



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Kia Ora, Talofa lava, and Welcome back everyone.

I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas and New Year break, enjoying family time.



We start on Monday 29th January, at 8:30am

The following are some useful snippets of information that will hopefully be of use to you as we gear up for our 2018 school year.

We begin our year with a Powhiri to welcome new students and their whanau as well as new staff to our Kura. Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of our school Karakia and Waiata.

New staff, tamariki and whanau will meet outside the front gate and be brought on as a group. After the powhiri, whanau are welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat. At this point the children will be collected by their teacher and taken to their class.



SCHOOL STATIONERY

STATIONERY

- Please note: We request that all exercise books be purchased from school to ensure all children's books in the class are the same. Also pencils to ensure the children have ones that sharpen and don't break easily.
- We sell items at cost at the start of the year. Quality is important to us.
- We **DO** have eftpos at school! But Cash, cheque or direct deposit into our bank account are all fine: The school account number is 03 0531 052221100
- We are happy to organise drip-feed payments for families as long as we haven't had to chase repayments in the past.

Please note the stationery includes \$16 for eight swimming lessons with professional instructors at Stokes Valley Pool. These lessons are incredible value for money.

Stationery Lists can be collected from the school office from Tuesday 23 January.
Sales will also start on Tuesday 23 January from 9.00am to 4.00pm

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week One

- **Monday 29 January: SCHOOL STARTS FOR THE YEAR at 8:30 with a Powhiri to welcome new staff and new students and their whanau to our Kura.**

Week Two

- Tuesday 6th Feb: Waitangi Day. **NO SCHOOL!**
- Thursday 8th Feb: 7.00pm: Year Six meeting. All Year Sixes and a caregiver to attend this meeting please... this is very important and will set your child up for success for their leadership year.

Week Three

- Tuesday 13 Feb: all Year 4-6 Paekakariki beach day with Year 6 doing Lifesaving.
- Tuesday 13 Feb: 3.15 – 6.00: Three Way Goal Setting meetings (1st day). Caregiver and child to attend.
- Thursday 15 Feb: 3.15 – 7.30: Three Way Goal Setting meetings (2nd day). A second opportunity to attend.

Week Four

- Tuesday 20 Feb: Year 3/4 and 5/6 Girls Futsal Tournament at Walter Nash Stadium.
- Tuesday 20 Feb: Year 1/2 Sport Festival at Hutt Park.

Week Five onwards:

- Tuesday 27 Feb: Year 4-6 Northern Zone Cricket at Hutt Park, 9.30-12.30.
- Monday 5 Mar: Movin March begins.
- Thursday 15 Mar: Weetbix Tryathlon
- Tuesday 20 Mar: Zone Rippa Rugby at Hutt Park, 9.15-12.30
- Thursday 22 Mar: Zone Rippa Rugby at Hutt Park, 9.15-12.30 (postponement date)
- Thursday 29 Mar: Year 3-6 Northern Zone Rippa Rugby.
- Friday 30 Mar: Easter Friday. **NO SCHOOL**
- Monday 2 April: Easter Monday. **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday 3 April: Easter Tuesday. **NO SCHOOL**
- Thursday 5 April: Hutt Sports Festival, Year 5/6 at Hutt Park (TBC)
- Tuesday 10 April: Year 3-6 Inter-zone Rippa Rugby.
- Friday 13 Apr: Last day of Term One
- Mon 30 April: Term Two starts

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

We have entered a school team to the local Weetbix Tryathlon, which is on a school day; Thursday 15th March. By registering through the school, the entry fee is reduced.

Children must be at least seven years old on 15 March. They can either, enter as an individual and complete all three legs of the event, or as part of a team of two and complete either the swim/run or the bike/run sections. *Children receive a medal and a certificate, an official T-shirt, drawstring bag and swim cap, complimentary breakfast and a chance to win spot prizes and to meet their sporting heroes.*

We need to enter early in February; please talk to Craig Gilmour about this, then we'll get the training schedule organised and up and running. If you wish to help with this, please let us know.

