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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Te Karere a te Kura Tuatahi

Newsletter 1

15 February 2012

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

**Welcome to 2012:** Welcome back to a new school year. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school as well as to meet the forty new children who have started with us this year. Thank you to the large number of parents who have been reading with their children over the holidays. This has helped to set the children up for success.

We have two major initiatives that we will be working on in 2012. The first one is written language. Throughout the year we will be working with two facilitators Cath Runga and Anne Grady. Cath and Anne led our Teacher Only Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, providing some innovative ideas for getting the children enthused and motivated with their writing. As the term progresses, we will provide you with ideas of how you can help your child at home. As with reading, mileage is important when the children are writing. The more often they are engaged in writing and the wider their experiences, the higher levels they will achieve.

Our second major initiative will focus on how we can engage all of our children in their learning taking into account their individual cultures and backgrounds. In term one our inquiry is "What makes a Kati Kid?". In 2010 we had 19 different nationalities attending our school. We want our children to recognise that everyone is different and that we can use each other's strengths and experiences to make our school a great place to learn.

**Attendance Policy:** At KKPS we recognise that the consistency of children's attendance at school has a huge impact on their progress and achievement. We are committed to working with parents to ensure that children attend school regularly. This year we have started taking the school roll electronically which enables us to track more easily trends in children's attendance and absence. We are now in the process of reviewing our attendance policy with the Board of Trustees. In the next newsletter, Amanda Willett will outline the changes to our policy and the new procedures you will need to be aware of with our switch to the electronic roll.

**New Assembly Time:** Please note that on Fridays our assemblies will now start at 2.00pm. This is to enable us to complete the new electronic roll before the children come over to the hall.

**Who's who?:** This year we have split the school into the Junior Area (Years 0 – 3) and the Senior Area (Years 4 – 6). This has helped us to keep in line with the new National Standards. We still have four area leaders: Mrs Honey (Year 0 – 1); Ms Wood (Year 2 – 3); Mrs Armstrong (Year 4) and Mrs Nelson (Year 5 – 6). The area leaders oversee the learning and pastoral care for the children in their area of the school. Mrs Morriss is the Deputy Principal for the Junior Area (Years 0 – 3) and Mrs Willett is the Deputy Principal for the Senior Area (Years 4 – 6). During the course of the year, if you have any concerns for your child which can't be resolved through talking with the classroom teacher, Mrs Willett or Mrs Morriss will be happy to talk to you. We are always keen to work with our parents to resolve any issues which may arise. Mrs Andrews, our third Deputy Principal, is responsible for the special needs area along with our Special Needs Coordinator Mrs Harrison.

**Incredible Years:** The Incredible Years Programme is coming back to Katikati at the end of February. This free course is designed to: develop positive family relationships; to empower parents to make changes and to enable parents to manage difficult behaviour. The course is aimed at parents who have children who are between 5 and 8 years of age. Last year 15 parents from our school took part in the programme and were very positive about the difference it made to their families. The programme will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 8.30pm at the Katikati Resource Centre. The course starts on the 29<sup>th</sup> February and will run for fourteen weeks with a break during the school holidays. If you are interested in finding out more information, leaflets are available from the school office or the web address is:

[www.incredibleyears.com](http://www.incredibleyears.com). To enrol or to talk to the programme facilitators directly their numbers are: Marjorie Douglas: 021 2080 557 Kath Williams: 021 2968 665

**Scooters:** We are very much in favour of reducing the number of children who come to school by car and encouraging our children to take healthier options if they live close enough. We have noticed recently that a number of children are choosing to ride to school on their scooters. We are happy for the children to ride to school but the scooters will need to be placed in the bike bays rather than being brought into classrooms. If your child is riding their scooter to school please remind them to place it in the bike bay and, just like the bikes, please provide them with a lock and chain. Skate boards and rip sticks are to be kept at home, bikes and scooters only. Many thanks.

**Stationery:** Thanks to all the families that purchased their stationery packs through school. A HUGE THANK YOU to our POTS group who ran the stationery sales for us in Room 6, we really appreciate your support. Stationery packs are still being sold at the office at back to school prices until the end of February.

