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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Te Karere a te Kura Tuatahi

Newsletter 4

29 March 2023

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

#### **Attendance Matters**

After the disruptions caused by Covid, 2023 hasn't started as smoothly as we would have hoped. We realise that there have been a number of reasons as to why our children haven't been able to attend regularly so far this year and that they have been beyond the control of both parents and children. This makes it even more important than ever that children attend school every day that they are able to for the rest of the year.

With this newsletter you will be receiving a leaflet regarding the schools' systems to encourage regular attendance, and processes for informing the school if your child is going to be away. If you have any issues or concerns that you feel the school can help you with please contact Amanda Willett awillett@katikati.school.nz (Deputy Principal Senior School) or Anne Morriss amorriss@katikati.school.nz (Deputy Principal Junior School). The Community Centre also has a Community Connector called Angela Wallace. Angela can help you find support agencies and is a good first point of contact if you have any social or welfare concerns. Her number is 020 4070 4426.

#### **End of Term One**

The end of term one is coming up quickly. The last day of term is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Term 2 begins on the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

<u>Tremains Fund Raiser:</u> Thanks to Angela Fowler and Eden C ampbell from Tremains Real Estate, if you or any of your friends or family list their property with Tremains they can nominate the school to receive \$500 once the sale goes through. This is a generous fund raiser for our school, so if you know of anyone selling their home with Tremains it would be great if you could encourage them to nominate our school to receive the donation.

<u>Mufti Day:</u> A quick reminder that there will be a Mufti Day on Thursday the 30th of March so the children can leave their uniforms at home that day. Please make sure that what the children decide to wear is appropriate for a day at school – thanks.

#### Supporting our School

A huge thank you for supporting us during the strike action which was taken on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. We are still waiting to see what offer the government is going to make. Our biggest focus is on increasing staffing levels so we can reduce class sizes and provide additional support for children in need. After the disruptions caused by Covid, this is more important than ever. We have seen an increase in the levels of trauma being suffered by our children and we want to accelerate learning for those who have fallen behind due to lockdowns and periods of isolation.

Thanks again for your support while we try to get the best deal possible for our children.

#### Whole School Open Afternoon

Please put the 5<sup>th</sup> April into your diary and come along to our Open Afternoon if you are able. From 2pm you are welcome to pop into your children's classrooms to see what they have been working on this term and to meet their teacher if you haven't been able to already. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **WBOP Swimming**

Congratulations to our top swimmers who have won a place in the Western Bay of Plenty competition coming up on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. This is a huge achievement, more information can be found on our sports page.

<u>School Cross Country:</u> We are looking forward to our Whole School Cross Country which is coming up next term. We will start practising at the beginning of term 2. It would be good for the children to get out there and start building their fitness over the holidays.

#### Parents of the School (POTS):

Just a reminder that POTS have their AGM at 5.00pm today in the school staffroom. POTS are an amazing group of parents who help with fundraising to support our kids. They would love some new members. Please come along this evening if you are able or contact Dannae on 021 169 9992 if you would like more information. This is a great way to meet other parents and get involved with our fabulous school

#### Kea Crossing

You may have noticed a new road crossing on Park Road. From the beginning of next term, this crossing will be operating straight after school. It will provide a safe place for the children to cross, to avoid them walking past the pre school and the dairy with cars reversing out across the pavement. If your child needs to cross Park Road, please encourage them to use this crossing which will be manned after school each day.

#### **ERICA Community Cards**

We have our first Bronze winners for 2023. Huge congratulations go to Vicky Wang, Alicia Kurniawan, Diyabeen Patel and Daphne Warren. They have worked hard to earn their Bronze Award this early in the year. They are well on track to reach their All Stars by the end of 2023.

#### Children's Belongings

Our lost property is getting full, most items are unnamed. Please name your children's belongings, uniform, shoes etc. so we can get them returned to their owners. Thank you.





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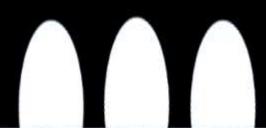
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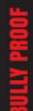




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<u>WBEET ASPIRING SPORT LEADERS:</u> Congratulations to the following Year 5/6 children who were nominated by various sporting coaches and accepted into the WBEET Aspiring Sport Leaders 2023 programme. This programme provides our young sporting leaders with the opportunity to learn new skills that will enhance their sporting leadership for the future and it will provide some quality coaching and character development.

