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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Karere a te Kura Tuatahi

Newsletter 1

14 February 2024

TERM 1 VALUES:

"Excellence" "Hiranga"

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Tena koutou, Guten tag, Goedendag, Namaste, Sat-sri-akal, Bula, Konnichi-wa, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Mabuhay, An nyoung, Greetings to all whanau.

Welcome Back - Tau Hou koa

Welcome back to 2024, I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your children.

Special greetings to all of the new families who have joined us at the beginning of this term, we hope you feel very welcome at our school. If you have time and would like to get actively involved, our friendly Parents of the School (POTs) group would be pleased to hear from you - contact details can be found on the back of this newsletter. Joining the group is a great way to meet other parents as well as helping to support our children.

We like to keep in regular communication with our families. Our newsletter will be emailed out once a fortnight and can be viewed on our website. If you wish to **make an appointment with your child's teacher, you will find a list of staff email addresses** on our school website. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Ngā mihi

Andrea Nicholson, Principal

Promoting Well Being

"Here at Katikati Primary School we respect all things and all people. At my school, one of the most important things are the people because without people there is no one to teach and no one to learn. But other than the people, is how we treat them. Treating people respectfully is the best option you could have. This school makes me feel great." Setefano, Room 25

Based on our community consultation last year, one of our strategic aims for 2024 and 2025 is *Promoting wellbeing for all*. We have already made a start on this goal.

Our first focus is on making the children's transition to school in the morning calm and positive. Our teachers will be introducing a soft start for the children. This means that when the children arrive in the morning there will be a range of activities for them choose to take part in. The teachers will use this time to check in with the children and set them up for the school day.

One of our Teacher Only Days before the children returned to school was focussed **on the impact of stress on children's ability to learn and what can be put in place to support children**. We will be working throughout the year with Lynda Knight de Blois. The focus for this professional learning will be: understanding how the brain deals with stress/ trauma; how best to support our children; and how to enhance **systems and processes to increase resilience and children's ability to understand and regulate their feelings**. Later in the year Lynda will run a session for families to give you a clear understanding of the work we are doing and to provide ideas for use at home.

Kaiako position We are looking to appoint a new Kaiako for our senior whānau class in Matakana. If you know of anyone who would be suitable for this position, please reach out to them and let them know that the advert will be live on the New Zealand Education Gazette page this week or they can access the application documents from the school office by emailing: admin@katikati.school.nz

Whānau Hui

Our first Whānau Hui for the year will be tomorrow after school in Matakana. Please come along to find out what the Pod will be working on this term as well as to find out an update on the Kaiako position.

Breakfast Club starts Week 3

I would like to say a huge thank you to our Breakfast Club volunteers who make it possible for us to provide food for our children first thing in the morning. The Club will be starting up for the new year next week.

A New Face in The Office

Our wonderful Odette is taking a term's leave so we have a new face in the office. We are very pleased to welcome Jen Evans who will be filling in for the term. If you are around the school, please take time to pop into the office and say hi.

Family Picnic and Hauora Evening – 4.00 till 6.00pm.

On Tuesday 20th February we are going to have a family picnic. Between 4.00pm and **5.30pm classrooms will be open so you can pop in and meet your child's teacher before** heading to the back field for a picnic. Children are expected to go home before the event starts. Please be aware there will be no supervision between the finish of school and 4pm. If you would like to make a more formal appointment to speak to the teacher, they will have their diaries available to set a date and time. The picnic will be an informal event, you are welcome to bring your own food and drink. There will be a free sausage sizzle. The event will be weather dependent. A decision on whether the event will run or not will be made on the 19th February. We hope you will be able to join us on the evening.

Life Ed Starts

Harold, the Life Education Giraffe, will be back at Katikati Primary School from the 26th February for Teams 1 and 2. **For any families who don't already know, Life Education is a programme** which supports our health curriculum. The Life Education caravan will be parked on site outside the school hall. The lessons are interactive and the children always enjoy their visits.

A Few Reminders For The Start Of The School Year:

Drop off and pick up times

The official school opening hours are from 8.45am until 2.50pm. Children should arrive as close to 8.30am as possible. Although teachers are often here much earlier, they are busy preparing for the school day and are not actively supervising the children.

