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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Te Karere a te Kura Tuatahi

Newsletter 1

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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 2022, I hope that you enjoyed the fabulous weather we had over 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.

We like to keep in regular communication with our whanau and 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

### 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. While we are under Red level, we are trying to minimise the number of other students children come into contact with. Children should arrive as close to 8.45am as possible and need to go directly home at the end of the school day. This means children shouldn't be using the Adventure Playground before or after school.

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 bay 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 sun lotions.

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 uniforms, 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.

**Disabled Parking**: Please leave all of our disabled parking spaces clear unless you have a disability parking permit. We have children at our school with special needs whose families depend on these spaces.

### BUS CHILDREN NEED TO BE REGISTERED ONLINE

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 through the school office or by emailing amorriss@katikati.school.nz.

Competitive Swimming Sports: For our competitive swimmers we will be holding a senior school competition on the 22nd February at the Dave Hume Pool. We are limiting the numbers of children we bring together, so the only children in attendance will be our competitive swimmers and the children from Rooms 26 & 22 as their teachers are helping to run the event. Unfortunately the North Cluster and Western Bay competitions won't go ahead this year.

### Attendance Matters

Kia ora and welcome to 2022

One of the most important things a parent or caregiver does for a child is to ensure that they get the best possible education available to them. Regular school attendance is critical to that. So I ask, simply, that your child attends school every day and is absent only when absolutely unavoidable and that if you do make that decision, let us know as soon as you can.

There are many ways you can contact school. Use the one that is easiest for you.

We need to know: The name of child/children, their room number, why they are absent and when you expect them to return.

Email: admin@katikati.school.nz

Phone: 07 549 0105

Text: 021 041 5234 (this is for absences only)

(Please note, office staff will update attendance records. If you want to let your child's teacher know about the absence, please do this in addition to one of the methods above).

Best wishes to you all and here's to 2022.

Sue Bryson, Attendance Supervisor

### **Treasuring Our Place**

For the past 4 years, the year 5 and 6 cohort has taken part in the Treasuring Our Place Program, run and developed with Western Bay of Plenty Museum, in consultation with the school. This year we will be focusing on Pests, Predators and the water quality and testing of our local Uretara stream. The program allows our students the opportunity to learn about the important environmental aspects of Katikati and their local community. The year 5 and 6 cohort will take part in the program during different terms, as outlined below. There is one trip to the local museum and stream that we will partake in, we will need several parents who are fully vaccinated and willing to provide their certificates to come along with us and share in the experience. We will let you know when that will be closer to the time of your child's trip date.

Term 1 - Rm 21 and 22 - Trip date Monday 28th February

Term 2 - Rm 26 and 27—date to be advised

Term 3 - Rm 18 and 25—date to be advised



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Welcome back! Unfortunately, we don't have a lot of sport on offer this term but fingers crossed we will have more opportunities later in the year. I hope you have all had a great holiday. For those of you that 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's newsletter. This comes out every 2nd week (even weeks).

YEAR 5/6 KKPS COMPETITIVE SWIMMING SPORTS: The Year 5/6 competitive swimming sports will be held next Tuesday 22nd February at the Dave Hume Pool. Children had the opportunity last week to trial for the competitive swim sports this year. It will be run a little differently due to COVID restrictions and keeping numbers to a minimum. We are lucky to be able to go ahead with any sort of event at all. A notice with more details has gone out to those competitive swimmers. Unfortunately, there will be no North Cluster Swimming Sports this year.

<u>RIPPA RUGBY Term 1:</u> Katikati Primary School will not be entering any teams into the Omokoroa Rippa Modules this term however Katikati Rugby Club are offering FREE Rippa Rugby sessions at Moore Park on Thursdays after school.

**SOCIAL RIPPA RUGBY—FOR KKPS CHILDREN ON**LY (Boys & Girls Yrs 0-6). New players and beginners welcome! Coaching will be available THURSDAYS starting 17th Feb until the end of term.

Time: 4:30pm. Place: KK Rugby Club, Moore Park (meet at the Grandstand). Wear: Shorts & T-Shirt, barefoot (no boots), Bring: Water bottle. Shop will be open for snacks

<u>CRICKET - SUPER SMASH HUB:</u> Give it a Go Cricket Programme for Years 1-4. Held at Katikati College on Fridays 3.30pm, starting Friday 25th Feb. Cost \$25 for 6 weeks. A direct registration link can be found here - https://bit.ly/33IWWZS.

#### **JUNIOR TENNIS:**

Wednesday afternoons. Coaching with professional coach. Homewood Park Tennis Club, Park Rd, Katikati. Email Nicola for details shanberry@xtra.co.nz.

### **TAURANGA TOP SCHOOL COMPETITON 2022 - CANCELLED**

This year's Top School Competition is cancelled. Sorry to those keen Year 5 & 6 children who trialled at the end of last year with Miss Flood. It has been a good practice run for the Year 5 children who will be able to trial again next year.

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

- 22 February—Yr 5/6 Swim Sports for competitive swimmers only
- 24 February—BOT Meeting at 4pm
- 15 March—Team 2 Swimming Sports (sorry no spectators)
- 17 March—Team 1 Swimming Sports (sorry no spectators)
- 31 March—BOT Meeting at 4pm
- 14 April—Term 1 Ends
- 15 April—Good Friday
- 2 May—Term 2 Starts

### **Community News**

Animal and Outdoors Farm Experiences, After School programmes, school excursions, group visits and themed birthday parties. We are taking bookings right now for After School Programmes with the themes of Introduction to Ponies, Outdoors and Nature (similar to Forest Schools), and Farm Animals and Pets. We specialize in education around kind and compassionate handling and care of animals, reading animal body language, getting an animal's 'consent', and having natural fun in the outdoors. Dianne Amott, The One and a Half Acre Wood, 80 Odey Road, RD7, Whakamarama 3179, Bay of Plenty. FB & Instagram @theoneandahalfacrewood. (07) 5525604 or 021723139.

Celeste Dance Mount is offering after school dance classes, @ Bayfair Mons, for girls and boys (adults too) in Term 1 2022, Performance (Jazz; with fun Musical Theater and Lyrical), Contemporary, Hip Hop. Using DanceNZmade syllabi, that celebrates classwork with interactive presentations & Stage Star Awards. Pre School & Adult classes avail. Classes local, depending on numbers. 10%+ discount: \$80 per term (pre-school 30 min class); \$120 (Lev 1, 45 mins) \$130 (Lev 2+, 60 mins) Please contact 021 0841 0697, dancer.amanda11@gmail.com, for class info, thanks. https://celestemusicdance.wixsite.com/celeste/celeste-dance-1