



NEWSLETTER - Term 1, Week 3

19 February 2019

Kia Kotahi - Working Together For A Brighter Future

It is a real pleasure to be writing the first community newsletter for the new year. We have got an absolutely amazing year lined up, filled with more wonderful learning opportunities for our tamariki. As always it is such a pleasure to see all of our amazing learners arrive at school ready and enthusiastic to learn. At this time of year, all of our tamariki are enjoying being in the pool to cool off each day and learn/practise their swimming techniques. We are very fortunate to have Raewyn from Orca Swim School take our students twice a week in small group swimming instruction. Thanks again to the Parent & School for their awesome work to fundraise and pay for this. It is invaluable learning. Please make sure your children have their togs and towel at school each day for this.

The teachers spent time at the end of the holidays preparing classroom, resources, learning programmes, and learning themselves at our two teacher only days. For one of these our staff joined the staff from all of the Morrinsville Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) on a day visiting many of the important Maori sites in our area including the five local Marae. Feedback from this day was very positive, with our teachers developing their understanding of the historical significance of many of these sites. We also had a day for building teacher understanding in the area of Mathematics. This is our major focus for the year and we will keep you updated on any great ideas that may be applicable at home as well.

Fundraising

Each year our amazing Parent & School committee work very hard to raise funds that provide all of our students with the great opportunities that they receive. I know that the Parent & School members would love some new hands to help out, and even just some extra help with our major fundraisers is appreciated if you cannot attend meetings. The first meeting is tonight at 7pm and is also the AGM.

Gardens Trip

Our trip to the gardens is coming up fast, in fact it is only two weeks away. We will need support for this day with transport and supervision. If you are able to help, please fill this out on the School Stream form when you are giving permission for your child to attend. Thank you to those people who have already completed this.

Bike Week

We are having our annual Bike Week from the 11th-14th of March, with our school triathlon on Thursday 14th. Please make sure that your child's bikes are ready for this week, and it would be a good idea to get some biking practice in before this.

School Fees

Over the next week you will begin receiving accounts for the compulsory school fees and donations as well. The fees pay for all stationery costs, partially pay the iPad and technology costs (such as Mathletics, Reading Eggs, and Spellodrome), other classroom resources, as well as some of the trips for school. We do rely on the donations payments to help us reduce the cost of technology and resources, and to be able to provide the opportunities that we do. Paying off these fees over the year is an easy way to manage this. Please contact Pip if you'd like to discuss setting this up, or simply create a regular automatic payment. You will be kept informed of your progress. Thank you!

Have a great week! Kiwitahi Staff

★ IMPORTANT DATES ★

Tue 5 Mar - Hamilton Gardens Trip

11-14 Mar - Bike Week

Fri 29 Mar - Kiwitahi Swimming Sports

Thu 7 Mar - Interschool Swim Sports

Thu 14 Mar - Triathlon

Students of the Week - Max Petherick, Mischa Thomson, Tyler Murphy

Merit Award - For completing Green Phonics Book - Keilyn Apanui

For including lots of 'wow' words in her writing - Te Wai Tawhero Biddle-Apanui

For working hard on her art and Pepeha - Sofia Bonnar

Value Award (Friendship) - Toby Littlejohn, James Leigh, Tommy Labao



Alex from Enviroschools helped Room One create a long term plan for the school environment, using visual mapping. Our ideas included:

Vege and herb garden, butterfly conservatory, bee hives, fruit trees, berries, and ways to attract more birds and skinks.



Assembly award recipients for Week 2

Netball - Terms 2 and 3

A notice will be sent out soon with information on this years netball and the fees. We will need confirmed numbers and full payment by the end of Term 1.

Tatuanui School & District Centenary
Friday 5th April and Saturday 6th April 2019

Save the date and let family and friends know. If you have any items of interest (memorabilia) please contact the school on 07-889-5578 or email centenary@tatuanui.school.nz

Missing Cat

Grey and white tabby, Chepmell and Waterworks Rd area.

Please phone 027 7152 5378

Coffee and Craft

10am - 4pm
16 March and 18 May

Kiwitahi Hall

Contact Raewyn
021 143 5703

REMEMBERING THE HOLIDAYS WITH OUR SENSES - ROOM 3

I saw the squishy sand at the beach. I smelt the splashing sea water. By Mischa Thomson.

At the park! I felt the hard, prickly, sticky, barkly bark at the playground! By Te Wai Biddle-Apanui.

Mmm, I can still smell the salt in the ocean. With my eyes I saw the sea. By Juani Martyniuk.

I saw the splashing waves at the beach. I smelt the fish. By Isla Palfrey.