All children need to be collected or to walk home promptly after the school bell has rung. The junior playground is not supervised after school, so this is not a safe place for your child. If you need after school supervision for your children, the Resource Centre runs an after school care programme on the school site.

Parking

The children's safety is paramount to us all, so we need to take special care when children are dropped off and picked up. There are visitors' car parking spaces for parents to the right of the school. The pull in outside rooms 1 and 2 is for drop off only and is patrolled by a council parking officer. Please take care not to block the neighbour's driveway if you are using the drop off area.

Extra parking at drop off and pick up times is usually available at St Peter's Church on Beach Road and the Bowling Club on Park Road. Although these are not car parks open to the general public, the church and the club are happy for you to use their parking to drop off and pick up as long as they don't have a function on. We are extremely lucky in Katikati that we have a very supportive local community, please respect the good will they show us.

Sun Safety

Please remember that your child needs to have a sun hat with a wide brim at school this term. Hats are available for purchase from the school office priced at \$14. The sun at this time of year can be very fierce even on cloudy days, so please make sure that if your child burns easily that they come to school wearing sun lotion. We do have sun lotion at school for your child to apply during the day, please make the class teacher aware if your child has an allergy to the lotion.

Uniform

We want our children to be proud to belong to Katikati Primary School, an important part of this is wearing the correct uniform. Please remember that the children need to be wearing one of our Katikati Primary School T-shirts with the school logo and that on the bottom they should be wearing a skirt, shorts or trousers which are plain navy, blue or black. If any families need assistance with uniform, we have our second hand uniform store open on Mondays from 8.15 – 8.30am in the back of the school hall or **you can have a quiet word with your child's class teacher. Please be aware that Smart-watches are not allowed at school.**

We are making a change to our uniform tops. Over time we will phase out the green and yellow polo shirts and replace them with a smart new design. Both the old and new t-shirt designs are very welcome to be worn this year. The new design will be gradually introduced at the Warehouse as stock of our traditional design are sold out.

Remember that Fridays are still house t-shirt days and children are welcome to wear their house shirts each Friday. More information regarding this will be in our next newsletter.

Disabled Parking

Please leave all of our disabled parking spaces clear unless you have a disabled badge. We have children at our school with special needs whose families depend on these spaces.

School Buses

Please remember if your child is going on the bus they must be registered online at www.katikati.easybus.nz.

This is to ensure they are on the bus list to be marked off each day and the bus company knows how many buses are needed for each run.



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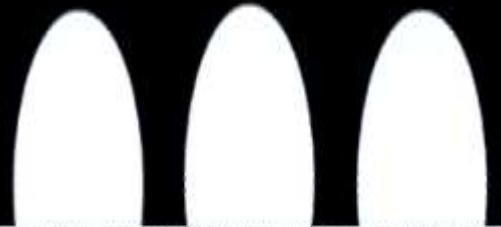
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Sports Corner

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a great holiday. For those of you who are new to the school and don't know me I am the Sports Coordinator for KKPS, if you have any sports related queries please email me at sports@katikati.school.nz. Also, if you have any sports/club related notices you would like included on this sports page I need the info emailed to me no later than Monday to go in the Wednesday newsletter. This comes out every 2nd week (even weeks).

Christine Townsend, Sports Co-ordinator

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Rippa Rugby – Thursdays 22nd February to 28 March. Registrations are closed, teams being finalised.

Cricket Supersmash Hub—Tuesdays 3.30pm Starts 13 February. Years 1-4 \$30

www.ndcricket.co.nz to register

Senior Swimming Sports—Senior Tuesday 12 March (ppThurs 14 Mar)

Northern Cluster—Dave Hume Pool Tues 26 Mar (pp Thurs 28 Mar)

WBOP Swimming Sports—Greerton Aquatic Centre Wed 10 April

BOP Primary & Int Golf Event 2024—Friday 8 March Springfield Golf Club Teams of 3-4. Parent supervision is compulsory. Email teams to sports@katikati.school.nz by Friday 23 Feb

Gymnastics Academy—Free trial session Fri 16 Feb 3.15pm-4.15pm

Air Track Tumble Class—Term 1 at KKPS School Hall—Friday 9 Feb –12 Apr 3.15pm-4.15pm \$125

Book online at www.thegymnasticacademy.com or Call Marie 021 170 5426

Argos Gymnastics Competitions 2024—Held at Argos Gymnastics Club

Year 3/4 Friday 12 April Year 5/6—Friday 5 April

Email sports@katikati.school.nz by 13 March if interested. Parental Supervision compulsory

Pahoia School Try-Athlon—Saturday 23 March at Omokoroa Domain.

