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NEWSLETTER - 1 December 2016

Principals Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Greetings Parents, Whanau and Community Members.

Contact details

The recent earthquakes around the country and mini lakefront eruption, have highlighted the need for accurate contact details in case of emergency. Please check that we have your latest cell phone, email and contact details.

Attendance

On Monday we are taking the Year 5-6 students who have missed less than 5 days of school this year to the mini golf down Fairy Springs Rd and the Year 1-4 students who have missed less than 5 days (and been here a full year) will enjoy a bouncy castle here at school and an ice block to finish the day. Illnesses are part of being a child and we certainly do not want students coming to school when they are sick. However, how many days are you allocated for sick days at your work? 5 days? 10 days? 15 days? I would be surprised if it was more than that. It would be fair to say that we don't get too troubled by students who miss 5-15 days of school (although that is 3 weeks of learning time). However, when you read your child's report in the next few weeks (if your child is Year 4-6) please check the attendance at the bottom of the second to last page. If that number is above 15 days, that is a concern. If they have been hospitalised with a serious illness or went overseas for a period, then those are one off events that shouldn't re-occur next year. However, if it is just an accumulation of sick days, days to visit uncle/nana or other reasons, then please rethink. The research states that children who miss a day per week or fortnight actually miss the day after they arrive back as well as they try to 'catch up' with what others are doing. Its simple, attendance = achievement. If you would like your children to be doing better at school, send them along more regularly- end of story! Sadly, some of you will find your child missed 20, 30 or even more days of school which seriously impacts on their achievement and ability to build good relationships with others.

We also have a number of students attending the 100% attendance celebrations being held at Kaitao Intermediate next week. Congratulations to: Dakota Collier, Nicholas Howard, Aquaysia Larson Taoho, Peyton Drake, Savannah Morrison, Shiloh Morrison, Merenia Tapsell, Jessica Nichols, Ashleigh Nichols, Mitchell Witehira, Quintin Body, Arran Farnden, Allahzae Goodfellow-Marino, Wyatt Todd, Pouakai Jackson-Williams, Kirimaia Hewetson. I must admit I haven't managed 100% attendance for a few years- a great effort.

Bilingual Hui

Thank you to those parents of the Bilingual unit who made it to our hui held on Monday evening to introduce the team for 2017. It was great to have a korero. If you couldn't make it, please do pop in to meet Whaea Caroline, Matua Terence or Whaea Liz at some stage. If you have any questions or queries about what's happening in the bilingual in 2017, please do ask.

Gala Friday 17 February 2017

We held the first meeting for anyone interested in joining in one of the committees to help organize the Gala on Tuesday evening but it is not too late if you would like to be part of the team. We will need plenty of supporters and helpers to make the event run smoothly and already 'Daisy' is being trained ready for Daisy Dung Drop and people are out and about seeking sponsorship. If you can help with any aspect of the sponsorship gathering or organisation, please let us know.

PE uniform

Over the years we have had a great deal of difficulty keeping track of our sports uniforms etc and have had several complaints about school uniforms being damaged during sports at school. This has prompted the Board of Trustees to initiate the design process of a PE uniform that could double as a sports uniform (except for basketball and netball that we will still supply uniforms for). If you have suggestions for what this PE uniform should look like, please contact myself or Mrs King at your earliest convenience. We will hold a few design meetings early in term 1 2017

Reminders:

1. PLEASE send your child to school every day they are well enough to be here and ON TIME!
2. A few dates to put in your diary include:
3. Wednesday 14 December- reports go home for Year 4-6 students.
4. Thursday 15 December - Final Assembly 11am (all welcome) - Graduation for Year 6 students
5. Friday 16 December - Picnic day
6. Monday 19 December- Mrs McHale's retirement assembly 2.00pm
7. Tuesday 20 December- Last day of school with school finishing at the earlier time of 1pm.
8. Office reopens for new enrolments from 23 January
9. Tuesday 31 January 2017- First day of school for all students!

Have a great week! Andrew Sinclair.

TERM EVENTS

2 Dec	Rata Team Assembly 2.25pm
5 Dec	School Attendance Reward from 1.00pm
6 Dec	100% Attendance Ceremony 10.30am
8 Dec	Monitors Reward Day
13 Dec	Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10.15am
13 Dec	Monitors Certificate Assembly 11.00am
15 Dec	End of Year Prizegiving 11.00am
15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
16 Dec	Picnic Day
19 Dec	Retiree Assembly 2.00pm

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

ISSUE 8 CLOSSES Monday 5 December

Last chance to order before Christmas!!!!

Payment by credit card, cheque, cash and eftpos accepted.

Please make cheques payable to Scholastic books

Thank you for your orders.



