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Text: 021 041 5234—for absences only www.katikati.school.nz Tena koutou, Guten tag, Goedendag, Namaste, Sat-sri-akal, Bula, Konnichi-wa, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Mabuhay, An nyoung, Greetings to all whanau.

<u>Reminder:</u> School will be closed tomorrow (Thursday 16th March) due to nationwide strike action.

Suitable clothing for Mufti Days

Twice a term we have a Mufti Day to raise funds for our reward programme. We love seeing the children out of uniform for the day but just a quick request. When the children are selecting their clothes for **the day, please make sure they are practical for school. We don't want** to see clothing that is too short or will prevent the children from joining in with the range of activities we have in a school day. Many thanks for your help.

Teacher Only Day

Just to let you know that the 24th April , the day before Anzac Day, will be a Teacher Only Day. This is one of two days that the Ministry of Education has put in place in 2023 to facilitate the new curriculum refresh. Katikati College will also have a Teacher Only Day on that date. School will commence on Wednesday 26th April for all students.

Structured Literacy at Katikati Primary School

At Katikati Primary School we are committed to delivering the most effective programmes for our children, to ensure they reach their maximum potential. This is why we are introducing Structured Literacy.

Structured Literacy is based on the "Science of Reading". This approach enables us to support learning of the sound structure of language (phonological awareness) letter names, sounds and formations, as well as learning spelling patterns and spelling words that are difficult to sound out.

For learners who are experiencing success and enjoyment in reading, their homework routines won't change significantly. However, for learners who would benefit from a Structured Literacy approach to reading they may bring home decodable readers. At first glance these books can appear quite simplistic, however you may find that your child really does struggle with these readers. They are teaching our children to sound out words and to look across the whole word as they read. These books are a very different way of reading for our learners and it may take some time for our learners to adjust to them. This will mean that they may not have a new book each day, as repetition will embed new learning.

Northern Cluster Swimming Sports

I thoroughly enjoyed watching our competitive swimmers battle it out at our Senior Swimming Sports competition last week. We have some amazing competitors who placed in a range of different disciplines. Special congratulations to all those children who earnt their place at the North Cluster Swimming Sports which will be held next week. We look forward to hearing the results.

Aspiring Future Athletes

Congratulations to all those children who will be going to the Aspiring Future Athletes Programme run by WBEET. The Aspiring Future Athletes programme provides young and talented school children with the opportunity to experience what is possible in their sporting future. The programme is for talented sports people, who have been nominated by their school as showing potential in a chosen sport. There will 13 different sports codes and up to 260 students taking part per day. It will deliver key messages, quality coaching and values that will help develop great athletes. The objectives are to: 1. Provide aspiring athletes with a top class coaching opportunity in which they can extend their current sporting skills. 2. Inspire athletes, by providing them with further tools and knowledge to become the best they can be, now and into the future. 3. Show emerging athletes that in being self-responsible and having a holistic outlook to sport, they can gain the success they set out to. 4. Educate athletes on how commitment can lead to improvement in their sport and other parts of their life.

ERICA Community Cards

ERICA Community Cards are an important part of our positive behaviour system at Katikati Primary School. Children collect stamps on their cards when they show our school values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity, Citizenship and positive Attitude. To earn a Bronze Award the children have to complete 5 cards, 10 cards for Silver and 15 cards for Gold. Every child who earns a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award receives a wrist band in their house colour and twice a term children who have completed cards are drawn out to receive a prize. The prize for the senior school is a \$20 Paper Plus voucher donated by Eves Realty, the prize for the middle school is a Subway voucher and for the junior school the children get to pick a gift out of the prize box. Thank you to families who have supported our Mufti Day Fundraisers this term as the money raised goes towards buying rewards for our behaviour system.

Reporting to Parents

Close communication between home and school is very important for children's success. Over the years we have been adapting our reporting processes to ensure that we meet the needs of our families. Twice a year you will receive a written report to let you know how your child is progressing. Since we started sending out the written reports twice a year, we have found that attendance at our formal parent teacher interviews has declined, so we have adapted to meet needs.

Your child's teacher will contact you if they are concerned about your child's progress and will let you know some ways you can help at home so that together we can accelerate your child's progress. Parents are also very welcome to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher at any time during the year. This can be done by emailing the class teacher for an appointment time (staff emails are available on our website) or by ringing the school office. Appointments are welcome if you would like to talk about your child's progress or about anything that is happening outside of school that you think might impact your child. We are always here to help if we can. Throughout the year there will be informal occasions for you to come into school either for open days or for special events where you can support your child. Details of the upcoming whole school open afternoon can be found below.

Be rest assured that if your child is having problems with their learning, their class teacher will make contact with you. If you would like to talk to the teacher at any point during the year you are very wel**come to make an appointment, you don't have to wait for a specific** date.

Whole School Open Afternoon

Please put the 5th 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.

Second hand togs and uniforms

If you have any quality used togs, uniform items or sunhats that you would be able to donate to the school, we would be able to put them to very good use.



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<u>RIPPA RUGBY KATIKATI</u>

BOP Rugby have advised us that due to the teacher strikes this Thursday 16th March there will be NO Thursday afterschool Rippa Rugby at Moore Park, Katikati this week.

SWIMMING SPORTS DATES

- North Cluster Swimming Sports Dave Hume Pool Tues 21st March (pp Thurs 23rd Mar)
- WBOP Swimming Sports Greerton Aquatic Centre Wed 5th April

YEAR 5/6 KKPS COMPETITIVE SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all our Yr 5/6 competitive swimmers who competed in the Swimming Sports at Dave Hume Pool last Wednesday. An excellent effort by everyone with some fantastic results. A huge thanks to our judge, Kathy from the Dave Hume Pool and also the parents who helped out with timekeeping on the day. We were fortunate to have a nice sunny day for the event.

Congratulations to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters who go through to North Cluster Swim Sports which will be held at the Dave Hume Pool next Tuesday 21st March (pp Thurs 23rd March). A newsletter has gone home to those successful students. Please make sure you are registered via our Kindo School Shop to attend. As Katikati Primary School hosts this event we are needing some parent helpers to help with the event on the day. Please email Christine at sports@katikati.school.nz if you can help.

<u>HOCKEY</u>

2023 Katikati Primary School winter HOCKEY muster will be held over two Fridays at the BRAND NEW Katikati College Turf! Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 boys & girls welcome;

Friday 24th March 3:30-4:30pm & 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.

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





ONLINE KINDO SCHOOL SHOP

We are very excited to have the school office live on Kindo now too, so you can pay for trips, music, camp and sport events easily.

You can view and make payments on your personal account for trips (ie camp, music) under the School Payments icon and for sports the Sport icon.

Plus, it's open 24/7 so you can process payments at a time that suits you.

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