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TERM 3 VALUE:

"Híranga" "Excellence"

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

Welcome back to Term 3

I hope you found some time over the holidays to enjoy with your children. It's great to see all of the children back at school. A special welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this term, we are delighted to have you at our school.

There are a lot of events for the children to look forward to this term. Coming up we have: Maths Week; Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori; Funky Fun Days and Scholastics Bookfair.

Maths Week

Week 3, beginning on the 8th August, is Maths Week. Every year KKPS students enjoy participating in a range of Maths Week activities across the school. For the Junior School the focus is around Numicon and activities surrounding their learning on this. The Middle and Senior School will participate in a range of daily problem solving questions. Many classes find different and out of the box ways to engage in extra maths learning throughout the week so please encourage your child to share what they have been doing.

Why did the student do multiplication problems on the floor? The teacher told him not to use tables!

Ashleigh Gaudian and Jennie McKeown (Maths Lead Teachers)

Scholastic Book Fair

Kia ora koutou! We're pleased to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is resuming this year and is scheduled in a few short weeks! Mark your calendars for three days of super affordable books, posters and school supplies: Monday August 22nd (8 - 5 pm), Tuesday August 23rd (8 - 4 pm) and Wednesday August 24th (8 - 1 pm). The Book Fair will be open before and after school, and during morning tea and lunch times. Every item purchased earns the school funds to purchase new books for our school library. As has been done in previous years, **the children will bring home their "wish lists" a few days prior to the Book Fair**, with school supplies priced at \$1 - \$4, posters \$2 - \$4 and books starting at just \$6. The Book Fair is the perfect place to pick up gifts and ignite a lifelong passion **for reading in our children. Don't forget to tell the aunties, uncles, grandparents** and extended wh**ā**nau too. Look forward to seeing you there!

Rhiannon School Librarian

House Assemblies

It has been great to see the children come back to school enthusiastic about earning house points. We are using our houses (MacMillan, Mulgan, Stewart and Gledstanes) to encourage the children to show our school values and to work together with peers from across the whole school. This is particularly important as the children have been kept apart from other classes for a long time due to Covid.

Children will earn house points when they complete their ERICA cards. Congratulations to all those children who earnt their bronze or silver awards in Term 2. They are well on track to get their Gold Award by the end of the year and some will even achieve their ERICA All Stars which is the highest level of achievement possible at our school.

In order to promote our focus value of the term, which is respect, the children will be able to earn tokens. All adults who work at our school will be able to give children a token when they are following this value. We are promoting respect not only in the classroom but also when the children are in the play-ground or moving around the school. The tokens will be placed into see through containers in the library. This means that children can keep an eye on how many tokens their house is earning throughout the term. The house with the most tokens at the end of the term will have a reward. In the summer terms we are thinking about having a water play session and in the winter a movie or games.

It is great to see our children focusing on our values and working together. We look forward to seeing which house will be in front by the end of the term.

Assistance Dog at School

On the front page of the Katikati Advertiser last week, you may have seen an article about one of our students Callum Newman and his assistance dog Jack. Callum has multiple disorders that affect his everyday life, including epilepsy. His dog Jack is training to alert caregivers to sleep apnoea and to when Callum is having a seizure. His dog also helps to keep Callum calm when he has appointments or during stressful times at school such as assemblies and trips. Assistance dogs like Jack cost \$75,000 and Callum's family are asked to raise \$20,000. Callum's mum Melanie, would like to thank people who have already given help. If you would like to help Callum's family with their fundraising, donations can be made to Assistance Dogs New Zealand, account number 02 0528 0138534 000 with reference Jack 201387.

Thank You to Tremains

I wanted to say a big thank you to Sean Dercksen who is a parent at our school. Sean works for Tremains Real Estate and every time someone sells a property through Tremains, the vendor is able to nominate our school for a donation of \$500. We were very fortunate to receive \$500 from Tremains this week which will be put to very good use for our children.



Attendance Matters 2022

Truancy? No Thanks!

Did you know that truancy rates are used to judge schools?

We understand how easy it is for a parent or caregiver to forget to contact us when their child is absent. However, as all unexplained absences **are recorded as truancy on a child's attendance record we do all we** can to find out why a child has been absent so we can record the correct reason. So, if you have forgotten to let us know about an absence and you receive a message or email from us about it, please respond as soon as you can. And if your contact details have changed recently, please let us know that too!

Help us to let it be known what a great school we have thanks to the efforts of our dedicated staff, our great kids and their great parents and caregivers!

Sue Bryson, Attendance Supervisor



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SPORTS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 22nd – Wed 24th Aug – Rippa Rugby In School Sessions for all Year groups

Wed 25th Aug – Yr 3/4 Funky Fun Days – Rooms 8, 12, 13

Thurs 26th Aug – Yr 3/4 Funky Fun Days – Rooms 9, 11, 24

FUNKY FUN DAYS

Our Year 3/4 students are being given the opportunity to attend a FUNKY FUN SPORTS DAY at the Trustpower Arena Baypark. They will travel by bus to Mt Maunganui on the following day.

Rooms 9, 11, 24 on Wednesday 24th August

Rooms 10, 12, 13 on Thursday 25th August

Notices went home last week, if you didn't get yours go to our school website www.katikati.school.nz, click on Sports/Funky Fun Days. Register online via our Kindo School Shop or at our school office.

Due to the limited places, we can only take the first 60 children who have registered and paid on each day. Be quick if your child is keen!

RIPPA RUGBY

On Monday 22nd August through to Wednesday 24th August we have BOP Rugby Union coming to our school to run some Rippa In School sessions for all Year levels. They will run a 30-40 minute skills and game session for each class. This will be an awesome opportunity for all children to have a go, particularly those who don't know what Rippa Rugby is and have never played before. There is no tackling involved in Rippa Rugby.

<u>SQUASH</u>

Congratulations to Isabella Brown (Yr 6) who entered into the BOP Primary Interschool Squash Tournament in Rotorua last Friday, 29th July. She had a great day and this was a great experience for her as a reasonably new player to squash.

Email us 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



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POTS TREASURER AND SECRETARY ROLES

POTS is looking for two superstars to join our volunteer group. We are a friendly bunch of Mum and Dads (Grandparents/Guardians welcome) who have a lot of fun together and have become good friends. Being a part of POTS is a good excuse to escape the house, meet new people and be actively involved in the school. We are currently on the hunt for a new Treasurer and Secretary. No experience is needed as you will be trained and have full support with the roles. We meet once a month (sometimes more often when organising a larger fundraising event).

If you are interested or want more information, please call or text me on 021 169 9992, or email me at potskkps@gmail.com . I look forward to hearing from you

Dannae Baker