NOTICE BOARD

FOTS RAFFLE

FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE
\$1.00 PER TICKET.
BEING DRAWN ON
**8 DECEMBER. LOVELY
XMAS
HAMPER
PRIZES.**



Congratulations

Nataley Vaipo, Tasman
Bryson and Teare Tunui
for qualifying for the BOP
Athletics Champs.



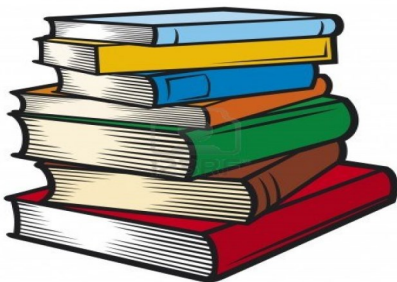
The Great KidsCan Santa Run/Walk

**Wednesday 7th December
Soundshell and Village Green**

The Great KidsCan Santa Run/walk is all set to go in 20 centres throughout New Zealand. A major fundraiser for KidsCan, the Santa Run concept is simple - a 2-3km fun run/walk in a Santa suit! Each adult receives a free Santa suit as part of their entry fee. Kids under 13 will get a Santa Hat instead of a Santa suit. Online entries close on 6th December 2016 at midnight. After that it is entry at the venue on the night.



Please have a look at
home for any Library
books and readers and
return them to school.



Uniforms For Sale

Do you have any Kawaha
Uniforms that your child
has grown out of? We are
happy to sell it for you on
your behalf. Please bring
clean items into the office
and see Janine.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

THE ROTORUA *Christmas Care Package*

*The Rotorua Police and Rotorua Youth Centre
invite you to share the Christmas spirit by
donating non-perishable food items and new
toys & books for kids ages 4-12 and local
families in need*



Donations can be dropped off at either the Rotorua Police Station
or the Rotorua Youth Centre 9-5pm from
Wednesday 16 November until Friday 16 December.
Boxes will be packed and delivered by teams from the Rotorua Police and Rotorua Youth Centre
For more details contact us at 6 Te Ngae Rd, 07 343 1012 or
events@rotoruyouthcentre.org