**POTS fundraising for 2012:**

This year the fundraising events that POTS will be organising are....Scholastic Books twice a term, Easter raffle at the end of Term 1, Calendars at the end of Term 3. We are so appreciative of the work they do providing extra resources for the children of Katikati Primary School.

**MEP Programme:** This will start in Week 4 of this term (Monday 27th February). A friendly reminder to pay your music fees of \$200 before lessons commence.

*Andrea Nicholson, Principal*

**POTS NEWS:**

**Scholastic Offer # 1:** Orders will be home next week. Remember if you have a bonus coupon from Order 8, it **must be used** in offer 1 only.

**Canteen:** The canteen will NOT be accepting any IOU's as of this date. If you wish to run a credit please see Lynette. Please—all outstanding IOU's from 2011 must be paid asap.

**AGM:** POTS AGM is on the 28th February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome. Andrea Nicholson will run through the school's charter and goals for 2012.

*Leslie Lambert, POTS Chairperson*

SCHOOL DONATIONS 2012 – these can be paid at the school office or online

Westpac 03-1550-0002048-00 use child's name as reference

***If paid before the end of February a discount will apply as shown below.***

1 child <b>if paid before the end of February</b>	2 children <b>if paid before the end of February</b>	3 or more children <b>if paid before the end of February</b>
<b>\$70.00</b> (\$75.00 after Feb)	<b>\$115.00</b> (\$125.00 after Feb)	<b>\$145.00</b> (\$160.00 after Feb)

## Walking School Bus 2012

Many of you would have seen the Junior production "Eddie the Penguin Saves the World" at the end of last year and heard the words of the "Walking Song"

***If your journey's short you could walk to school,***

***Walking can be really cool.***

***It can make you fit,***

***Have you thought about it?***

***You could walk, walk to school.***



In 2011 at Katikati School the Walking School Bus started. We had 5 buses covering the local community. Starting with 10 children in the first few weeks we grew to over 70. The benefits for both parent volunteers and children were numerous. The Walking School bus is dependent on parent volunteers – some of these may walk one day a week, others everyday, however whatever the support this is what makes it work! It has been so rewarding to see so many WISE WALKERS wanting to join up. Most days someone would come to see me to join up or needing a token for the number of walks they'd completed. As well as parents, and children walking to school we've had MANY MASCOTS – DOGS!!! It's been great to see our Senior children demonstrating citizenship assisting our younger children as well as being so willing to push toddlers in their pushchairs.

As the 1<sup>st</sup> term of 2012 has started I am very keen for the Walking School Bus/Buses to continue. If you are interested or would like to know more there will be a meeting in the staffroom at school on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2.00.pm** I look forward to meeting with you! Some of the WISE WALKERS from 2011 will share their memories of the Walking School Bus.

*Anne Morriss*

*Deputy Principal Junior School.*

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# Sports Corner

Welcome to term one. I hope you have all had a great holiday. I have taken over from Jayne Harray as the Sports Co-ordinator. So, if you have any questions about what is going on with sport at school don't hesitate to contact me. Christine Townsend.

**Rippa Rugby:** Rippa Rugby is starting up again at Omokoroa on Monday afternoons between 3.45-6pm. For those who have registered the competition starts on 20 Feb and goes through to 26 March.

**Senior School Swimming Sports:** Senior school swimming sports will be held on 8th March at the Dave Hume pool. This is a big event and a great experience for the children. **We need parent helpers and time keepers to ensure we can run the event.** Please let me know if you can help out – even for part of the day. Drop into the office or contact me on 5490105 or [sports@katikati.school.nz](mailto:sports@katikati.school.nz).

**Athletics:** Katikati Athletics club has started the second half of their season on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Athletics is a great way to keep fit for summer sports and is lots of fun. Club night starts at 5.30pm on the Katikati College back field. There is a fun pre-school athletics session and coaching for children 5 years and over. For more information contact Jayne Harray 549 2504.

