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Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura
Naumai haere mai kit e tau hau

Warmest greetings to everyone in our school family. Welcome to the New Year.



It's wonderful to be back! Children, teachers and support staff have returned refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning. Teachers have worked hard preparing their rooms and planning exciting programmes ready to greet children. The new school year provides a wonderful opportunity for a fresh start and a chance to make new friends.

We have welcomed 21 new children and their families to our school family. Seven of these are New Entrants. Our starting roll is 351, ten up on last year.

We have also welcomed four teachers to our team – **Beccy Haley** (R13); **Leah Reid** (R1) replacing Margaret Johnston on leave this term; **Lisa Bagley** and **Sue Collins** (Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour). We are delighted that **Alice Robson**, **Kristina Stevens** and **Zoë Horne** spend another year with us in fixed term positions. A full list of staff, classrooms, levels and email contacts can be found on our website.

Building Relationships

The quality of the relationship between the teacher and students; between students themselves and the teacher and parent is a key factor for participation in school life, engagement in learning

and ongoing achievement. It is up to each one of us to play our part and work towards building strong, constructive relationships focused on student learning.

To this end, all teachers are in their classrooms from 8:30am each morning to welcome children. Before this time, teachers are busy preparing for the day. We strongly discourage children from coming to school before this time as supervision is not provided.

Contacting Teachers

We are very happy to discuss issues around your child's well-being and/or learning. Please contact the classroom teacher directly. Email works really well. You will find a link from the website. Alternatively, you can ring the office and leave a message for the teacher who will get back to you as soon as possible.

Learning Time

Learning Time is precious! We are serious about getting the best learning outcomes for each and every student. Research tells us that effective teaching relies on giving quality feedback to students. Interruptions reduce the amount of time for this to happen.

We strongly discourage any interruptions to the classroom during the school day. This means we keep messengers to a minimum. We ask that parent contact, whether in person or by phone, occurs outside lesson times or be directed to the office. Even a "quick" interruption upsets the focus and flow of learning and "steals" precious minutes while everyone gets back on track.

Emergency Messages

Only messages of an urgent nature will be delivered to children. Please contact the office before 2:30pm if you need to get an important message to your child.

Stationery Lists

A stationery list went home with each child yesterday. Stationery can be purchased directly from the school.

Unfortunately, we have noticed a "glitch" with the totals on the Junior and Senior stationery lists being incorrect. Please add up your requirements and correct the total amount.

Stationery lists, with payment, should be returned in a *clearly named envelope*. These are to be handed to the classroom teacher before school. Lists and money will be collected from each classroom in the morning with stationery returned later in the day.

Library

Information to join the library help roster can be found on the school website. THANK YOU.

Sun Safety

Thank you to everyone who remembered the sun safety rules after the holidays. It was great to see so many children with their full cover sun hat and wearing clothing which covered the sensitive areas of the torso. You are awesome!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Our school is committed to ecological sustainability and have practices in place to reduce, reuse and recycle. However, we need your help. Please provide your children with "wrapper less" lunches to help us minimise waste. Please remove wrappers and use small containers or lunchboxes with compartments that can be washed.

Healthy Nutrition and Physical Activity

We constantly promote the importance of healthy nutrition and physical activity for their contribution to our general wellbeing and our ability to focus on learning. Water is the best

drink for school. Please provide your child with healthy choices and limit food that is high in sugar, fat or colouring. Confectionery (chocolate, sweets and gum) and fizzy drink are not permitted.

Drop Off / Pick Up

In the interests of every child's safety, we remind parents to take great care when dropping off and collecting children. Please DO NOT use the top car-park for this purpose. With little space to turn around, staff arriving and pedestrian access from the top of Clark Street, it is too dangerous!

If parking on the road, please show courtesy to our neighbours by keeping clear of driveways and yellow lines.

When using the drop-off zone, please move through carefully and think about those behind you. You may not leave your car unattended as this frustrates everyone else! If your child is not ready and waiting, you will need to go around again. We will remind children to head straight for the field so they are waiting when you arrive. Please note: children are not to enter the school grounds by walking through the drop off zone.

Home Time

Children are dismissed at 2:55pm. They are expected to go home straight away. They are also expected to go straight home unless other arrangements have been agreed. Hopefully, this will overcome stress for parents and staff when children don't turn up at the right time!

Over the Holidays

Since the end of Term 3, approximately \$500,000 has been spent upgrading school property. I am sure many of you will have seen the results when you visited school this week. Most exciting is the completion of the upgrade project to remodel Room 16 to create the ICT Suite and the library to create accommodation for the four Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour based at our school. The server and 15 computers (partly funded by the Home and School) are being installed in the ICT Suite this week.

Property tasks completed over the holidays include the resealing of the drive to the top car-park and repairs of the big potholes. Seismic Strengthening in Rooms 7, 9 and 10 is almost complete. Rooms 7 and 9 have had significant work done to strengthen the exterior walls and look great with new wall coverings and whiteboards. Room 10 required work in the sink area only. The hall annex which overhangs the junior playground has also been significantly reinforced.

You might have noticed bright yellow edging and paint around the school. These areas have been highlighted to aid mobility for one of our student's. Dangerous decking outside Rooms 13 and 14 has also been replaced and lighting in Rooms 2-4 significantly upgraded. We have all benefited from Ministry funding which has allowed us to minimize risk and enhance learning areas.

