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NEWSLETTER - 9 February 2017

Principals Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Greetings Parents, Whanau and Community Members.

Middle and Bilingual Team Whanau Hui

It was wonderful to have such a great turnout for both the middle school and bilingual hui held last night. It was an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification about aspects of the learning programmes this year. If you missed the meeting, or still have a few questions, please do come in and discuss these with us at your earliest convenience.

Carpark

Whoop whoop! The new carpark starts on Monday with the area next door (the empty section with the shipping container) being worked on first. Please do not park there on Monday. The upgrade which will include a new drop off area in the existing carpark, and a new road crossing in front of the school will be significantly safer than our current facilities. It will likely take about 3 weeks so parking and collecting your children will be a bit more difficult and require more patience during this time. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience, but it will be great to have this done. Special thanks to the local council who are paying for this parking upgrade without your children's education money needing to be spent on it.

Gala

One week to go! Next Friday (17 February) we have the biannual Gala that promises to be loads of fun for all. Our galas have a bit of a country feel with toss the gumboot, horse rides, magic carpet rides, needle in the haystack and Daisy Dung Drop (actually it is Barry the lamb this year) to name a few of the activities. There will be police car rides, motor bike rides, bouncy castles and loads of food and entertainment for the whole family so please do invite your extended whanau. As with other years, we will be using our own Kawaha Dollars, purchasable on the day. We obviously need a huge amount of support to make this work so please, PLEASE do offer to help for one of the two timeslots. Without your support, we can't make the event happen. The last two Galas have raised about \$10,000 that was spent directly on things for your children. This time we are earmarking the money for an exciting new water, sand and rock play area between Space 3 and Space 7. Exciting stuff!

Police Vetting

If you haven't yet got yourself Police Checked yet, please do get the form in asap. I am the only person that sees the results and will make a call on your ability to help out at sports events, camps and trips. This information is private and we are not trying to stop people being involved in their children's education. Many people have a few

offences from early in their life and we try not to let those impact on your ability to participate. If you have offences that are more than 5 years old and not related to selling drugs, violence or abuse, there is a good chance that we will still be happy for you to attend. If you have any questions or concerns over any aspect of the vetting process, please come and see me as soon as possible.

Graffiti

Unfortunately we had the first opportunity to use our new cameras around the school last Friday night. I received 3 phone calls from concerned locals (a huge thank you to each of these people for looking after our school) before 10am on Saturday and we had it cleaned up by 10.30am. The three teenagers came through the school grounds from the field end and passed by the caretakers shed (they were going to tag that too but were scared off by the security light) at 9.42pm on Friday evening. If you had a teenager or two wandering around on Friday night and want to check it wasn't them defacing our school, call in and see me and I'll show you the footage. I will share this with a few local high schools and hopefully these young men will learn more productive ways of being noticed by others. As always team, if you do see anything happening in our school that you know shouldn't be happening, please let us know. We like to spend all our money we get from the Ministry of Education on improving things for your children rather than repairing damaged, buying new things for those that have been stolen or repainting over graffiti etc. For those parents that did contact me- THANK YOU!

Sudima Breakfast Club

Reminder: The Sudima is sponsoring our Breakfast Club meaning that we can provide milo and toast to any hungry student from 8.15-8.45 each day.

Reminders:

1. Health & Permission forms- please get these back to us asap
2. Uniform- please ensure your child has the correct school uniform each day.
3. BOT Meeting Thursday 23 February evening from 6.30 pm in the staffroom.

Have a great week!

Regards

Andrew Sinclair.

TERM EVENTS

10 Feb	Assembly 2.25pm
17 Feb	Singing Assembly 12.10pm
17 Feb	Gala day 5 - 7.30pm
20 Feb - 10 March	Life Education
22 Feb	Preschool sessions start
23 Feb	Parent Teacher Interviews
24 Feb	Assembly 2.25pm
28 Feb - 3 March	Space 9 & 16 Camp Okataina
7 -10 March	Space 15 & 17 Camp Okataina

SCHOOL FEES

Our yearly school fees are a \$40 Activity/ Resource fee and a \$30 school donation. The Activity/ Resource Fee is the only compulsory fee that our school charges. This equates to **less than \$1 per week** that the child is at school.

Our bank account number is 03 0415 0446573 00

Please see Janine in the office if you have a query regarding your account.

Thank you in advance for your payment.

SPORT CLIMBING

Come along to our open day on Saturday the 18th of February at "The Wall and Basement Cinema, Hinemoa Street" and meet some of our climbers and give the sport a try. This will be running from 10.30am to 1.00pm and it is at the discounted rate of only \$1.00 per climb.

Please email rotoruaclimbingclub@gmail.com if you have any questions.



HELPERS FOR THE GALA PLEASE, ALL WE ASK IS AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME.

****PLEASE BRING ANY NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO THE OFFICE TOO FOR OUR GALA RAFFLES.**

SUMMER READING DIARY

Last chance tomorrow to bring in your completed Reading diary to go in the draw for one of 5 \$50 Warehouse Voucher

**Scholastic Book Club**

Book orders are due back by **17 February**. Please bring your order into the office. **Reminder** - If you had a \$2.00 gift token from last year these can be used for this issue ONLY.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Playcentre



Koutu Playcentre
is welcoming visitors and new enrolments

Koutu Playcentre is an early childhood Centre for children ages 0-6.

We are run by Parents, Whānau and Caregivers,

Children and Caregivers can enjoy a large range of play activities, make friends and enjoy a supportive and social environment.

Koutu Playcentre meets all of the Ministry of Education Criteria, has a high adult to child ratio and a lot of parent input.

35 Taharangi St, Koutu, Phone: (07) 3461702.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/koutuplaycentre/



Playcentre

Whānau tupu ngāhahi - families growing together

**Calling all Super Dogs!**

Take your dog on a sponsored walk and support guide dogs.

Place: Scion Research - Village Green
49 Sala Street
Whakarewarewa
(Please follow signs)

Date: Saturday 11th February 2017

Time: 1.00pm registration
2PM Parade Starts

Contact Person: John Williams

Phone: 07 347 0967

Dogs in
fancy
dress
(optional)

Prizes
Galore!

\$10 Entry
Donation
(Per family)

Register today!



Kawaha Point School Gala 2017



Friday 17th February 5 - 7.30pm

- Magic Carpet rides
- Bouncy Castles
- Rides
- Food Stalls
- Quick Fire Raffles
- Sweets and Cakes



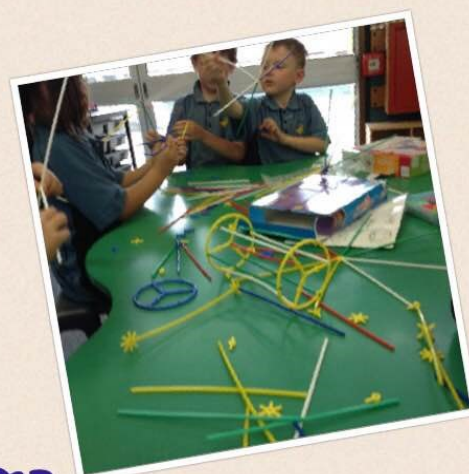
- Face Painting
- Needle in the Haystack
- Daisy Dung Drop
- Activities and games galore

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Champion Kiwis



Excitement



Collaboration



Teamwork

Challenges



Support