**Katikati Kiwi Volley League:** Kiwi Volley is on Fridays at Katikati Action Centre starting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb thru to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Games start at 4pm. Thank you for those who have already registered for Kiwi Volley. Registrations and money need to be in by Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Each team needs a parent to manage.

**Top School Competition:** A reminder to those Year 5 and 6 students wishing to try out for the Top School Team, trials will be held on the back field at 1pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. We need a team of 6 girls and 6 boys. Top School Competition will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Gate Pa School in Tauranga.

**Pahoia School Triathlon:** Pahoia School is holding its annual triathlon (swim, bike, run) on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Omokoroa Domain. It is open to all Year 0-8 students. It is \$12 per child and registrations close 16<sup>th</sup> March. For more info including course maps, event day procedures and tips visit the website [www.pahoia.school.nz](http://www.pahoia.school.nz). If interested pick up an entry form from our school office and return it with entry fee before 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**WBOP Primary Schools Surf Competition:** This will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Tay St, Mt Maunganui, starting at 7.30am. (swell permitting). Age groups are Under 9s and Under 11s boys and girls. If interested in this leave your name at the office. You must have a parent available for transport and supervision. Entries close Mon 5<sup>th</sup> March. It is \$5 per entry.

Email [sports@katikati.school.nz](mailto:sports@katikati.school.nz) to let us know any great achievements by your children in sport.

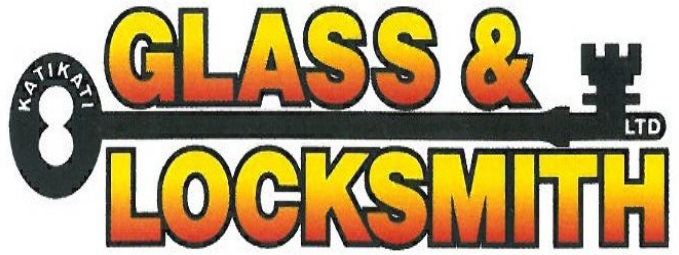
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**TERM CALENDAR.**

- 23 February —BOT Meeting
- 29 February—Mufti Day / Newsletter #2
- 8 March—Senior Swimming Sports
- 14 March—Subway Sandwich Day / Newsletter #3
- 15 March—Life Education Starts
- 16 March—North Cluster Swimming Sports
- 21 March— Mufti Day

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

**Community Notices**

**Katikati Kea's:** This starts for boys and girls ages 5—7 on Monday 13th February. Contact Sarah on 021 439 423 or Jo on 04 210 8882.

**Katikati Netball Centre:** AGM Tuesday 21st February at 7.00pm at Katikati Heritage Museum. All welcome. Queries phone Karen on 549 2402 or 027 289 0539.

**Steps Performing Arts:** Come and enrol today & join classes specialising in: Musical Theatre—Tap—Theatre Craft—Ballet & Jazz. Classes start from the age of 4yrs up to adults. Contact Paula Harrison BSc, IDTA [paulaharrison@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paulaharrison@xtra.co.nz) or phone 021 274 4116

**Western Bay Scouts Mudslide 2012:** Sunday 26th Feb at Brunings Farm Cnr SH 2 & Omokoroa Rd. Great fun! Great activities! \$10 per entrant, spectators free. Andy Goodall 552 4724

Children's Dance Classes recommence Thursday 16th Feb after school St Peters Anglican Hall. Enquiries Ph Gaye 5771753 or Linda 5495733 [www.christinaproductions.co.nz](http://www.christinaproductions.co.nz)

**ICONZ:** We will be starting on Thursday 16 February @ 6.30pm, for a fun night. If you have any queries/questions please ring Duncan on 5493381 or 0274843136 or Julie during work hours on 5490034.

**Bike Wise in Katikati:** Time trials 9th & 16th Feb at Cherrycourt @ 12.30pm, Family Fun Day Sunday 19th February @3.00pm, Tykes on Trikes, Moore Park, 23rd February @ 10am. For further information [www.katikati.org.nz](http://www.katikati.org.nz) or Jacqui Knight 549 5250