Pre-painting building maintenance is currently underway to Rooms 13-16 and the administration block, library and hall. We hope to have these areas painted in our new colour scheme in the near future.

Message from a local resident

One of our neighbours has informed us that towards the end of the holidays, two young boys went knocking on doors, collecting money for Khandallah School. We do not know who the boys are but ask parents to talk to children about the risks of such practices to their own safety and school reputation.

Board of Trustees

The first meeting for 2010 will be held next Thursday at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Board meetings are held in public.

Lunches Unlimited

Lunches are available from next week on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Coming Events

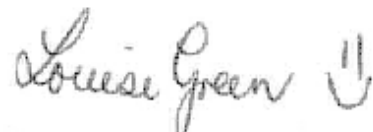
- 10 Feb Assembly, 2:15pm
- 11 Feb Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00pm
- 22 Feb Meet the Teachers & Parent Information/Engagement Evening, 7:00pm
- 8 Mar Board of Trustees Information Evening
- 19 Mar ICT Suite Official Opening, 5:00pm
- 29-31 National Standards Bus Tour visits Wellington
- 1 Apr End of Term 1
- 19 Apr Term 2 begins

Finally,

Last year we surveyed parents about our intention to provide weekly newsletters via electronic means to reduce time and money spent on photocopying and work towards one of our school values of ecological sustainability. We are planning to implement this intention progressively during Term 1.

Once the ICT Suite is up and running students will learn how to access their school email account which they can also access from home. Newsletters will be emailed to this account and placed on the website weekly. Paper copies will be available from the office for those unable to access the internet. We will keep you informed.

Arohanui



Louise Green
Principal

Message from NZEI

NZEI is the industrial and professional body to which more than 90% of NZ teachers belong.

“In response to strong concern from members and parents, NZEI is launching a National Standards School Bus tour in Kaitaia and Bluff on 2 February - the first day of the 2010 school term. The focus of the bus tour is a call for a trial of the Government’s National Standards.

NZEI believes the Standards are untested, unnecessary, and could create misleading and inaccurate perceptions of schools. They could demoralise children's learning and do not recognise that children develop at their own rate, with wide variation in their progress.

Until 31 March, the school bus tour will travel around the country, visiting schools and providing the focus for community engagement and building community support. The bus tour is a great opportunity to get involved in a very important campaign for the teaching profession”.

Community Notices

Are you wanting to learn GUITAR, PIANO, BASS or SAX?

Here's what I can offer you:

- A full satisfaction guarantee
- Lessons in the comfort of your home for no extra charge
- A great grounding in theory, improvisation, ear training and performance
- Free admission to two group workshops of your choice, run through Effortless Music (worth \$200)

I have a BMus from the NZ School of Music and 20 years of experience in Jazz, Rock, Pop, Classical and Electronic Music. To get started, contact James on 027 427 4052 or jamesmasonmusic@gmail.com

Guitar lessons

Experienced, enthusiastic tutors that come to your house!

All practising, professional musicians experienced with children and adults.

Guitar, Vocals, Piano, Saxophone, Drums, Bass.

Enquiries to:- Paddy

homegroundmusic@gmail.com

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027 470 6769

Kelly Sports is offering **Balls, Basics and More** this term starting on **February 8th**. **Balls, Basics and More** is a fundamental sports skills programme ideally suited to younger or less confident children aimed at developing co-ordination, speed, spatial awareness and all the basic skills essential to sports. As always, all Kelly Sports Programmes are aimed at having fun and encouraging all children to reach their full potential and develop a love of sport. The fliers are available through our website www.ksports.co.nz or contact the office for more information at rachel@kellysports.co.nz or on 04 972 7201.

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments For 2010

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at reasonable cost. There are still classes available for choir, recorder, violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute and trumpet. Enrolments close on 12 February.

To enrol for 2010 visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz

Northern United Junior Hockey Club Childrens Hockey 2010

Registrations are being taken for all junior grades upstairs at McDonalds Johnsonville on Saturday 6 March 3 pm to 5 pm & Sunday 7 March 1pm to 3 pm

Experienced or beginner players from 4yrs and up.

Competitive Saturday grades or beginner /development squad on Sunday afternoons.

No experience necessary

Coaching is provided.
Sticks and Balls available

Contact Gavin on 972-3609 or gn@paradise.net.nz

Come play for us, we have our own practice Turf.

Hockey Is Fun!

Karori Junior Hockey Club

Registration Day Monday 22 February 2009 from 5 to 7pm in the Karori Normal School hall foyer, Donald Street, Karori. Great game for boys and girls, from Year 1 to 8. All queries to Leigh Perry ph 027 476 0040 or email perryclan@xtra.co.nz

Public Notice - Onslow Junior Football Club Enrolments for the 2010 Season

Onslow Junior Football Club invites all young people between the ages of 5 and 14 years of age to play football (or soccer if you prefer) with the Club in 2010.

Online enrolment at www.onslow.org.nz opens on 27 January and closes on 17 February. 2010

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To enrol visit www.onslow.org.nz

For more information email registration@onslow.org.nz

or phone the Registration Secretary on 479 4339



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Does your child want to learn a new language?

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- Experience a new language the FUN way!
- Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
- Convenient locations – Check out the timetable on www.lcfclubs.co.nz for class times.

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