



# THE FLASH



## Kio Kio School

07 February 2019

Newsletter #1

Dear Parents and Caregivers



I would like to welcome back all students and our new families who have started at Kio Kio School during the last week.

The teachers have reported that all students have had a positive start to their school year. They have settled in and are really focused during class time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher if you have any concerns. We are a community focused school and encourage all parents to form effective partnerships with the teachers. Please take your time to read either the Seesaw App or class newsletter that was sent home as they outline the programme and important dates for the term.

### CAMPS

Kahikatea (Room 6) and Totara (Room 5) will be travelling to Pauanui next week for a 4-night stay at the Glade Holiday Park. Mrs Coleman and Mrs Lord have some exciting activities lined up for their students and parents. The following week Pohutukawa (Room 2) and Rimu (Room 4) are spending 2 nights at the Pirongia Park Lodge for their camp. Mrs Case and Mrs Devoy also have an exciting programme for their students.



### STATIONERY AND PAYMENT PLANS

Thank you to those families who have already paid or are paying for their stationery / camp fees. Setting up an automatic payment plan will certainly help ease the burden of costs at this time of the year. Statements will be sent home within the next couple of weeks, but if you would like to know your outstanding balance now, please phone the school office.

### SCHOOL POOL

We had a few issues with our school pool during the holidays around leaking pipes on our solar system. We were extremely fortunate and thankful that Ryan Prescott was able to turn our pumps off before they burnt out when the water levels were below the intake pipes. Also, thank you to Ken Morriss our property supervisor who maintains our pool to a high standard.

**Pool keys are still available for purchase for \$70.00.**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Elections for new trustees will be held in June this year. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please contact the school for further information. I am indebted to the support I receive from our Board of Trustees, their roles are varied and vitally important to the smooth running of our school.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please consider naming all items of clothing your child wears to school. This will enable a swift return of this clothing to its owner if found out in the school playground. We will not be holding large quantities of clothing this year and will be giving any uncollected items from our Lost Property containers to a charity twice a term.

### HATS

All children should now be wearing hats at school. Please ensure that your child has a hat at school each day. Any students not wearing hats will be required to sit under our tree on the Cobham Lawn.



### SCHOOL GATES

Parents/caregivers, when dropping your children off or picking them up from school, do this at the bus shelter, not the front gate near the office. This will ensure the safety of all children.

### BUSES

Go Bus have an expectation that all students understand the rules around behaviour on their buses. We will be appointing monitors shortly for the Mangaorongo and Puketarata Road buses. These monitors will ensure that all students behave sensibly whilst on the bus run and will update us if there are any issues regarding unacceptable behaviour.

### ABSENCES

Please let Rachel or your teachers know as early as possible if your child will be absent from school. If your child is late to school, please sign in at the school office on arrival.



**COMMUNITY BBQ –  
FRIDAY 1 MARCH @ 5.00PM**

Please keep Friday evening of the **1<sup>st</sup> March** available as we are having our annual meet our new families and parents meet with their child's classroom teachers evening. Bring a picnic tea or have your meat cooked on our barbecue by some talented cooks. Our pool will be open and our Rec centre and sports field will have a range of games set up for everyone to join in and play. This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle and make new friendships.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

During the summer holidays Miss Tainui-McLean married a very lucky man by the name of Chris Lord. Yes, she is now called Mrs Lord and is also the sister-in-law of Miss Lord, our Kowhai room teacher. We wish Mikhayla and Chris all the very best for their future together.



**WEBSITE**

Our new website is now being developed by a company called Spike@school. We are hoping to have this completed as soon as possible once information and layout has been confirmed.

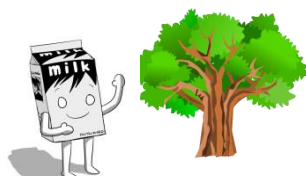
**SCHOOL POLICIES**

We are now using a company called SchoolDocs who help schools to avoid re-inventing the wheel with documentation. Staff are able to find and access policies and procedures easily, and review them online in a matter of minutes. This dramatically reduces costs, improves the effectiveness of policies and procedures, and leaves principals, senior management, and boards with more time to focus on teaching and learning.

Regular, small reviews help the board to stay up-to-date, and engage with reviews and new content regularly, rather than in one big, daunting burst. This will allow one place for all our policy documents that is tailored for our school and is accessible to the whole school community. Thank you to Emma Telfer for getting this up and running.

**REMINDERS!!... Health Update, Milk in Schools & Tree Climbing Permission Slips**

These were sent home on the first day of school! If you have yet to give your permission or update your child's health records please complete the attached forms and return to school. Thank you to the many families who have already done so.



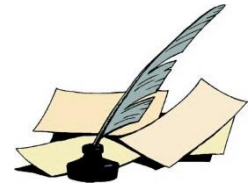
**IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES!!**

Junior Swimming Display (Y1-3)– is now on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Pohutukawa and Rimu Camp – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February



*Ngā manaakitanga*

**Kevin Jones and Staff**



**FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE FOR CHILDREN**

**Te Kuiti:** Tuesday 19 February - Outpatient Dept, Te Kuiti Hospital – Phone 07 878 7333 for appt.

**SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS**

Account number is:

**BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000**

**School Phone: (07) 873 1816**

**Text Messages/Absences: 027 398 1725**

**SUBWAY COLLECTION ROSTER**

**08 February  
15 February**

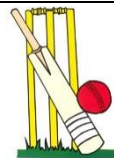
**Keri Downs  
Louise Collingwood**

**Otorohanga Squash Club**

The Otorohanga Squash Club are running squash Juniors during term 1 on Thursday's from 3.30 pm commencing 7 February.

The introductory offer is \$30 for the term includes fun games, fitness, coaching and ladder challenge. Join the club for a key tag for court access and to play in our tournaments or junior interclub during 2019.

Suitable for boys and girls ages 11-18 contact Cheryl Clark 0275094720 if you have any enquiries.



**Otorohanga Junior Cricket Club**

We are looking for children keen to play cricket this term.

We offer teams for children in years 5 to 8. We play hardball cricket on Saturday mornings.

Home games every second week will be played at either Maihihi or Oto South School.

Lots of fun for kids and heaps of skills learnt. No gear needed, the club has all your child needs!

Please email us

at [otojuniorcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:otojuniorcricketclub@gmail.com) or Phone Louise on 027 4242918