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# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Te Karere a te Kura Tuatahi

Newsletter 2

1 March 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.*

### Union Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March)

Whakamana tamariki, whakamana kaiako

We all want the best for our kids.

Our teachers are committed to what they do, but not enough funding for **schools means that they don't have the time they need to support all children** to thrive. We can fix this though. Primary teachers and principals are making the case to the government for the best investment in tamariki. Smaller class sizes, more time for individual students and more specialist learning support staffing would make a huge difference.

Keeping and retaining teachers is top of mind right now, and this term, our teachers will also be meeting to consider a pay offer – **and assessing if it's** enough to make sure that teaching is valued and is an attractive profession. That is why teachers at our school will be attending a paid union meeting tomorrow afternoon. We are asking parents to support us by picking their children up at 12.00 if at all possible. Thank you for returning the permission **slips so we know what's happening for your child tomorrow. When we support** our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive. We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support building the case for better investment in our tamariki.

### Getting Involved

Welcome to all the new families who have enrolled over the last two weeks, we are really pleased to have you join our school. For any parents who would like to become actively involved in the school and have the time to do so, how about joining our Parents of the School group? POTs is a group of parents who raise money for the school and help us out at events. As well as committee members, POTs are always looking for people who can lend a helping hand at **events even if they can't go along to the monthly meetings. This is a great way** to meet other parents and to become involved in the life of the school. If you would like to join the group please email [potskkps@katikati.school.nz](mailto:potskkps@katikati.school.nz).

### Arriving on Time

School starts at 8.45am. It is very important that children get to class on time in the morning. If they are late they miss out on valuable learning time and disturb the learning for their classmates. Teachers are in their classrooms from 8.15am in the morning, children can arrive anytime after this. We recommend that children get to class no later than 8.30 so that they can put their bags away and get their pens and books ready for their learning. It gives them a chance to touch base with their teacher and to get a piece of toast if they would like to. Please help to set your child up for success with their day at school by making sure they arrive on time.

## House T shirts

Thank you to Classic Builders who sponsor a house T-shirt for every child who enrolls at our school. The t-shirts help us with the promotion of our school values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity, Citizenship and Attitude. The houses at Katikati school are Gledstanes, Mulgan, Macmillan, and Stewart, with each



logo on the t-shirt having a background story linked to some of the early settlers in Katikati. The children are encouraged to wear their t-shirt with pride each Friday and to the range of special house events which are organised throughout the year. If your child is new to our **school and doesn't have their shirt yet it will hopefully be coming soon.** For existing children at the school, if they have outgrown their t-shirt or need a new one for any reason, they will be able to purchase one later in the term.

## Sun Safety

I know we are having some very wet weather at the moment, but when the sun does come out, the children can still get burnt. Please remember that it is compulsory for your child to wear a sun hat when they are outside this term. This includes break times and sporting events. The children are going to miss out on a range of learning and **fun activities if they don't have their hat. Any wide brimmed hat is acceptable.** Hats can also be purchased from the school office. Please help us to keep your child safe in the sun by sending them to school with their hat.

## Catching the Bus

Just a reminder, if your child catches the bus to go home but there is a change of plans and you come in to pick them up, please let the office know. For Health and Safety reasons we need to know who is on the bus each day in case of breaks down or emergencies

## Year 5 and 6 Camp Parent Information Session

On **Thursday 9th March, at 6.00pm**, we will be holding a Parent Information Evening in our school hall. This is an opportunity for staff to go through all aspects of camp with you and to answer any questions you **may have. Please mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss out.** If you would like to go to camp as a parent volunteer, forms will be coming home next week.

We will be asking for parents who are prepared to:

- Get into the water (and who are confident within the aquatic environment)
- Be in the kitchen - preparing meals
- Complete a police vetting form
- Commit to the dates of the camp

## Senior Swimming Sports

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Senior Swimming Sports will now be held on the original postponement day of Wednesday 8th March at 9.00am, with Thursday 9th March being our new postponement date. The Senior Swimming Sports are competitive timed races, as we use these results to select students to represent our school at the North Cluster Swim Sports Competition later on in Term 1. We would love parents to come along and cheer on their children and if possible help with time keeping. The competition will be held at the Dave Hume Swimming Pool on Carisbrooke Street. If you are able to help with time keeping, please contact our Sports Co-Ordinator, Christine at [sports@katikati.school.nz](mailto:sports@katikati.school.nz). We look forward to a fun and exciting day, celebrating our swimmers' success.



## Attendance Matters



*Being present and on time is a good practice and enables children to get the best out of school.*

If your child is absent for any reason, it is important that you notify us with the reason so we can update their records. The Ministry of Education monitor student attendance.

Contact details changed? Email [kkpsadmin@katikati.school.nz](mailto:kkpsadmin@katikati.school.nz)

If your child is absent or late, please ensure to notify us.

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# Sports Corner

## **SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS**

***Please note the change of date to the KKPS Competitive Swim Sports...***

- KKPS Year 5/6 Competitive Swimming Sports – Dave Hume Pool – **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March (pp Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Mar)**
- North Cluster Swimming Sports – Dave Hume Pool - Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March (pp Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar)
- WBOP Swimming Sports – Greerton Aquatic Centre – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April

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

## **PAHOIA SCHOOL TRY-ATHLON**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Omokoroa Domain – 9am. For 5-13 year olds

Register at [www.pahoia.school.nz](http://www.pahoia.school.nz)

## **WBOP SCHOOLS SURF COMP 2023**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March (swell permitting). Waihi Beach Surf Club.

This is for competent surfers and parental supervision is compulsory.

Email [sports@katikati.school.nz](mailto:sports@katikati.school.nz) by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March if interested in entering.

## **Oceans National Junior Surf Lifesaving Champs**

Monty Groenewald and Jackson Stevens were competing for Waihi Beach Junior Surf at the weekend. The boys had a massive 4 days of competing in Sprints, Flags, Sprint Relay, Run Swim Run, Surf Swim, Board Race, Diamond Race, Board Relay, Grand Cameron and 2km Relay.

Jackson had an amazing competition making most semis and finals which was an awesome achievement. Monty made a few semis and reached the top 11 in flags. Monty was very excited when his team won the bronze medal for the U11 Sprint Relay Team so top 3 in NZ.

Great achievements from our Katikati Primary School Year 6 boys.

*Email a brief paragraph to [sports@katikati.school.nz](mailto: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*

- 3 March—Team 2 Swim Fun Day
- 8 March—Team 3 (Yr5&6) Swimming Sports
- 9 March—Team 1 (Yr1&2) Swimming Sports / Parent Meeting for Camp in hall at 5pm
- 17 March—Ready for Learning Open Morning 9.30—11.00am
- 21 March—North Cluster Swim Sports
- 29 March—BOT Meeting at 4pm
- 30 March—MUFTI DAY/ Matakana Hui
- 5 April—WBOP Swim Sports
- 6 April—Last day of Term 1
- 24 April—Term 2 starts

### 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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