Register www.pahoia.school.nz/tryathlon

WBOP Schools Surf Comp 2024—Thursday 14 March (Swell Permitting) Waihi Bch Surf Club.



SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!! lessons commence Week 3 of Term 1. Collect forms from office.

Each instrument/group is \$206 per student. Forms available from the school office.

Enquiries contact Jojette Drost - MEP Co-ordinator M: 027 246 6303 E: rsheerlin.jdrost@kinect.co.nz

- **RHYTHM AND PERCUSSION (RAP):** For children aged 5-7 years. A fun program, designed for beginner students in music, to expand the childrens' natural rhythm and listening skills by using and exploring a wide variety of untuned and tuned percussion instruments, and movement to music.

- **UKULELE:** For children aged 6 years + Students must have a ukulele at home plus a clearfile to [bring to school each lesson day](#). (School provides ukuleles during lessons)

- **RECORDER:** For children aged 6 years + Students must have their own recorder and clearfile to bring to school each lesson day.

- **GUITAR:** For children aged 8 years + Students must have their own guitar at home plus a clearfile to bring to school each lesson day (School provides guitars during lessons)

- **KEYBOARD:** For children aged 7 years + Students must have their own keyboard at home and a clearfile to bring to school each lesson day. (School provides keyboards during lessons)

- **DRUMS:** For children aged 8 years + No drum kit required but drumsticks needed.

- **MARIMBA:** For children aged 8 years +. A clearfile is required to bring to school each lesson day. Practice at home could be done on a keyboard or glockenspiel.

- **CHOIR:** For all ages - A clearfile is required to bring to school each lesson day.



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TERM CALENDAR.

THIS CALENDAR DOES CHANGE AND OUR ADVICE IS TO CHECK FOR CHANGES

- 16 February—Breakfast Club Starts
- 20 February—Family Picnic Evening 4pm-6pm
- 28 February—BOT Meeting
- 5 March—Team 1 Disco
- 5 March—Team 2 Swimming
- 6 March—Team 2 Disco
- 7 March—Team 3 Disco
- 7 March—Team 2 Swimming.
- 12 March—Senior Swimming Sports
- 19 March—Team 1 Swimming Sports afternoon
- 26 March—North Cluster Swim Sports
- 27 March—BOT Meeting
- 28 March—MUFTI DAY
- 29 March—Good Friday
- 1&2 April—School closed for Easter

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Fundraising for our school



'Katikati Primary School POTS Group' - Fundraising & Events
'POTS Peeps' - Helpers page. Check us out today!

Seasons for Growth Childrens Programs will be running at school again this year.



What is the Seasons for Growth Program?

Seasons for Growth is for children (6-12yrs) experiencing change and loss through family separation; loss, death, imprisonment, or illness of someone they care about; relocation and immigration; living away in out-of-home care; or natural disasters. Seasons for Growth is based on the belief that change and loss are part of life, and grief is a normal response to these losses. This 8-week program supports children to develop the skills and attitudes to understand and respond well to experiences of change and loss. The program offers children a safe place to come together in small groups and share their experiences. Participants learn that they are not alone in their experience of change and loss and learn skills that help them adapt. Many children enjoy the program so much, they want to do it again!

Level1: 6-8 years – Katikati Primary School – Fridays – 1:40PM

Level2: 9-10 years – Katikati Primary School – Fridays – 1:40PM

Level3: 1-12 years – Katikati Primary School – Mondays – 3PM

Enroll online at www.seasonsforgrowth.weebly.com or ask the office for an enrolment form.

For more information call/text the coordinator on 022 0434060 or email katikati@seasons.org.nz