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NEWSLETTER - 16 February 2017

Principals Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Greetings Parents, Whanau and Community Members.

Parent Interviews

We were planning on having the first set of parent interviews next Thursday but have decided to postpone these until a little later in the term due to the Gala now being next week and also the high attendance at the recent team meetings. As always, if there is any aspect of your child's education you would like to discuss, please pop in or make an appointment and come and see the class teacher. Education is a collaborative activity and we need to work as a team to ensure your child gets the very best education possible for them.

We are still sorting dates but Parent Interviews are likely to be Thursday 16 March with a range of times to suit you all.

Collaborative Learning Spaces (also called Innovative Learning Environments - ILE)

As mentioned previously, the Ministry of Education have mandated that by 2021 all schools be ILE and we have been working towards this philosophy for several years. There are many advantages (greater ability to meet individual needs through better grouping, increased likelihood of a quality learning relationship between teacher and student, ability to utilize teacher's differing strengths- to name a few) to students and teachers learning in collaborative spaces. On **Wednesday 15 March** we will hold an evening to share the 'why' behind our move to having collaborative spaces. This will be an opportunity for you ask any questions you might have and to hear about the changes etc.

Carpark

As mentioned last week, the car park is being developed as we speak and it will create some inconvenience while this is being done. However, that is no excuse for some of the ridiculous parking we have witnessed over the last few days. Yes, it is a pain having to park further away, but if you hit a child or cause a road accident, I suspect you will have trouble forgiving yourself. The Police will also be less than forgiving. I know several people who have already received a ticket in person or in the mail. PLEASE, please team, let's consider the safety of ALL children not just your own. Thanks for your help with this.

Gala

It was a little (read as very) sad to have to postpone the Gala

until next week but as you can tell, the weather is not good enough to hold the event successfully this week. Next Friday we are into it! Check out our Facebook Gala page for updates and details

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 stuff 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

Please get these in. If you haven't been Police vetted, we can't let you attend trips, camps, coach teams etc. We need these in asap. As mentioned last week, 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.

Stolen iPads

The iPads that were stolen last year are slowly making their way back as they get sold illegally and then 'dumped' when people realize they are absolutely of no use to them. Please spread the word that stealing our devices (apart from being morally indefensible to steal from kids) is pointless. We also have particularly good cameras now that work through infrared in the dark or light. In other words, let people know that we are not the 'easy target' we perhaps were a few years ago.

Reminders:

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

Have a great week! Andrew Sinclair

TERM EVENTS

17 Feb	Singing Assembly 12.10pm
20 Feb - 10 March	Life Education
22 Feb	Preschool sessions start
23 Feb	BOT Meeting
24 Feb	Assembly 2.25pm
24 Feb	School Gala 5 - 7.30pm
28 Feb - 3 March	Space 9 & 16 Camp Okataina
7 -10 March	Space 15 & 17 Camp Okataina
21 Mar	Reading Reward - Aquatic Centre
22 Mar	Sendai Girls visit

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.

NOTICE BOARD



For tamariki aged 0–5 years Monday to Friday 7.30am – 5.30pm
Strong focus on Te Reo & Tikanga Maori and on supporting the tamariki and their whanau.

20 free ECE hours All meals provided

Free pick up and drop off service *conditions apply

We will help you with a payment plan that works for your whanau

5 Isobel Street Selwyn Heights, Rotorua

Phone: (07) 346 0610

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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**.



Kahukura Junior Rugby Registration Day

Kahukura JAB are holding their registration days for all past, current and new players who wish to play rugby this upcoming 2017 season at the Clubrooms on Pukuatua Street on the following dates and times:

Saturday 4th March 9.00 am to 12 noon-

Wednesday 8th March 4 pm to 5.30 pm

Saturday 11th March 9.00 am to 12 noon.

Registration fees are **\$40.00** per player **\$35.00** for subsequent family members

Free mouth guard for all registered players

Club socks will be available for purchase.

If you require any further information please contact Ricky Brackfield 021 469 954



LAKES PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

Hip Hop Dance Workshops with Carl Flavell on Wednesday 22 February at WHHS Dance Studio.

Register now! Spaces are limited

info@lakesperformingsarts.com

0212568345

\$10.00 Per Person

Junior Hip Hop Workshop
Up to 12 Years
4.00 – 5.30pm



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Hall Progress

On Friday last week, Trevor from Unison came to find and mark out where the underground power cables were at the school end of the field (see photo).

On Monday, the Geotechnical Engineers came to the school with their CPT (Cone Penetration Test) rig to test the ground where we want to build the Hall. Before they got started they needed to know where any underground power cables were; thanks Trevor (see photo).

Tony and Jarrod used the CPT rig to drive a pointed steel rod, about 25mm in diameter, up to 25m into the ground to find out how strong the ground is at different depths, and because their rig is expensive and fancy, it can even tell what the composition of the ground is at the different depths. Meanwhile, Kerry from Terrane Geotechnical Solutions used a hand auger to drill up to 3m into the ground to analyse samples of the underlying substrate to compare with the CPT results, plus visually assess at what levels the ground composition changed. Things are starting to happen. Whooppee!!



Kawaha Point School Gala 2017 NOW



Friday 24th 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

Sharing the Learning- Space 2/3 Team Discovery
The Bullseye system is part of our Relationship Management system. Ask your child/ren how the Bullseye works.



Look who's made it to
the Bullseye this week!