**FOOTBALL** – Blake Cousins, Monty Groenewald and Tyron Dercksen

GIRLS FOOTBALL – Paige McLennan and Kylie Simpson HOCKEY – Tyler Davy

**RUGBY** – Clayton McMillan **NETBALL** – Violet Turner and Laila Bell-Fleming

<u>RIPPA RUGBY KATIKATI MODULES:</u> Final week for Rippa Rugby this week. A huge thanks to the following volunteer coaches/managers for your support.

**Year 1/2:** Amy Willoughby, Heremaia & Tamara Murray

Year 3/4: Merv Ormsby & Zoe Brown-Ormsby Year 5/6: Riley Powell

NORTH CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS: Another successful day was had at the Dave Hume Pool last Tuesday for the North Cluster Swimming Sports as the best of the best Year 5/6 swimmers from the North Cluster Schools competed to qualify for the 2023 WBOP Inter-school Primary School Swimming Championships. Children were entered from 13 different schools from Bethlehem College through to Waihi Schools. Thankfully the weather played its part and made it much more enjoyable for all the competitors, spectators and supporters. Thank you to Kathy and Duncan from the Dave Hume Pool for judging and starting this event and having the complex beautifully set up ready to go. Special thanks also to our volunteer parents who helped with timekeeping, on the recording table and fundraising. KKPS entered a team of 20 this year.

<u>Congratulations to:</u> Charlotte King: – Yr 5 Girls: 2nd – 2L backstroke

Monty Groenewald: Yr 6 Boys: 1st – 3L Freestyle. 2nd – 1L Freestyle. 2nd – 1L Backstroke.

2nd – 1L Breaststroke. 2nd – 4L Medley. 1st – 2L Freestyle. 3rd – 2L Backstroke. 3rd – 2L

Breaststroke. Jackson Stevens: Yr 6 Boys: 3rd – 1L Breaststroke. 3rd – 4L Medley. 2nd – 2L

Breaststroke.

HOCKEY 2023 Katikati Primary School winter HOCKEY muster: Held at the BRAND NEW Katikati College Turf! Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 boys & girls welcome; Friday 31st March 3:30-4:30pm. You must have a mouthguard, shin pads and sneakers (no sprigs). Some sticks will be available. Games played Saturday mornings in Tauranga & Omokoroa. Please contact Keri Ann van Doorne 022 351 0502 if you can not attend musters. Meet at KKC Action Centre if wet.

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS ROCKCLIMBING COMPETITION:** To register your interest please email sports@katikati.school.nz by Wednesday 5th April.

**Date:** Tuesday 2nd May **Venue:** Rocktopia, 9 Triton Ave, Mount Maunganui

**GYMNASTICS:** The Gymnastics Academy Term 2 at KKPS School Hall, Fridays – 28th April to 23rd June – 3.15-4.15pm - \$125. Book online at www.thegymnasticacademy.com or Call Marie 021 170 5426.

You are welcome to email a brief paragraph to sports@katikati.school.nz to let us know any great achievements by your children in sport to include in the newsletter.

Christine Townsend, Sports Co-ordinator, Email: sports@katikati.school.nz



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#### TERM CALENDAR.

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

- 29 March—BOT Meeting at 4pm /POTS AGM at 5pm
- 30 March—MUFTI DAY
- 3 April—Museum Trip Rms 26&27
- 4 May—Seasons for Growth starts
   / Museum Trip Rm 18
- 5 April—WBOP Swim Sports / Open Afternoon for parents 2pm
- 6 April—Last day of Term 1
- 24 April—Teacher Only Day
- 25 April—ANZAC DAY
- 26 April—Term 2 starts
- 8 May—Photolife
- 16 May—KKPS Cross Country TBC



#### Nature Kids Holiday Club - Waihi Beach

These school holidays we are again offering something very special for your children - an opportunity to connect with and explore nature in a nurturing environment, all day. Nature Library and The Nest provide exciting and engaging free play in nature where your children can explore, create and let their

imaginations run wild.

In this setting your child will build confidence, self-esteem and a sense of wonder. Making friends and having fun while they are guided by experienced and qualified teachers.

We like to keep our groups small to enable us to connect with and support your child through their nature journey, so spaces are limited! Our Nature Kids Holiday Programme runs every Wed and Thurs during the holidays and is based at The Nest (Nature Space) in Waihi Beach with Yoga for kids included.

**9am to 3pm.** Ages 5 to 12 years. \$65 per child per day. For more info or to book:

https://naturelibrary.co.nz/pages/school-holiday-programme Or call: Kathy 027 842 5645 or Kas 027 872 7278

"Nature School rocks our world. It's the best decision I have ever made. Thanks ladies for being such sunshine to our kids."

"Too many wonderful experiences and magic moments. Thank you so much Kas and Kathy for a wonderful day... it is the high-light of the week!"

