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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 1

15 February 2023

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

Welcome Back - Tau Hou koa

Welcome back to 2023, I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with your children. Thank you for your support during the recent cyclone, it was not the way we wanted **to start the new year. I hope everyone was safe at home and you haven't experienced** too much damage.

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

Family Picnic and Hauora Evening – 4.00 till 6.00pm.

On Thursday the 23rd February we are going to have a family picnic. Between **4.00pm and 5.00pm classrooms will be open so you can pop in and meet your child's** teacher before heading to the back field for a picnic. 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 sausage sizzle and vegetable samosas for sale. There will be some games on the back field for the children to join in with or they are welcome to bring something from home.

The event will be weather dependent. A decision on whether the event will run or not will be made on the 17th February. Joining us on the evening will be some of our local health providers. They will have tables set up around the edge of the field. They will be able to talk to you about a wide range of health related matters including hearing, vision and inoculations.

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 27th February. **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.

Teachers' Union Meeting: On the afternoon of the 2nd March, the NZEI (the primary teachers' union) are holding a meeting which our staff members are legally entitled to attend. They will be discussing the national crisis surrounding the recruitment and retention of teachers and the lack of resourcing for children with additional learning needs. Our school will be open for instruction on that afternoon but we will only have a skeleton staff remaining. If you are able to support us by picking your children up at 12.00pm on that date, we would be very appreciative. You do not need to sign your **child out through the school office, there will be a sheet available in your child's classroom** for this purpose. Further information and a permission slip will come home next week. Thanks again for supporting our teachers to get the best deal for your children.

Katikati Community Centre Celebrates 30 Years: This year Katikati Community Centre will have been open for 30 years. On the lead up to their celebrations, there will be a pull out section in the Katikati Advertiser showing all the different ways in which the centre has supported the community over that time. They would love to have some stories from parents and grandparents of our school who remember being part of the after school care or holiday programmes run by the centre when they were at school. (Maybe yourself and your children have attended and you could tell us about the differences that you can see). If you have any fond memories or funny stories you would be happy to have published, please send them to admin@katikati.school.nz. If you have any photographs that would much appreciated too.

Tabloid Sports: On the 24th February, we are going to have a tabloid sports day for children across the school. The children will be put into house groups, wherever possible we will keep siblings together. The children will take part in a range of activities ranging from the water slide, through to problem solving activities and science experiments. It will be a fun event to bring the whole school together. More information will come out closer to the time.

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. Make sure you sign up for updates so you will be notified of changes to any routes. If you need help with this or have any queries regarding the buses, please contact Anne Morriss on 07 549 0105 or by emailing amorriss@katikati.school.nz.

Houses: In order to promote a sense of community, every child who starts at our school is placed into a house. Wherever possible, siblings are placed into the same house together. Children gain points for their house through our community card system and on special sports days. Each week the house points are collated and the winning house is announced in our assembly and has a reward. All new enrolments will receive a free house T-shirt over the next few weeks. They are able to wear them every Friday and when we have special house events. If your child needs a replacement T-Shirt, they will be able to be purchased in June. Order forms will be sent out by POTS closer to the time. We would like to thank Classic Builders for kindly sponsoring our T-shirts.

A Few Reminders For The Start Of The School Year

1. 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 Katikati Community Centre runs an after school care programme on the school site. Please ring 07 549 0399 for further information.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 – 8.45am in the back of the school **hall or you can have a quiet word with your child's class teacher. Please be aware that Smartwatches are not allowed at school.**

5. 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.



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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 Wednesdays newsletter. This comes out every 2nd week (even weeks).

-Christine Townsend

RIPPA RUGBY KATIKATI: GAMES NOW PLAYED AT MOORE PARK ON THURSDAYS FROM 4PM—Thursday 23rd Feb – 30th March

Registration dates have now been extended. Closing date is now this Thursday.

Year 1/2: We have 1 full team and 5 spaces left for a 2nd team

Year 3/4: We need 5 more registrations to be able to enter a team

Year 5/6: FULL

Register at www.katikati.school.nz – **Kindo School Shop Login** (scroll to bottom of page)

KATIKATI RUGBY CLUB: JUNIOR REGISTRATION FOR THIS SEASON THURSDAY 16TH FEB – 4-7pm. Ages 4-13 Boys and Girls. For more info email katikatrugbyjmc@gmail.com

PAHOIA SCHOOL TRY-ATHLON: Saturday 11th March – Omokoroa Domain – 9am. For 5-13 year olds. Register at www.pahoia.school.nz

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

KKPS Senior Swimming Sports – Dave Hume Pool - Tues 7th March (pp Wed 8th Mar)

North Cluster Swimming Sports – Dave Hume Pool - Tues 21st March (pp Thurs 23rd Mar)

WBOP Swimming Sports – Greerton Aquatic Centre – Wed 5th April

Please pop these dates in your diary. We will be asking for parent helpers to help with these events.

BOP PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE GOLF EVENT 2023: Friday 10th March – Whakatane Golf Club. Can enter individual or team of 3 (need Handicap/ID numbers). Parental supervision is compulsory. Email sports@katikati.school.nz by Fri 24th Feb if interested in entering.

WBOP SCHOOLS SURF COMP 2023: Monday 27th March (swell permitting). Waihi Beach Surf Club. This is for competent surfers and parental supervision is compulsory. Email sports@katikati.school.nz by Monday 13th March if interested in entering.

GYMNASTICS: The Gymnastics Academy Term 1 at KKPS School Hall. Friday 10th Feb – 31st March – 3.15-4.15pm - \$125. Book online at www.thegymnasticacademy.com or call Marie 021 170 5426

Email 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



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TERM CALENDAR.

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

- 23 February—MUFTI DAY / Family Picnic and Hauora Evening 4-6pm
- 24 February—Tabloid Sports
- 28 February—BOT Meeting at 4pm
- 1 March—Matakana Hui
- 2 March—Team 2 Swim Fun Day
- 7 March—Team 3 (Yr5&6) Swimming Sports
- 9 March—Team 1 (Yr1&2) Swimming Sports
- 17 March—Ready for Learning Open Morning 9.30—11.00am
- 21 March—North Cluster Swim Sports
- 28 March—BOT Meeting at 4pm

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Katikati Library After-School Clubs Resume:

Scratch Code Club: Tuesday 7 February, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Scratch Code Club: Wednesday 8 February, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Minecraft Club: Thursday 9 February, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

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