

"Active Thinkers, Life Long Learners" "Whakaarotia ngoi, Akona mõ ãke tonu atu"



# TERM 1 VALUES:

# "Excellence" "Hiranga"

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Text: 021 041 5234—for absences only www.katikati.school.nz Tena koutou, Guten tag, Goedendag, Namaste, Sat-sri-akal, Bula, Konnichi-wa, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Mabuhay, An nyoung, Greetings to all whanau.

#### Crossing

Because of the angle of the sun at this time of year, children need to take extra care when crossing over Beach Road. It is important that they use the pedestrian crossing and walk their bikes or scooters across. Extra care needs to be taken at times when the crossing is unmanned as sometimes drivers **don't stop. The crossing is manned between 8.10am and 8.35am in the** mornings and from 2.50pm until 3.05pm in the afternoon. Children needing to cross Park Road should use the Kea Crossing in the afternoon.

### Attendance

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. As we enter 2024, every day of school matters.

It is important to let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and wh**ā**nau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating and progressing in their education.



#### Union Meeting Date

There is a union meeting for teachers on the morning of Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> March, which they are legally entitled to attend. It is important for union members at our school to have their voices heard regarding what support schools need in order to provide a quality education for your child/ren. We will only have a skeleton staff at school on the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup>, so would much appreciate if you could keep your children at home. Teachers will be back at school by 12.00pm (roadworks allowing).

Thank you for supporting our teachers to get the best outcomes for your children.

#### Northern Cluster Swimming Sports

Well done to all of our competitive swimmers who battled it out at our Senior Swimming Sports competition last week. We have some amazing competitors who placed in a range of different disciplines. Special congratulations to all those children who earnt their place at the North Cluster Swimming Sports which will be held next week. We look forward to hearing the results.

#### Aspiring Future Athletes

Congratulations to all those children who will be going to the Aspiring Future Athletes Programme run by WBEET. The Aspiring Future Athletes programme provides young and talented school children with the opportunity to experience what is possible in their sporting future. The programme is for talented sports people, who have been nominated by their school as showing potential in a chosen sport. There will 13 different sports codes and up to 260 students taking part per day. It will deliver key messages, quality coaching and values that will help develop great athletes. The objectives are to: 1. Provide aspiring athletes with a top class coaching opportunity in which they can extend their current sporting skills. 2. Inspire athletes, by providing them with further tools and knowledge to become the best they can be, now and into the future. 3. Show emerging athletes that in being self-responsible and having a holistic outlook to sport, they can gain the success they set out to. 4. Educate athletes on how commitment can lead to improvement in their sport and other parts of their life.

#### Second hand togs and uniforms

If you have any quality used togs, uniform items or sunhats that you would be able to donate to the school, we would be able to put them to very good use.

#### Children on Busses

Recently there have been children who are not registered catching the bus to go to a friend's place after school.

If a child is not registered on that bus the office must be contacted before 12.00 midday so that we can update the teachers. This will ensure that we account for all children on that bus.

The Health and Safety of all children catching the bus is paramount and the school needs to be informed of any changes.

#### ERICA Community Cards

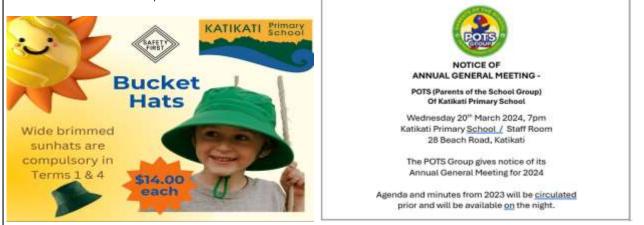
ERICA Community Cards are an important part of our positive behaviour system at Katikati Primary School. Children collect stamps on their cards when they show our school values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity, Citizenship and positive Attitude. To earn a Bronze Award the children have to complete 5 cards, 10 cards for Silver and 15 cards for Gold. Every child who earns a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award receives a wrist band in their house colour and twice a term children who have completed cards are drawn out to receive a prize. The prize for the senior school is a \$20 Paper Plus voucher donated by Eves Realty, the prize for the middle school is a Subway voucher and for the junior school the children get to pick a gift out of the prize box. Thank you to families who have supported our Mufti Day Fundraisers this term as the money raised goes towards buying rewards for our behaviour system.

#### Reporting to Parents

Close communication between home and school is very important for children's success. Over the years we have been adapting our reporting processes to ensure that we meet the needs of our families. Twice a year you will receive a written report to let you know how your child is progressing. Since we started sending out the written reports twice a year, we have found that attendance at our formal parent teacher interviews declined, so we have adapted to meet needs.

Your child's teacher will contact you if they are concerned about your child's progress and will let you know some ways you can help at home so that together we can accelerate your child's progress. Parents are also very welcome to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher at any time during the year. This can be done by emailing the class teacher for an appointment time (staff emails are available on our website) or by ringing the school office. Appointments are welcome if you would like to talk about your child's progress or about anything that is happening outside of school that you think might impact your child. We are always here to help if we can.

Throughout the year there will be informal occasions for you to come into school either for open days or for special events where you can support your child. Be rest assured that if your child is having problems with their learning, their class teacher will make contact with you. If you would like to talk to the teacher at any **point during the year you are very welcome to make an appointment, you don't** have to wait for a specific date.





#### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

#### SENIOR COMPETITIVE SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all our Yr 5/6 competitive swimmers who competed in the Swimming Sports at Dave Hume Pool yesterday. An excellent effort by everyone with some fantastic results. A huge thanks to those parents who helped out with timekeeping on the day. A notice will go out this week to those who have made the North Cluster Swimming Team.

North Cluster Swimming Sports – Dave Hume Pool - Tues 26th March (pp Thurs 28th Mar) WBOP Swimming Sports – Baywave TECT Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Wed 10th April Please email <u>sports@katikati.school.nz</u> if you can help with North Cluster Swimming Sports.

Squash—Free - For primary school age kids. Every Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm Katikati Squash Club—6 Whakawhara Road. Rackets etc provided, just need Non marking soled shoes. For more information contact Sarah 027 462 1570

Argos Gymnastics Competitions 2024—Held at Argos Gymnastics Club, Judea 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

Katikati Wrestling – Starts on the 20<sup>th</sup> March at the A&P Hall, Mayor Street, Katikati

5.30-6.30pm for Primary aged kids—6.30-8.00pm for College age plus adults

All welcome, just bring water bottle! Any questions email katiwrestlingclub@gmail.com

Year 5/6 Winter Hockey— 2024 Katikati Primary School winter hockey musters for all Year 5 and 6 players. Friday 15th and Friday 22nd March, 3:15-4:30pm at Katikati College Turf.

All players must have a mouthguard, shin pads and sneakers (no sprigs).

If you cannot attend, register at <a href="mailto:sports@katikati.school.nz">sports@katikati.school.nz</a>

or for any questions email Tracy at tpridham@katikati.school.nz

Christine Townsend, Sports Co-ordinator, Email: <a href="mailto:sports@katikati.school.nz">sports@katikati.school.nz</a>





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