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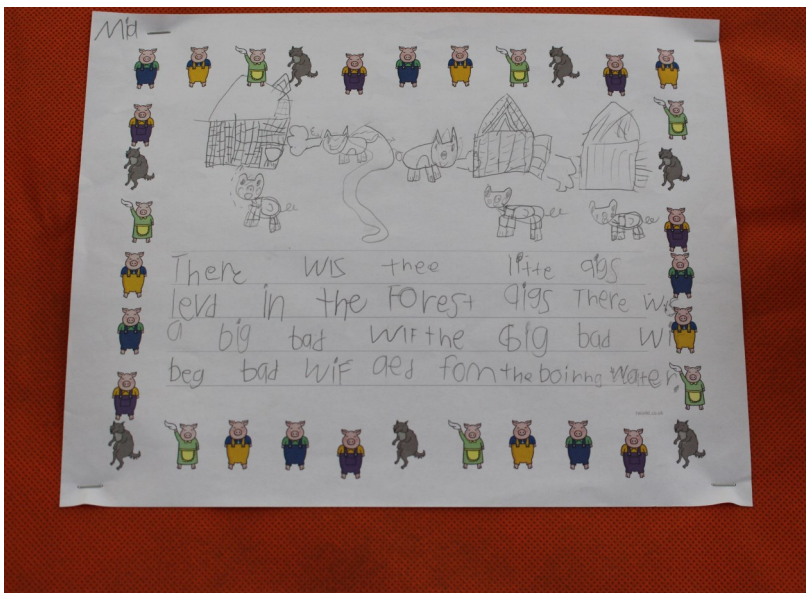
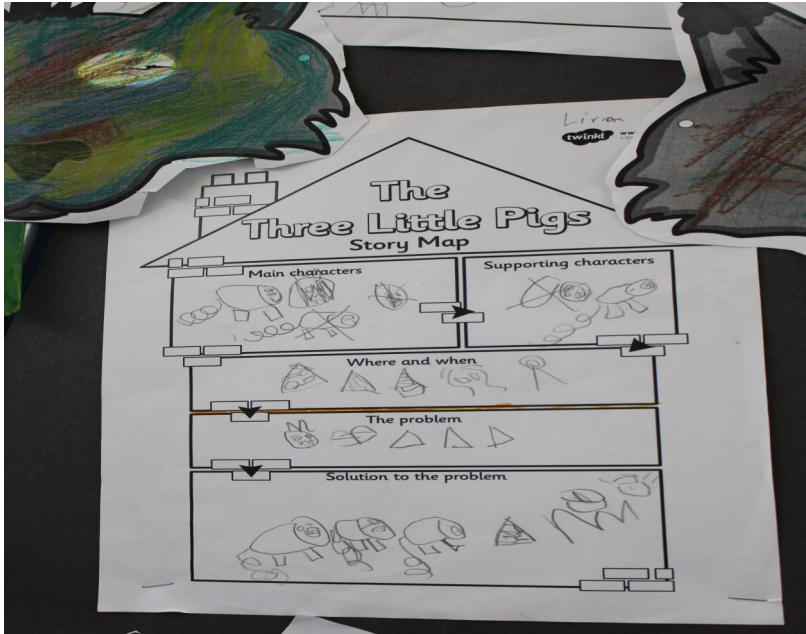
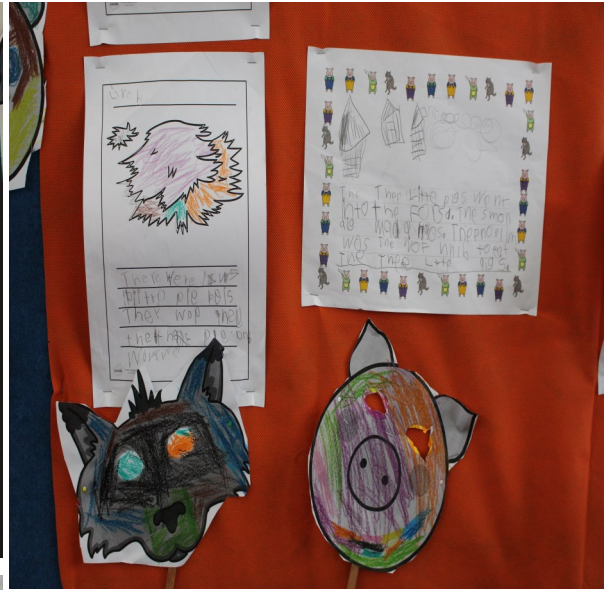
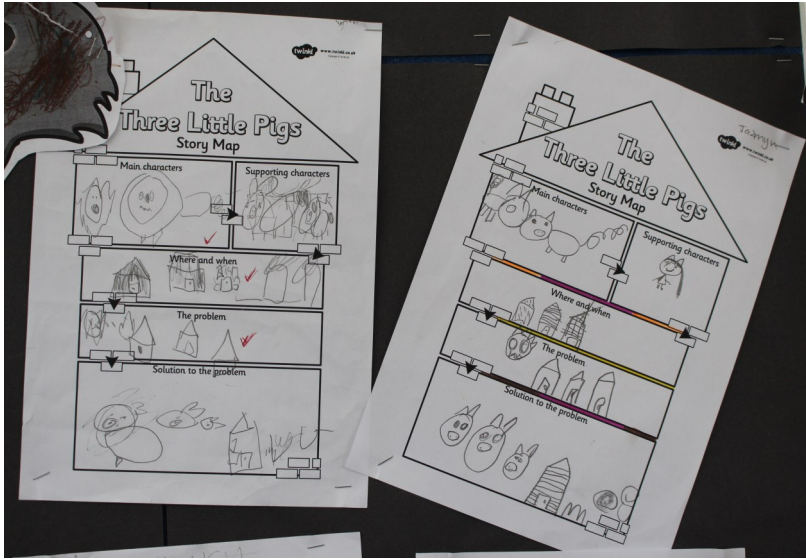
GARAGE SALE - This Saturday

3 DECEMBER 8.00am

At the old Lockwood Show Village on
the corner of Bidois and Fairy
Springs Road.

Come along and get a bargain or two!

We are learning how to write a story



Community News



A visit to Santa's Wonderland at the Redwoods Visitor Centre & i-SITE will be the perfect beginning to the festive season!

Santa has set up shop at the Redwoods Visitor Centre & i-SITE this Christmas and will have children 'captivated' leading into the festive season. In there you will find Santa's sleigh, where children will have the opportunity to climb aboard, hold the reindeer halters and maybe even meet Santa himself. A 'write a letter to Santa' mailbox will also be on site, with the potential for one lucky child to have their letter drawn and win a Santa surprise gift. Entrance to Santa's Wonderland is FREE.

Opening Times:

Daily from Saturday, 19th November – Saturday, 24th December
10am – 4pm

Santa will be there on weekends from 10am – 3pm and every day
from Saturday, 17th December – Saturday, 24th December from
10am – 3pm.

For further information please visit our Facebook page [facebook.com/redwoodssantaswonderland](https://www.facebook.com/redwoodssantaswonderland).



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 ngāfahi - families growing together

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School
made easy

I use OfficeMax
for all our back to
school supplies.

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MySCHOOL

- **Shop Your Way** - online, in-store, by phone or simply download a copy of the class list requirements for your child
- **Price Match Promise** - find a lower price and we'll match it[^]
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$57.50[^]. Plus choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you in the holidays
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