

Term 1 Newsletter - Team 3 - Year 5 and 6

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. Term One is a ten week term ending on Thursday 14th April.

This year the Senior School is made up of Year 5/6 composite classes and will be known as Team 3. The Deputy Principal of this Team is Amanda Willett. It is a pleasure to introduce you to our wonderful Team 3 teaching staff:



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Year 5 and 6 Expectations:

- 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
- Are able to discuss their learning at home with whanau
- Able to take ownership of reading at home
- Able to set goals and work towards achieving them

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. You are still able to order the stationery online, however you will need to pay for the postage to your home.

Uniform:

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

- The 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 in the Rata Room - outside the library next to Room 14. Lost property that is not named or claimed is displayed regularly for children and parents to peruse.

House Colour T-Shirts:

This year the school was fortunate enough to have had the generous support of Classic Builders in Katikati who have spent \$12,000 to allow our children to have Gledstanes, Macmillan, Mulgan 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:

Any 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.

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.

Online:

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. 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.

Swimming:

All classes will swim in our school pool at least three times a week. 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 good practice for all long hair to be tied up.



During the time our school pool is open, our students have the opportunity to swim during supervised morning tea sessions. These sessions are on a scheduled timetable to ensure the safety of our students during Red Level. Togs and towels must be named.

Home Learning Expectations in Team 3:

At KKPS we are always looking for ways to encourage our children to be active learners and to develop a sense of responsibility for their own learning.

This year home learning will consist of a compulsory reading log. Students are expected to complete their own reading log and return it daily, which will be monitored by their teacher.

We would really appreciate it if you supported your child so we are working together with shared expectations.

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.



Treasuring Our Place:

For the past 4 years, the Year 5 and 6 cohort has taken part in the Treasuring Our Place Programme, run and developed with Western Bay of Plenty Museum, in consultation with the school. This year we will be focusing on Pests, Predators and the water quality and testing of our local Uretara stream.

The programme allows our students the opportunity to learn about the important environmental aspects of Katikati and their local community. The Year 5 and 6 cohort will take part in the programme during different terms, as outlined below. There is one trip to the local museum and stream that we will partake in. We will need several parents who are fully vaccinated and willing to provide their certificates to come along with us and share in the experience. We will let you know when that will be closer to the time of your child's trip date.

Term 1 - Rm 21 and 22

Term 2 - Rm 26 and 27

Term 3 - Rm 18 and 25

ICT, Digital Technology and Online Learning Platforms:

Our world is becoming more ICT focused, and along with the implementation of digital technology into our school curriculum, we aim to build our Year 5 and 6 students' skills within these areas. Each student has been given a google drive username and password.

This information should remain private, and students have been told not to share these with friends.

In our classes, we are using the online platform, Mathletics, to support our students learning with their maths work. Students are able to access these accounts at home on a private device, and we encourage you to help your child with any learning at home on the device.

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.



We look forward to a wonderful 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. The Team Leader and DP can also be contacted if you have ongoing concerns.

Kind regards,
Team 3 Teachers