the front of the school and up our access way.

The rooms inside the building are really starting to take shape, most areas have been lined and are now ready to have wall coverings attached. Most services are now in place. On the exterior the cladding is almost complete, and all doors and windows are now in – except for the large bay windows. The main staircase (next to our temporary Staffroom/Office) has been completed along with the over bridge to the existing

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6 Feb – Waitangi Day Holiday**
- 8 Feb – Family Picnic**
- 15 Feb – Go By Bike Day**
- 16 Feb – EBOP Triathlon Y3-6**
- 19 Feb – Dream Team Y6 Sailing**
- 20 Feb – Believe Team Y6 Sailing**
- 21 Feb – Cycle Challenge**
- 28 Feb - Nga Huiarau Swimming**
- EBOP Touch Rugby Y3 & 4 only
- 16 March – Interschool Swimming**
- 19 March – Interschool Swimming pp day**
- 21 March – EBOP Swimming**
- 28 March – Nga Huiarau Camp**
- 30 March – 2 April – Easter Holiday**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES 2018

Full school assemblies will be held once every fortnight. Our first School Assembly will be next Friday (February 9th) starting at approx. 1.45pm.

STAFFING 2018

Tony Horsfall	Principal
Sandy Jones/Alex Hanlen	Deputy Principals

Te Tiwai: (The Trunk) Year 0,1,2

(Children build upon their strong base)

Alex Hanlen (Synd Leader)	Meremere	Yr 0 -1
Angela Gouk	Meremere	Yr 0 -1
Sandy Jones	Matariki	Yr 1&2
Nicky Baker	Awatea	Yr 2

Nga Peka: (The Branches) Year 3 & 4

(Children evolve, mature and go in new directions)

Cherie Walker (Synd Leader)	Te Marama	Yr 3&4
Jenny Jones	Uenuku	Yr 3&4
Philip Meyer	Te Ra	Yr 3&4

Nga Huiarau: (The Leaves) Year 5 & 6

(Children flourish from their growth and leave each year)

Roberta McKelvey (Synd Leader)	Te Waenganui	Yr 5&6
Karen England	Whare Atawhai	Yr 5&6
Jenny Ward	Wharekura	Yr 5&6
Ben McDonald	Whare Whakaaio	Yr 5&6

Release Teachers

Anna Humpherson	Part Time, CRT Teacher Release
Abi Berquist	Part Time, Reading Recovery

Support Staff

Jenny McKenzie & Julie Staniland - Office Managers

Teacher Aides: Isaac Henry, Jude Marsh, Rachel Ford, Shannon Meade

Caretakers: Pete and Val Steward

PHONE IN PUPIL ABSENCES

If for some reason your children are going to be absent from school please telephone the school BEFORE 9.30am. As the school phone is busy during that first hour we have a system in place where you can leave a message and details of the absence without having to talk to Jenny. • Dial 312 4617 – When it answers with a pre-recorded message, dial 1 to be put straight through to the answer phone. • Leave the details of the absence (Child's name, room name & reason for absence i.e. sickness, bereavement etc.). Alternatively you can fax us on 312 5895 or txt to 027 750 3515

CHILDREN LATE FOR SCHOOL

This is a real problem for some children. We are recording all children arriving late to school each morning, this is recorded against their name in our attendance register. The definition of late is 5 minutes after the start of school bell has rung i.e. 8.35am. It is extremely important that children arrive early to school i.e. at least 10 minutes i.e. 8.20am before the start bell at 8.30am. Lateness causes many problems and issues for the child who is late; it also disrupts other children in the class, along with the teacher. Continual or regular lateness can cause on-going problems for the child who is late – ranging from loss of self-confidence, becoming self-conscious, lack of the vital start of day instructions and the feeling of being inadequately prepared for the academic day. Children arriving late also cause lots of disruption and distraction for others in the class and teacher who have settled into their day. On top of all this being punctual is a life skill that we should be trying to model for children – supporting lateness for whatever reason can be sending the wrong message.

Family Fun Picnic and Meet the Teacher

Evening: NEXT Thursday 8th FEB @ 5.30PM – a separate notice will come home tomorrow about this. Also a Facebook notice and reminder will be posted.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – Please return order to school with payment by Friday 9th February. You can order on line at the following <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz> or getting the scholastic app from the app store. Orders to school are cheque only.

HATS – Term 1 and 4 are our 'no hats no play policy'. Your child needs to bring any bucket style hat to school every day. (NO CAPS)



Please ensure you name the hat.

SCHOOL CROSSING HELP

HELP!! We need parents or friends of the school to help our children on crossing duty in the morning from 7.50am to 8.30am for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. This is a very busy time for traffic and we need to keep our children safe when crossing the road. If you can help please leave you contact details with the office.



Can a family's values survive the internet? Of course they can! They just have to be a switched on parent when their kids switch on their gadgets. This seminar gives parents insights and skills to keep kids safe so they can reap the incredible benefits of modern technology. Even if a parent is not technical at all, they can still coach their kids in this digital age. Tuesday 27th February, Whakatane Baptist Church, 67 Keepa Road, Whakatane. \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Contact: office@whakatanebaptist.org.nz. Doors open at 7pm for dessert. Presentation starts **at 7.30pm. This event has been kindly sponsored by Eastbay REAP, Liberty Trust and The Tindall Foundation.**



FRIDAY LUNCHES

Lunch orders are taken every Friday morning in your child's classroom. Please make sure they have the correct amount as change is not always available.

Product	Price	Product	Price
Mini Pizza – Cheese	\$2.00	Baked Goods	
- Ham & Cheese		Apple Stick	\$1.50
- Hawaiian		Monster Cookie	\$1.00
Panini's		Fresh Cream Donut	\$2.00
Tuna & Mayo	\$3.00	Fruit Jelly	\$1.00
Ham, Mayo & Cheese	\$3.00	Apple	\$0.50
Vegemite	\$2.50	Banana	\$0.50
Pies		Drinks	
Mince & Cheese	\$3.00	Charlies Juice 200ml	\$1.50
Puffy Dog	\$3.00	Water	\$1.00
Chips			
Ready Salted	\$1.50		
Grainwaves	\$1.50		
Popcorn	\$1.50		
Iceblocks	\$1.00		
Juicies			