

2 November 2023

Kio Kio School Newsletter

THE FLASH

Whakatangata

"Plaving the Game of Life"



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Tena koutou katoa Greetings to you all

School Roll: 161 students

FAREWELL TO STAFF MEMBER

Our amazing, hard-working caretaker, Ken Morriss has recently retired from his role at our school.

Ken started here in August 2007 (16 years ago) and with his amazing skills and talent has saved us thousands of dollars. He's been a builder, plumber, painter, landscaper, etc...

We will miss his humour and dedication to helping others, whether it be staff or students needing something fixed or put up on the wall, or making something for special projects, he will be sorely missed.

Ken will still be available for small projects which he can make at home. He will also assist us with transitioning someone into the new caretaker role, especially with maintaining our school pool.

Caretaker - If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please get in touch. Perhaps returning Kiwis from overseas?

7TH TEACHER

Over the last 2 years our Board of Trustees has either fully funded or part funded our 7th teacher. which is Lilv Johnstone in Puriri. This allowed us to set low class teacher:student ratios across the school.

When our school roll reached 151 recently, the Ministry of Education began paying this teacher out of teacher salaries, which was fantastic.

Next year, we are fully funded for 7 teachers which will free up our operational funds to be spent in other priority areas.

TEACHER AIDES

Over the last few weeks we have been fortunate to have Joan Read in the class covering for Mrs Blanchett who has had knee surgery, and should return in the next couple of weeks. We also have Melisa Lincoln in the class covering for Mrs Meagher who is on practicum (teacher training practical sessions).

NEWLY REGISTERED STAFF MEMBER

Congratulations Lily Johnstone, our teacher in Puriri class, who has been a provisionally registered teacher with us for the last 2 years and is just about to receive her full registration. Thank you to our staff who have supported Lily, and in particular her mentor teacher, Kirsten Beck.

TEACHER AIDES BECOMING TEACHERS

We are extremely fortunate to have an amazing group of teacher aides who support our students and teachers.

This year Sam Meagher has begun teacher training with the University of Waikato, whilst still working at our school.

Paiae Summerfield, another one of our teacher aides, has been accepted into teacher training next year, also with the University of Waikato.

Sam is now on practicum in Kahikatea class with Karen Coleman, who fills the mentoring role for

We are extremely proud of these 2 ladies and wish them all the best for their studies.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to Bowers & Son Ltd for donating sand for the long jump pit and sand pit.

THANK YOU to Craig Mora for collecting, delivering and distributing the sand between the pits and for taking time out from his busy daily schedule to do this for the school.

THANK YOU to Peter Telfer for offering to help out around the school in a casual caretaker role. Peter has been busy spreading topsoil around our vegetable gardens, weedeating, etc...

THANK YOU to Bryan King for making and Mitre 10 for supplying the products for the Gaga Ball game that the children are thoroughly enjoying playing.



Our students and staff appreciate the support we receive from the community and school families.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING 2024

We are presently looking at our student numbers for next year and beginning to carry out a draft roll for 2024.

It is really important that families let us know as soon as possible if their child/ren may not be returning to our school in 2024.

This helps us to determine student class placements for next year.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Next week our online community survey will be sent out to all parents/caregivers of our students. The Board has also decided to send it out to the wider Kio Kio community.

This major survey gives families the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions about our school, so please make the most of this opportunity. It is extremely important to have as many parents as possible providing us with feedback, as this can help to determine the future of our school.

TEACHER ONLY DAY REMINDER

Our staff will be attending a teacher only day on Thursday, 16th November. Our school will be closed for instruction on this day.

FIREWORKS GALA NIGHT- 17TH NOVEMBER

Our Supporters' committee is gearing up for this major fundraising event. It is extremely important that we have enough parent helpers to assist on the night. Remember, many hands make light work and the money fundraised assists us with providing resources and facilities to benefit your children.



ATHLETICS

Students are participating in our school athletics -Wednesday 1st Nov and Thursday 2nd Nov. Results will be published in our next newsletter.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING TROPHIES

Can all trophies that were given out at the 2022 End of Year Prizegiving please be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

SUNSMART - HATS

All students have to wear a hat when playing outside. No Hat, No Play. Those students without a hat are asked to sit under the large tree on our Cobham Lawn. Please name your child/ren's hats.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES - FUNDRAISER

Cookie Time bikkie buckets - in time for Christmas holiday season. Order forms were sent home with students last Friday, Orders to be returned to the school office by Friday, 17th November together with cash payment or direct into the Supporters' Committee bank account as advised on order form.



