



Upcoming Events

Friday December 10
Final golden ticket draw

Tuesday December 14
Awards Assembly

Wednesday December 15
Last day (half day) of school

Thursday February 3
First day of school 2022

From Del's Desk

I love Summer. The recent rain has not dampened the excitement as we head towards the end of this school term.

Over this year I have been working with the Springboard Trust. This work has focused on my knowledge of Strategic Leadership. As part of this work I was tasked with developing a plan on a page that sets the direction for the school over the next 3 years. It has been really full on and exciting. Taking into consideration the wants and needs of our community, the impact of the developments in our area and how we will measure our success have all been taken into consideration. It has also been an opportunity to look at what is already successful and how we can continue to develop. I have attached the current plan, and although it is still in development it gives a clear direction for our school. You will see on the plan a new vision statement for the school:

DEVELOPING FUTURE GUARDIANS OF OUR CHANGING WORLD.

NGA KAITIAKITANGA O TE AO HURIHURI

Our vision speaks of guardianship (kaitiakitanga) as set out in the Treaty of Waitangi; it acknowledges partnership, participation and protection as key principles.

Each of the strategic goals feed into the vision in their own right however they are also interlinked.

Goal one is a focus on self - being our personal best and developing strong relationships with our learners, their families, and between teaching colleagues.

Goal two is where we learn about our local community, how we link to the land and stories of our region. Our localised curriculum is developed here. We aim to actively utilise resources and seek opportunities to contribute to our community.

Goal three ensures we have the right environment for learning, that the children have the teaching, tools and resources to achieve success.



Drink Bottles

Our drinking fountain is currently broken. However, our bottle refill station is still up and running. It is essential that every child brings their drink bottle to school, especially with the warmer weather.

Korimako	Mrs Newman and Mrs Thorpe	Year 1-3
Kereru	Mr P	Year 4-5
	New Teacher Still to be appointed	Year 6-7
Huia	Mrs Dear	Year 3-5
	Mr Singer	Year 7-8

Classes for 2022

I am really excited to share with you the classes for 2022. Next year we will have 6 classes operating. This means the empty room in Te Whare Huia will once again be a classroom. The sixth teaching allocation will allow us to reduce the number of students in each class.

Teacher Support:

Whaea Kavahna and Whaea Donna
Office Administrator: Mrs Feldon

Final Assembly

This year we have needed to change the way we deliver our final assembly. It is disappointing that we won't all be together and we are unable to have parents attending. However, all of the classes are practising an item to share with you, and these will be uploaded onto the seesaw app at the end of the term.

Tuesday 14th - All classes will receive their end of year certificates, reports and visit their classes for 2022.

At 2pm - We invite parents of the year 8 students only, to a final gathering. End of year prizes will be given out for the Year 8's, and we will finish with an afternoon tea. Although the audience will be smaller, for our year 8 students, their families and our school this is a significant event, and we want to make sure it is still very special.



Cancellations

The PTFA decided at the last meeting, that due to the Covid-related unknowns for events in the upcoming future as well as not enough parent volunteers to assist in the organising of the event, the fair has been cancelled.



Parents on school premises.

All parents are encouraged to wear a face covering when entering the school grounds and must use the covid tracer app to sign in.

Headlice

Headlice is around again so please be diligent about checking your child/ren's hair if they are in Korimako block.



Our last day of school is Wednesday December 15.

We will be finishing at 12.30pm.

The bus will run at this time.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

I'm a guitar and ukulele teacher in Kāpiti. I teach both locally and online from ages of 7 and up. If you are interested in guitar and ukulele lessons, call or text on 0204 133 9458. Ari Gurunathan.

Cancer 'High Tea' Fundraiser.

We have someone looking for matching tea cups, saucers and side plates to be donated, so they can start holding cancer fundraisers regularly. If you can help, please could you drop these into the school office or ring the office if you can't make it in. *Thank you.*

Generosity is a wonderful attribute with loads of benefits. Here are just five of those that can be especially helpful for our tamariki.

1. Giving shifts the focus off 'me'.
2. Giving is good for mental health
3. Giving is good for perspective
4. Giving is great for gratitude
5. Giving is courageous and kind

But how do we teach it?

Giving is good for our communities, it's good for our families, it's even good for our health!

Possibly the most effective way to teach our kids about generosity is to model it ourselves. Kids learn from example, and they will notice us acting on those everyday opportunities to be generous. Involving our kids in things like donating to charities, choosing presents for people, leaving tips and thank you notes

to those who serve us... there's an endless array of lovely generous moments to grab a hold of and include our children in. Talking about generosity and sharing inspiring stories of philanthropy will also spark our children's curiosity in this area and encourage them to think of creative ways to share what they have with others.

- * Sponsor a child
- * De-cluttering bedrooms and donating toys and books to charity.
- * Choose new toys to buy for other children and donate them to various Christmas gift initiatives.
- * Invite your kids to choose non-perishable food items at the supermarket and donate them to a food drive.
- * Find your local pātaka kai and donate food items each week.



This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's the Star of Christmas singing competition... on The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show!

Be treated like a Star!

Win flights (if out of Auckland), accommodation, music studio tour and studio time with Nathan King, judge from POPSTARS

If you can sing, and are under 13, email your audition singing a Christmas song to christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz or call 0800 843 864 before 13th December. Then tune into Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 6am to see if you've won!



News from the Board of Trustees

December 2021

Recent ERO review

This year we have been working with Ruth Nicholas from the Education Review Office and in week 4 Ruth and a colleague visited to complete their final review. It was wonderful to be able to share the work that the team has been focused on. The final review is in draft form, however we would like to share some snippets with you.

Leaders and teachers are analysing student learning information more deeply to identify the impact of their teaching programmes. Students are benefiting from teachers' use of deliberate strategies to support their learning. This has occurred as part of teachers' Professional Growth Cycle where purposeful teaching has been well supported by professional learning and development, observations and feedback.

The school has made considerable progress in developing the local curriculum. The principal has approached this strategically, ensuring that teachers have input and gain a shared understanding of the overarching framework. The curriculum now provides increased guidance for teaching delivery. Progressions of learning are clearly documented. Curriculum coverage in all learning areas is being tracked. Students are learning across the breadth of the New Zealand Curriculum.

The board has carried out a useful evaluation of board effectiveness. A major outcome of this evaluation was to develop sound induction documentation and board systems to ensure all members have a consistent understanding of their governance role and how they work to support the principal's leadership. Following the appointment and induction of two new board members, the board participated in an NZSTA governance and management workshop. Board members now have a greater knowledge of their governance roles and responsibilities.

We are really pleased with our development as a board and look forward to continuing to support our school.

School Swimming Pool

The Board has been investigating the viability of retaining the school swimming pool. Many factors were considered including the cost to get the pool up and running, ongoing maintenance and availability of other learn to swim options.

It was decided that the Board would not retain the school swimming pool. Over the past 2 years a quality learn to swim programme has been facilitated by trained swim coaches at the heated Levin Aquatic Centre. This option will be in place for the coming years.

School Playground

The Board has received an independent review of the playground which identified some areas to focus on. We have decided to close the wooden fort structure to ensure it is safe for our children to play on. We will be checking the condition of the piles under the fort and replacing some fittings on the swings.

As we head towards the end of what has been another busy year. The board would like to thank Deb and the entire staff for all their hard work and achievement this year.

We wish you all the best for the Summer Break.

Sarah Beech Pooley - Presiding Board Member (formerly called Board Chairperson)

Tony Dale-Low, Mel Baxter, Ruben Kunst, Andy Brown and Rob Pollock