CAN YOU HELP?

The morning before school starts are really busy for staff. We have a Kids Kitchen, breakfast and lunch making will be available to children from 8.00-8.30am each day. Help is needed to run this.

We also need people on the school crossings to see children over the busy roads safely.

Please let us know if you are prepared to be rostered on to a regular session each week (or team up with another family and take turns).

We are also looking for people to help with Friday lunches (which won't start until we have enough support), so if this is a possibility for you, please let us know. Check out the return form attached.

Year 4-6 BEACH EDUCATION TRIP: TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY

This trip for all Year Four to Six children in Week Two of the term. The Year Sixes will undertake a surf safety course on this day too. The other children will be doing beach environmental studies. The cost per child for the bus is \$5. We also need a lot of adult (age 16+) help from people prepared to get in the water with the children and keep them safe. A return slip is attached. You might like to get this sorted when you come in for stationery. We can assure you of a great day out at Paekakariki Beach if you can come. Please note: There is a lot of organisation required for this trip which must happen before the day and you will receive a detailed notice when school starts. **Your child's slip must be returned by Friday 9 February. Permission and payment on the morning of the trip will not be accepted and children will stay at school.**





HATS

Please make sure your child has a sunhat to keep at school, clearly named on the hat so any ownership disputes can be quickly resolved. Be aware that we will name hats with a vivid if there is no name evident, so please, no expensive designer hats!

PERSONAL PROPERTY

One of our expectations of all children is that they look after their own belongings. Please help your children learn how to be responsible by checking they are bringing their clothing and lunch boxes etc home.

Named clothing really helps.

Regularly checking the abandoned clothing hanging on the lines by the office entrance is a good plan to reunite clothing with owners. We weekly collect up lost property and put it out on display on a Friday.

GOAL-SETTING MEETINGS

These will be set up for every child and their whanau on Tuesday 13th or Thursday 15th of February (Week 3 of Term). Please put aside some time to come to this very important meeting with your child. It sets the year up for your child and allows you to talk specifically to their class teacher about programmes and any organisational things you may need clarification on.

BANK ACCOUNTS

Many families keep a small bank account with the school office to pay for trips, lunches etc. If you would like to do this, bring in some cash and talk to Melva, Paula or Janice and they will show you how it works.

Some families have set up a regular bank credit to do the same thing. If you wish to do this, the lovely office ladies will help with this.

CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details have changed since the end of last year please complete the contact details at the bottom of the return form. It is really important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies.



Look forward to meeting you and working with you in your child's education journey this year.

Dave Lamont
Principal

RETURN FORMS

Please send back the whole sheet, even if you have filled in only one section.

GOAL SETTING MEETINGS

I am able to attend a Tuesday February 13th meeting.

Select the time frame: 3.15-4.00 4.00-5.00 5.00-6.00

I am able to attend a Thursday February 15th meeting.

Select the time frame: 3.15-4.00 4.00-5.00 5.30-6.30 6.30-7.30

Name: _____ Child: _____ Room: _____

Phone: _____

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He/She wants to compete (circle) ... as an individual, or... in a team of two, competing in the... swim/run bike/run

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If in a team, _____ and _____ want to be together.

I can help with training sessions: (circle) swim bike run Name: _____ Ph: _____

I enclose \$35 per child (if we can get a subsidy, extra money will be returned).

Form due back at school by Friday 5 February.

YES, I CAN HELP!

School crossing: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Breakfast & Lunch Making: 8.00-8.30: Possible days: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Friday lunches: Number of times a term: Once Twice Thrice When needed

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Paekakariki BEACH TRIP: Tuesday 13 FEBRUARY: All Years Four, Five & Six

_____ in Room _____ has permission to attend this trip.

I, _____, can come as an adult helper.

Phone: _____

I enclose \$5 in payment for the buses.

CONTACT DETAILS

Childs/Children's Name:

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Emergency Contact and Relationship:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email: