

Tena koutou katoa,

A warm welcome to the new school year. Welcome to our new children and their whānau. It is great to see that your children have had a restful holiday, come back to school ready for a busy year and have settled in nicely.

This year the Senior School is made up of Year 5/6 composite classes and will be known as Team 3. Room 25, taught by Tamara Murray, is a part of Matakana Pod this year, but the senior students from this class will continue to participate in all Team 3 events. It is a pleasure to introduce you to our wonderful Team 3 teaching staff:



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Year 5 and 6 Expectations:

Our school wide focus on our "Top 5 Expectations" for behaviour continues in 2023. These expectations place an emphasis on our school values and what the expected behaviours would look like. We encourage you to talk to your child about the 'Top 5' so this can become a common language between school and home.

In Team 3, we encourage all students to start taking ownership and responsibility for themselves and their learning, and encourage them to work towards demonstrating and achieving the following:

- ERICA'S Values are upheld all of the time
- Are able to manage their own belongings
- Are able to manage time and self
- Are responsible when working on devices
- Able to take ownership of reading at home
- Able to set goals and work towards achieving them
- Are able to discuss their learning at home with whanau

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Uniform:

It is extremely important that all students wear the correct school uniform during school time. This includes:

- Katikati Primary School shirt and jumper
- Dark navy or black pants/skirts/shorts with no decoration
- Jojo bows and the like are not to be worn at school
- No jewellery (apart from simple stud earrings) or nail polish
- We strongly encourage that long hair is tied up
- Shorts/skirts/leggings need to be an appropriate length



Wide brimmed sun hats are required for **Term 1** and **4**. These can be purchased from the office for \$14.

Please ensure clothing is clearly named on the garment (tags often wear out or are removed).

If your child has lost an item, please check the school's Lost Property next to the Rata Room - opposite the Library. Lost property that is not named or claimed is displayed regularly for children and parents to peruse. Please see the class teacher and ask them to unlock this for you if you are looking for lost items.

House Colour T-Shirts:

We are lucky to have the continuous support from Classic Builders, sponsoring our House shirts which can be worn every Friday and also at sporting events at the school. Each student receives their first house t-shirt for free. If you want to purchase a new one, there will be an order placed in the middle of the year.



We are very lucky to have businesses like this in our community that support our school and families.

Stationery:

Thank you to all those parents who have purchased their child's stationery so quickly this year. It helps to set your child up for success. Please ensure that your child has a homepack (bookbag) at school everyday so that they can take home library books and home readers. **NO** books from school will be sent home if your child does not have one.

Stationery packs are still available to be purchased, but will now be delivered to your home address. As the year progresses, stationery is available to be purchased from the school office.

Swimming:

All classes will swim in our school pool at least two times a week during the start of Term 1.

Your class teacher will let you know swimming times. The purpose of class sessions is to equip our children with survival skills and confidence in the water. If your child is unable to swim due to health reasons, please send a note explaining this. Your child is not permitted to swim if they have open sores or head lice. It is recommended that all togs and towels be named. During the time the pool is open, our students have the opportunity to swim during supervised morning tea sessions.



ICT, Digital Technology and Online Learning Platforms:

With the implementation of digital technology into our school curriculum, we aim to build our Year 5 and 6 students' skills and safety within these areas. Each student has been given a Google Drive and Mathletics account which can be accessed from school and home, where they will complete and store their online school work. It is important that the students username and passwords remain private, and students have been told not to share this information with anyone. This year we will not be continuing to use Seesaw as an online reporting tool, so students will bring home a hard copy school report at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.



Technology is everywhere and can be a great learning tool, and it is equally as important that our students know how to use it correctly and safely. In conjunction with learning online, we teach students how to be safe online and use Netsafe NZ as a guideline in our classrooms.

Sanitary Products

The MOE and MOH have supplied our school with sanitary products/packs that are available for our girls to use. If your daughter needs support in asking for these packs, please contact her teacher or send a note into school. We have sanitary bins available in certain bathrooms across the school.

Camp:

It is very exciting that this is our Yr 5/6 Camp year, which will be taking place in Week 9 of Term 3. Throughout this term, there will be a number of notices sent home with your child, where we will be sharing more specific information relating to your child's class, fundraising and class camp dates. Please keep an eye out for the date and time for an upcoming Parents Info Evening - a great opportunity to find more out about camp and ask questions.

It is important that you read through the information provided and make sure that all permission slips are returned as required.

Communication:

Please read the school fortnightly newsletter carefully when it comes home for more information about the above events and anything else that may be happening. The schools website <http://www.katikati.school.nz/> is also a good place to look for all school newsletters (class, camps, trips, etc) from the school.

You can also check out our facebook page at [facebook.com/katikatiprimaryschool](https://www.facebook.com/katikatiprimaryschool).

As a school, we are very aware of the amount of paper we use when printing forms, newsletters etc, to send home. We are continuing to look at ways we can reduce our consumption of paper. Therefore we will be sending some newsletters, information and forms home via email in digital form. We recommend that you check in with your child's teacher or office that they have your correct email address on file (if you have never received an email from the school before).

We understand that not everyone has an email address or access to the internet, if you could let your child's teacher know that this applies to you then we will accommodate that.

Dates to Remember:

With a busy start to the school year, there are many class and school events happening. As the events get closer, times will be confirmed and information will go out to all parents, via notices, the school website and Facebook but please take note of the following dates:

- **Term 1 starts:** Tuesday 7 Feb
- **Parent Picnic/Wellness Event:** Thursday 23 Feb (Weather Permitting)
- **Tabloid Sports Day:** Friday 24 Feb
- **TOP Schools Event:** Thursday 2 Mar
- **Swimming Sports:** Tuesday 7 Mar
- **Parent Camp Meeting:** Thursday 9 Mar
- **Northern Cluster Swimming Sports:** Tuesday 21 Mar
- **WBEET Aspiring Future Athletes:** Wed 29 - Thurs 30 Mar
- **WBOP Swimming:** Wednesday 5 Apr
- **End of Term 1:** Thursday 6 Apr

We look forward to a settled year with the Year 5 and 6 team. If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher. Our Team Leader and DP can also be contacted if you have ongoing concerns.

Kind regards,
Team 3 Teachers