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NEWSLETTER - 17 August 2017

Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.
Greetings Parents, Whanau and Community Members.

Kaimanga Reo Production

WOW! What a spectacular evening Kaimanga Reo put on last Thursday. The students wrote the scripts and some of the music and songs. It was an awesome evening with a wonderful turn out of whanau. A huge thank you to all the parents, caregivers and community members who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the students were able to present their show. It was so nice to see the youngest and oldest students working together to produce such an entertaining show. Special thanks to the teachers and support staff who all got in behind the show and supported the tamariki. Congratulations to the students on their efforts - possibly a few future Hollywood stars in the group!

Health and PE consultation

The survey about the school's Health and PE curriculum went home last week and we would really appreciate your feedback by the end of this week please. If you lost your form or one never made it home, there are spare forms in the office. Thank you in advance for taking the 10-15 minutes to complete the form. Much of it is asking questions about fitness, sport, sports uniforms and the place of competition in primary schools.

Cohort entry

The Ministry of Education have now made it possible for schools to select to have a cohort entry. This would mean that rather than students starting school on their fifth birthday, schools can ask parents to enrol their child on the same day each term, with any student who turned 5 in that term able to enrol. This would mean that there would be 4 days a year when new 5 year olds could start school, making it slightly easier for the teachers as they would have a cohort of students at a similar readiness. Students transferring from other schools could still enrol on any day during the year. This could mean that if your child turned 5 at the end of a term, they could start at the start of that term while they were only 4 years 10 months old. There are many pros and cons for the change to cohort entry and the Board of Trustees will likely discuss this at their hui next week to determine if we will consider this approach to enrolling students. In the meantime, if you have comments or thoughts about this, please contact me and share your ideas and opinions.

Road Safety

I think you'll agree that the new carpark and drop off area has certainly made a huge difference to the safety of our students. There have, however, been a few people parking in places we would prefer them not to. The mobility park is for people with a mobility card and no one else. Likewise the yellow painted lines are not for parking on either. The grass area between the two car parks is also not for parking on as it restricts the vision of our dedicated road patrollers. PLEASE do be considerate when parking around the school- we have never had better, safer parking than now. Sadly for those who choose to park in places that make our students unsafe, you are highly likely to get a ticket or two in the mail.

Waitomo Trip

The senior school is off to the Waitomo Caves tomorrow leaving at the earlier time of 8am and they should all arrive back by about 4.30ish. We wish them safe travels and I know they'll have a great day and bring backs loads of learning to ignite the remainder of the term's learning.

Attendance

How many days away from your work would you think was reasonable in a year (other than your 4 weeks holiday)? If you missed 1 week is that ok? 2 weeks? 3 weeks? I'm reasonably confident that you wouldn't expect to miss more than 3 weeks in any year due to illness, tangi or for extra holidays. That's 15 working days and is still a lot. Unfortunately we have a number of students who have missed more than this already and it is a grave concern to us. If your child has missed more than 8 days you will shortly receive a letter signalling this and asking if we can help in some way. If your child is one of the 20 students who has already missed 20 days (4 weeks) or more, your letter asks you to make an appointment to see me urgently so we can discuss options for improving their attendance. Unfortunately 3 students have missed more than 40 days or 8 weeks of school this year so far.

Reminders:

1. Please ensure your child attends school each day they are well enough to be here.
2. Uniform- please ensure your child has the correct school uniform each day.
3. BOT meeting next Thursday evening at 6.30pm in the staffroom

Regards
Andrew Sinclair.

TERM EVENTS

17 August	KPS Art Exhibition 5 - 6.30pm
18 August	Senior Team trip to Waitomo 8-4.30
18 August	Kaimanga Reo Assembly 1.45pm
18 August	Tough Guy/Gal meet 8.40am office
24 August	BOT Meeting 6.30pm staffroom
25 August	Kaimanga Reo Singing Assembly 12.15pm
31 August	Interschool Sports at Westbrook
1 September	Rata Team Assembly 2.15pm
6 September	Kaitao Orientation Day 1.30pm
12 September	Rotorua Int Orientation Day 12.30pm

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

Our bank account number is 03 0415 0446573 00

Please also ensure that all sports fees, camps and class trips are paid up to date. Thanks

NOTICE BOARD

KPS Art Exhibition - Tonight ,Thursday

17 August 5 - 6.30pm in the Piazza

We cordially invite you to join us during this time to enjoy some dazzling art created by your amazing tamariki.



****ARTWORK RAFFLES** (Thank you Mrs King)

****FAMILY PASS 3D TRICK ART RAFFLE**

****LIVE MUSIC**

****LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a Relief Cleaner to lighten the load occasionally when one of our cleaners is away sick. If you think you might fit the bill please drop your CV into the Office.

Health and PE Curriculum Consultation 2017

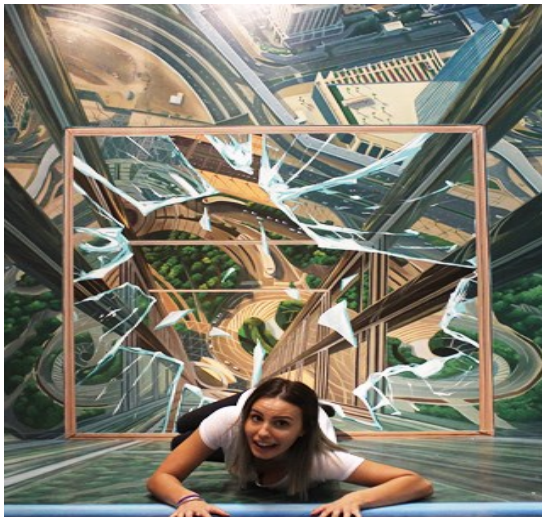
Reminder to please send your survey form back to the office. If your child has not given you the survey please collect another one from the office.

Make your opinion count!



3D TRICK ART GALLERY

117 Fairy Springs Road, Rotorua



Come and enjoy more than 50 Trick Art throughout our 1250 square metre indoor space.

Journey through our 5 themes:

Classic Art, Kiwi Life, Challenge, Fantasy and Grand Nature.

Thank you for supporting our KPS Art Exhibition.

Calling all aspiring

Young Chefs

out there!

Ever wanted to create your own recipe & starring dish that will feature on a restaurant menu for a whole month?

Well now you can!

Just create a main meal that you think your Dad will love this Father's Day.

Name it & send us your original recipe & you could

WIN Dad a FREE meal.



LOVE Dad
this
FATHERS DAY!



PAVILION
CAFÉ & RESTAURANT

Remember it is to show your Dad how much you LOVE him this Father's Day so you may have to give the worms a miss this time - but feel free to add in all those "It's good for you" ingredients that our Dads love to make us eat!

Distinction Rotorua's Executive Chef will select one recipe as the 'Fathers Day Special of the Month', that will feature at our Pavilion Café & Restaurant throughout September.

Send your recipe to: reservations@distinctionrotorua.co.nz before the end of August.

Kia Kaha Whanau have been having fun creating art works for our KPS Art Exhibition with a water theme!



We hope you can come tonight and see our creations!