



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We hope that you have all enjoyed some wonderful holiday fun with your children. A special welcome to the new families at our school.

Term 4 is going to be a busy one filled with more great learning opportunities. Below is an outline of some of the events happening this term, as well as other relevant information.

### AG DAY Creations (next week):

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October is when our in-class activities will be happening. During the morning all classes will be involved in creating things linked to agriculture/horticulture. Listed below are some activities that your child can choose to make in Room 4.



1. Sand Saucer - Children will need to bring a named saucer or similar container from home and flowers/foilage. Saucers are filled with flower heads and leaves to make a decorative pattern.

2. Buttonhole or Spray - a single flower or a small bunch of flowers and greenery are needed, with tinfoil placed around the stem.

3. Miniature Garden- an oblong or square flat container with sides, eg old baking tin or heavy cardboard box lid, is needed to make a mini garden or scene with stones, moss, toy cars, plastic animals etc.

4. A recycled creature (we will have things in class your child can use).

5. A vegetable creation.



Flowers, foliage, vegetables, and containers for their chosen activities need to be sent to school on Friday morning.

We would appreciate any extra flowers, if you have some, to share with those who have limited choice.



**Sunhats:** This Term ALL children need a named sunhat to wear when outdoors. Wide brimmed hats are the best and can be purchased from the school office. Children without sunhats will spend break times in designated shade areas. We appreciate your help with keeping our Katikati Kids safe in the sun.

While Numeracy and Literacy still remain our major focus, we have many interesting activities planned for your child this term.

**Athletics** - We will begin practicing for athletics in week 5 and will hold the Team 1 Athletics on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 9:15am.

**Swimming** - while this is weather dependent, we are hoping to begin around week 7 or 8.



**Library** - Our School Library day is still on Tuesday at 11:45 - 12:15. This year the Library will close at the end of week 7 for stock taking.



Some of the topics Room 4 will be looking at this term include farm animals, being sun-smart, mini beasts, music and using our imagination to create and write.



**Other dates to note are as follows:**

**Week 2 - Earthquake safety.** On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October we will take part in the National Shakeout Day. We will be talking about what an earthquake is and how to keep safe.

**Diwali** - during this week classes will be looking at this Indian celebration.

**Disco** - Team 1 will be having their disco on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 4pm.

Permission slips and money need to be returned to school by the 27<sup>th</sup>. I am happy for children to stay in Room 4 after the bell and I will walk them over to the hall at 3pm.

**Week 8 - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December will be our final assembly for the year.**

**Week 9 - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> End of year picnic at Tuapiro Beach - more information to follow.**

**- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term. School finishes at 12 midday.**

Please remember to check the school website [www.katikati.school.nz](http://www.katikati.school.nz) for upcoming school events such as mufti days.

**Finally, just a few reminders:**

**School starts at 8:45am** but children need to be at school **BEFORE** then to allow them to organize themselves ready for the BEST start to their learning. School finishes at 2:50pm



**Please ensure your child brings their homepack to school EVERY day.** Without a homepack we are unable to send reading or library books home. Thank you for reading with your child, as this is still one of the best ways to support their learning.

**Healthy Eating Choices & Sleep:** Children have very active days at school and use their brain power for thinking and talking. Thank you for your support in providing healthy food and **water** at school and ensuring they have plenty of sleep. Can you please snip the corners of packet food to make these easier for your child to open.



**Clothing:** Can you please name your child's hat, shoes and clothing so that it is easier for things to be returned to them if they leave them in the playground. Every year the school sends a large number of unclaimed clothes and shoes to the local Op Shop and this could be avoided if these items were named. Thank you for your help with this.

We look forward to a wonderful time of teaching and learning with your child. If you have any concerns or worries please discuss these with me so they can be quickly sorted out. The Team 1 Leader is Barbara Woodham and the junior D.P. is Anne Morriss.

**Thank you for your support.**

Barbara Woodham

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