



## Team 2 Newsletter

### Term 1

21st February 2022

Kia Ora Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to another wonderful year of learning at Katikati Primary School.

This year, Team 2 comprises all Year 3/4 composite classrooms, that is, both Year 3 and 4 are in the same class. The decision to do this is to keep class numbers at a similar level across the team. This year we welcome two new teachers into our team, Billie Dobbs, Tracy Pridham and welcome back to Wendy Pierce. I will be teaching in Room 24, Whaea Wendy in Room 13, Whaea Tracy in Room 12, Whaea Cathy in Room 11, Mrs Dobbs in Room 10 and Whaea Lisa in Room 9. I have also taken on the role of Team Leader as Whaea Jayne has moved on to teach at Waihi Beach Primary, we wish her all the very best.

We always enjoy meeting parents however due to covid restrictions this has become much more restrictive. However, if you do want to discuss your child's learning or any specific issues please remember that to give you our undivided attention it is best if you can make an appointment for a time that suits both your child's teacher and yourself, by either email or by phoning the school office. Otherwise you can contact your child's teacher by email to discuss any concerns. You may also like to talk to me as the Team Leader or make an appointment with Mrs Anne Morriss, our Junior School Deputy Principal or Mrs Amanda Willett, our Senior School Deputy Principal through the school office. Staff meetings are held on Mondays and Wednesdays, however most other afternoons we can be available. The Katikati Primary School POTS group facebook page and the Katikati Primary School facebook page are both worth visiting for additional information.

**School Uniform:** All children are to wear our school uniform at all times.

The compulsory items of uniform are:

- Polo shirt with Katikati Primary School logo on the left hand side. Colours are bottle green or gold
- Sweatshirt and or polar fleece – bottle green with Katikati Primary School on left hand side
- Bottom garment must be plain black or navy blue – not denim
- Wide brimmed **sunhats** or caps in the 1st and 4th term
- House colour sports t-shirts are able to be worn on Fridays
- Jewellery – Acceptable sleeper studs and/or a watch and/or a taonga. Beanies and hoodies are not acceptable clothing
- Shoes – style and colour are your choice.

**Clothing must be clearly named on the garment** (tags often wear out or are removed). This is particularly important during the swimming season.

**House Colour T-Shirts:** This year the school were fortunate enough to have had the generous support of Classic Builders in Katikati who have spent \$12,000 to allow all our children to have free Mulgan, Gledstones, Macmillan or Stewart House colour t-shirts. These will be delivered to your child's classroom and be named by the teacher. These shirts can be worn every Friday and also at sporting events at the school. We are very lucky to have businesses like this in our community that support our school and families.

**Lost Property** is stored in a small room near the staffroom. Please see the class teacher and ask them to unlock this for you if you are looking for lost items.

**Headlice/Nits:** Unfortunately headlice is a continual problem in our school, particularly during these warmer months, therefore long hair must be tied up. Please check your child's hair regularly. It is school policy that children with live headlice will be sent home from school and must be treated before they may return.

**Learning:** This year our concept for learning is ERICA before and after. We will be looking at what connections do we have to the past, how have they shaped us and how we can look to the future? We will be continuing to focus on Oral Language and Writing, so lots of talking about things and also learning to be a listener.

### **Home Learning:**

**Reading:** It is essential that ALL children have a named home pack. Reading books will go home each night and the Reading Log must be signed. Please enjoy these reading sessions with your child. It makes a huge difference to their reading confidence and ability if reading time at home is enjoyed every night together. Please encourage your child to take responsibility over returning their readers and library books.

**Spelling:** a spelling list will be sent home. As your child is able to spell these words, a new list will be sent home. Please support your child by testing them regularly to get it right. Look at the word, say the word, write the word and check it.

### **Online:**

As a school, we are very aware of the amount of paper we print to send home - forms, newsletters etc. We are wanting to reduce our consumption of paper this year. Therefore we will be sending some newsletters, information and forms home via email. We recommend that you check in with the 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. Our facebook page is also a good place to keep track of what is coming home. We thank you for your help in our mission to reduce paper and help the environment.



### **Seesaw and Real Time Reporting:**

We are excited to continue using Seesaw this year, an online platform for real time reporting.

We hope you enjoyed looking at what the students had been up to last year and were better able to understand what your child was learning and achieving at school.

Our goal for this type of reporting tool is for our students to have agency in their learning, therefore being able to talk to you at home about their learning, goals and how they are progressing and achieving. We will be continuing this process this year, throughout the term you will see uploads of work, with comments by the teacher and students. Please encourage your child to talk to you about their learning at home.

**Stationery:** Thank-you to those parents who have already supplied their child with their stationery requirements. Please endeavour to equip your child with their stationery ASAP if you have not already done so. It really is important that they have the correct tools for learning as quickly as possible, as all

classes are straight into learning! Most classes will pool pens and pencils to ensure all children are ready for learning quickly. Due to this, pencil cases are not particularly necessary, however please talk to your class teacher about the need for pencil cases if your child desires one.

**Swimming:** During these hot summer months the pool will be open for classes. It is important that children remember their togs to be able to swim with their class on swimming days. This gives them a chance to cool off, and to build on their swimming skills and confidence.

**Citizenship/Kotahitanga:** This term we are focusing on what it means to be a 'good citizen'. What might this look, sound and feel like in my classroom and in the playground?

**Life Education:** We are lucky enough to have this programme in Week 4 (starting 28th February) this term. We will be looking at topics around building resilience, health and wellbeing.

**Water Safety Week:** This is in Week 5 (starting 7th March) and we are able to have some expert instructors come into the school and support our classes for some lessons in the pool. Please remind your children to bring their togs.

Ngā mihi,

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