



# Kawaha Point School

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## NEWSLETTER - 7 December 2017

### Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Greetings Parents, Whanau and Community Members.

#### Last newsletter!

WOW, what a year! With only 6 days of school left, this is the final newsletter for the year. It has been an amazing year of fun, challenges and learning. I have just about read all the Year 4-6 reports that go home next Tuesday and it is clear that the students should be proud of their efforts and learning in 2017. I would like to thank our community for their support of the school and your willingness to help on camps, trips and other school activities. I also want to thank those parents who show a keen interest in their child's learning, ask questions, communicate with the teachers about the positive or negative things and support their children's growth towards becoming a happy, successful member of our society. Education is a collaborative venture and we couldn't do it without you! Thank you also to our amazing staff (teachers, learning assistants, office staff, cleaners, caretakers) who go the extra mile for our students each day. They are a committed group who really do keep your child's needs at the forefront of their minds. Sadly we farewell Matua Terrence, Whaea Sharon, Mrs Morrissey and Mrs Winder at the end of the year. They have each contributed to our kura and we wish them well for their future. Thanks also to our committed, dedicated and positive BOT who ensure that the school continues to develop and improve every aspect of its operation.

The last 6 days of school will include:

Friday 8 December- Picnic day for most teams. Senior school to the movies.

Tuesday 12 December- Year 4-6 reports home, Certificate assembly

Wednesday 13 December- Year 6 graduation 5.30 - 7pm

Thursday 14 December- Final assembly/ prizegiving 11am. BOT meeting at 5.30pm

Friday 15 December- Last day for the year with school finishing at the earlier time of **1pm**.

As mentioned last week, we strongly recommend that during the holiday period you insist your children turn off their digital devices/TV etc and they read or you read to/ with them every day for at least 15 minutes. Likewise, get them involved in a few responsibilities around the house and encourage them to take a few risks to learn something new or do something out of their comfort zone. If we stay in our comfort zones and never takes learning risks, we become reluctant to have a go at things we

don't already know and this stunts our learning. Likewise, we do not need to solve our children's every problem. Let them struggle with a few things- it will teach them perseverance among other skills.

#### BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Reminder that Year 5-6 students may bring their own chrome-book for 2018. If you have any questions about any aspect of BYOD, please come and discuss these with me at your earliest convenience. Reminder that NPeW can help you access the \$10 per month for 30GB wireless offer through Spark.

#### 2018

School will start next year slightly earlier for everyone with the bell going at 8.45am. This is so that we can extend the successful fitness sessions that the senior school have been doing to the rest of the school. Some will start their day that way while others make a slot slightly later in the day. The fitness of our students is having a great impact on their confidence and self esteem. As indicated already, the first day for students will be Monday 5 February (the day before Waitangi Day) 2018 with the office open the week before if you have any queries. The senior Year 5 & 6 camp is the second week of school from Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 February 2018. There has been a certain amount of leeway with our uniform in the last few weeks. This will not be the case at the start of the year. EVERY student must be in correct school uniform (school shorts/skort, polo, school polar fleece). If you have any questions or queries about your child's education in 2018, please contact me asap.

#### 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 including a **hat**.
3. BOT meeting Thursday 14 December 5.30pm in the staffroom

Have a safe and very happy holiday period!

Andrew Sinclair.

## TERM EVENTS

7 Dec	Space 15,16,17 Picnic Day
8 Dec	Picnic Day - rest of school
8 Dec	Road Patrol Reward Day 9.15am- 1pm
8 Dec	Space 15,16,17 'Wonder' Movie
12 Dec	Reports Home for Year's 4-6
13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation 5.30 - 7.00pm
14 Dec	Prizegiving Assembly 11am
14 Dec	Reward Afternoon - Winning House
14 Dec	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
15 Dec	Last day of Term Closing 1pm
30 Jan	Office reopens 9 - 3 daily
5 Feb	1st Day of Term 2018

## SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all those families who are completely up to date with your child's school fees.

If you would like to set up an Auto Payment for fees for the 2018 school year our bank account is -

Kawaha Point School BOT

030415 0446573 00

Please add your child's name as a reference.



# NOTICE BOARD

## Wanted - For our Junior Play Based learning

Baby Stroller/ pram

Dolls cot

Double bed or bigger sheets (hole/ stain free)

Stainless/ metal pots, teapots, platters

Drain pipes

Plastic or wooden cable reels

## Wanted - Library Books and Readers

Please have a look around home for any of our school library books and readers - Needed back urgently!



## READ AND WIN A \$50 WAREHOUSE VOUCHER

Read for 30 days during the holidays, get an adult to sign your reading card, return to school before February 9th and you are in the draw to win a \$50 Warehouse voucher. (6 to be won).

Reading cards will be handed out next week

Good Luck!



## SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please return all sports uniforms asap. Notes will be sent home next week for any outstanding uniforms. Also needed back are any Kawaha uniform loans - any not returned will be added to your school fees.



**Congratulations to Jashantae George for qualifying for the EBOP Athletics Champs! Awesome work Jashantae!**

Well Done Kawaha Point whanau for your support of the 'Hits Fill the Bus' can drive for the Salvation Army!



## Noticeboard



**We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy!**

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**Student of the Fortnight Stars**  
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Congratulations to the following students -

Ryleigh Lacey, Bella Hohneck,  
Jahzyah Apolo, Reon-Jay Onekawa Timothy,  
Amber Te-Paa, Kylah Kiel, Iotia Marsters,  
Juarn Mason, Caeleb Cianci, Georgia Macky,  
Yuri John, Mariam Joyce, Ryan Calverley,  
Jordan Calverley, Riana Raerino,  
Pouakai Jackson-Williams

Ka Rawe!!!!!!!!!!



A BestStart Education and Care Centre

**ABC Kawaha Point Christmas Community Fun Day**

When: Saturday 9th December

Where: Kawaha Point School Grounds

Time: 10am till 12pm

Fun for all ages...

Spot prizes, face painting, free sausage sizzle,

Meet Santa and take photos, games and plenty more.