



**Welcome back to Term 2. We hope that you all had a wonderful relaxing break and shared some special times with your children. This newsletter is to let you know about our Term, upcoming events and a few reminders.**

*While we are now operating at Orange Level we still ask parents to please wear masks when on the school grounds. This is for everyone's protection. Thank you for waiting for your children at the front of school.*

We welcome Mrs Hayley Purcell who is working in Room 14.  
The other Team 1 teachers are Mrs Jennie McKeown Rm 1, Miss Melanie Paterson Rm 2, Mrs Barbara Woodham (Team Leader) Rm 4, Miss Sam Brown Rm 3, Mrs Liz Woods Rm 7 and Whaea Karen Rm 23.

### **Our class and School expectations are that . . .**

- \*We stay in safe areas.*
- \*We speak nicely to others.*
- \*We have the right to learn.*
- \*We do as we are told straight away.*
- \*We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.*
- \*We look after equipment and property.*

### **Learning focuses for this term...**



**P.E. and Fitness** – The junior classes are jogging around the backfield in preparation for the school cross country in Week 4 (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May). We will require a few helpers to walk with us down to Moore Park, however more on this closer to the

time. Please help your children to make sensible footwear choices for training at school.

**Science** – The strand we will be looking at this term is Material World, and we will be looking at the Changes of State (solid, liquid, gas).

**Matariki** – During the month of June we will be exploring Matariki (the Maori New Year) and looking at different aspects of this celebration and the legends surrounding it.

**Literacy and Numeracy** continue to be the major learning focus in Year 0/1 from Monday to Thursday.

**Sign Language** - Week 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Photolife:** These will be taken on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Forms will come home closer to the date.

**Fire and Road Safety** – During this term Team 1 will be talking with their classes about keeping safe when on the footpath and crossing the road. We hope to take our children for a walk close to school to show first hand sneaky driveways and safe road crossing procedures. Again we will need to call on parents to assist us with this. With winter approaching this is also a very opportune time for our children to learn about Fire Safety, what to do in a fire and how to Stop, Drop and Roll if their clothing catches on fire.



**Library Time:** **Room 7** will continue to visit the **school library on Tuesdays**. Please remind your child to bring their Library book, so that they can issue a new one. Library books cannot be sent home without a home pack.

There is a continuing focus on Self-Management and Independence skills this term and to help with this we ask that **all children arrive at school every day on time**. School begins at 8.45am but children **need** to be at school **before** then. When they arrive at school, children are encouraged to enter the classroom **by themselves** and prepare themselves for their learning day.

**At home, you can encourage them to:**

- \*Fill their water bottle*
- \*Pack their own bag – including their lunch and homepack.*

**It is important for your child's self-management that they are able to do these things independently.**



**Homework:** All children will have reading of some form each night. This may be a home reader, Library book, poem, or a browsing box book. (This is a book that they have had before or one that is at an independent level for enjoyment and to increase fluency). When your child brings home a book to read you could discuss the illustrations and ask questions about the story.

Children also need to be read to as often as possible. **All homework will go home in the child's homepack.** Please return this the *next day*. Please write the date and title of the book read for homework in the Reading Diary. **Research shows that children who practise their reading skills progress more rapidly.**



**Morning tea / Lunch:** Our morning tea and lunchtimes will be at 11.00 – 11.40am and 1.00 – 1.40pm. We encourage all children to have a healthy lunch. Many children struggle to open food packets and we ask for your help by partially opening these and cutting or peeling oranges. This way children can easily get their food without needing help. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to school to have for classroom use.



ERIC and ERICA represent the values of Katikati Primary School (Excellence, Respect, Integrity, Citizenship and Attitude). This term we will be focusing on the value of Integrity. We will be sharing with the children that Integrity means being honest, truthful and doing the right thing... even when no one is watching you!

### Finally just a few reminders . . .

**\*Sleep:** Often as teachers / educators we see children who are tired at school. Like you, we want to give them the very best start to their education in those first years at school. Children need their sleep as much as their breakfast as a foundation for a good day at school. Brain power is needed, which takes a lot of energy, which comes from a long night's sleep. One of the ways you can assist us is to ensure that your child has enough sleep, so that they are ready for learning the next day.

**\*Sunhats are not required this term.**

**\*Lost Property:** This is now held in the room on the end of the middle block which is opposite the Library. Please ensure that ***your child's clothing is named***, as this makes it easier to return any lost items.

Please keep an eye out for the yellow school newsletter to keep up to date with what is happening. These can also be accessed anytime from the school website: [www.katikati.school.nz](http://www.katikati.school.nz)

We look forward to another exciting term of teaching and working with your child.

Please discuss any concerns or worries with your classroom teacher. It is much better to sort these things out at the time.

Thank you for your support.

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