OTOROHANGA BOYS' AND GIRLS' AGRICULTURE CLUB GROUP DAY RESULTS - Kio Kio students

LAMBS (MOP)

Junior Paxton Payne 1st Sub Junior Finley Mora 1st Reserve Champ Finley Mora

LAMB LEADING

Sub Junior Finley Mora 3rd

LAMB REARING EARLY

Senior Grayson Telfer 1st Junior Paxton Payne 2nd Sub Junior Sam Huges 2nd

LAMB REARING LATE

Junior Jack Telfer 3rd Sub Junior Finley Mora 1st Campion Late Lamb Finley Mora

KIDS (MOP)

Senior Petra Lincoln 1st
Champion MOP Kid Petra Lincoln

KID REARING

Senior Petra Lincoln 3rd Supreme Champion Kid Petra Lincoln

CALVES LEADING

Junior Nate Fleming 2nd

Olly Sanson 3rd

CALVES REARING

Intermediate Cohen Fleming 2nd

Cleo Mitchell 3rd Zoe Burton 4th

Reserve Champ Cohen Fleming

Senior (early) Jakob Espiritu 3rd

Reid Mitchell 4th

Dairy Type Light

Odds Nate Fleming 2nd

Reid Mitchell 3rd

Evens Jakob Espiritu 1st

Cleo Mitchell 2nd

Reserve Champ Nate Fleming
Dairy Type Heavy Zoe Burton 3rd

Congratulations to all our students who attended the Group day.

SAILABILITY

A few students were given the opportunity to experience sailing a small yacht at Lake Ngaroto with tutors who have years of sailing behind them, and are enthusiastic about our students experiencing the thrill and fun of sailing.

Students stories:

On Wednesday 25th October I went sailing, it was fun. I was on a dark blue boat. We went to the end of the Te Awamutu Lake. Then we had some food. It was yummy. After eating I went on a rescue boat. Everyone had a turn driving it. When it was time to go back we went sooooo fast and we did a wheelie.

By Jakob

On Wednesday I got to go sailing with lots of my class. There were two sailing boats and one was a rescue boat. I got to go on a darkish blue boat

and the rescue boat. On the sailing boat I had to hold on to the side and the ropes. It was fun.

One thing I liked about sailing was that I kept on getting wet. I learned how to drive a rescue boat.

By Jojo

At sailing we almost tipped over a little bit. I went on a bright blue boat. You could only fit two people in the boat. I learned to lean on the side to tip the boat on the side. We had to put a life jacket on. We went on a big lake, it was very wavy.

By Ryan

BUS BOOK REMINDER



Please ensure that the school office is informed early if your child will not be on the school bus in the afternoon. We also need to be contacted if your child/ren are getting off at another

stop, or if there is any change. You can do this by phoning the school office on 873 1816, emailing admin@kiokio.school.nz or coming to the office if you are collecting your child/ren and writing in the bus book on the front counter.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property rack is full once again with unnamed clothing and footwear. Our students don't seem to recognise their own clothing when displayed. Any named items are returned to students as soon as we can.

Any items unclaimed at the end of this term will be washed and delivered to a local charity.

Thank you to those parents who collect their child's clothing from the rack.

SCHOOL BANKING & PHONE DETAILS

Account number

BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000

School Phone: (07) 873 1816

Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725

BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Katie Krukerink Natalie Southgate Greer Morrow Emma Anselmi

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM

3rd Nov Gumboot Friday/gold coin donation

8th Nov COPS Athletics

10th Nov Celebration Assembly
14th Nov Football Sessions -Juniors
15th Nov Football Sessions -Seniors

16th Nov TEACHER ONLY DAY- NO SCHOOL

17th Nov Fireworks Gala

28th Nov Korakonui Formal Yr7-8

6th Dec Oto College

Whakawhanaungatanga Day Yr 8

12th Dec School Trip to Lake Maraetai

15th Dec End of Year Assembly 19th Dec Last day of Term 4 20th Dec ½ day Year 8 only 7th FEB 24 Start of Term 1, 2024

Ngā mihi

Kevin Jones - Principal

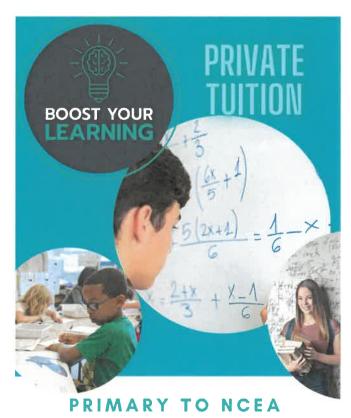
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Next BOT meeting to be held on 28th November 2023









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