



# Kio Kio School Newsletter

# THE FLASH



14 April 2022

Whakatangata  
"Playing the Game of Life"

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**Tena koutou katoa –  
Greetings to you all**

**School Roll: 133 students**

## FAREWELL

Today we farewell Devon Mihaka from Kowhai class. Devon and his family are moving outside our district over the holidays. We wish Devon all the best for his new school.

## COVID UPDATE

This week approximately a quarter of our students were absent from school for covid related or other health reasons. Hopefully, in Term 2 we will be near the 100% attendance mark.

**Masks** - We have now moved to the Orange Traffic Light setting, which means that mask wearing is not mandatory in schools. 12 years+ students are still required to wear face masks on public and school transport. The advice from the Ministry of Education is for the continuation of mask wearing in schools. We agree with this advice and encourage students and staff to wear face masks next term. However, we will not be enforcing this. All parents/caregivers and other visitors are encouraged to wear face masks indoors at school.

## **Keeping Ourselves Safe**

Thank you families for adhering to the rules around COVID positive case and isolation requirements. Also, to those families who have kept children at home for other health reasons.

We ask that you continue to monitor your children for any symptoms which are COVID related, flu-like, or other transferable medical conditions such as measles, chicken pox, school sores, etc...

This is vitally important, as we have immunocompromised children, staff and family members who we need to keep safe.

## PEANUT ALLERGY

We have a student in Rimu class with a severe peanut allergy who cannot come in contact with **peanuts or products with peanuts in them.**

We are asking that parents not send peanuts or any peanut related products to school, so that we can keep this student safe. Thank you for your understanding.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

At present we are running our Breakfast Club 2 days a week and are wanting to increase this to at least 4 days a week. This week we have had approximately 20 students attending, which is great. We are requiring more volunteers to run this for us for 30 minutes each morning (8.30 - 9.00am). Please let us know if you can help. A huge thanks to those parents who have been running the programme this term.

## POOL CLOSURE

As of today the school pool has been winterised and is now closed. We would like to thank Ken Morriss our caretaker for keeping it in perfect swimming condition during the summer season. **Pool Keys will now need to be returned to the office ASAP.**



## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

In Term 2 we will be auditioning and rehearsing for our production which is 'Blue Ribbon Belle'. All students will be involved in this production which shows in Term 3. Further information regarding this production will follow at the start of next term.

## PAYMENTS

Some stationery and camp fees are still due for payment. Thank you to the families who have set up regular payments into the school account in order to make this more manageable. Winter sports fees have now also been added to accounts and are now due for payment. **Please Note: We do not have an effpos facility and although we accept cash, Direct Crediting through online banking is our preferred method.**

## WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Teams for Soccer, Hockey & Netball have now been finalised. Notices have been sent home with students with information regarding their chosen sport, team members and includes information regarding season start dates, game times etc. A huge THANK YOU! To the parents who have volunteered to coach or manage our teams, it is a thankless job sometimes but one that is greatly appreciated. Without you our students would not be able to participate or have the successes that our Kio kio teams experience.



## TRIATHLON - Date Change!!

This will now take place in **Term 4.**

## SCHOOL BANKING & PHONE DETAILS

Account number is:

BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000

School Phone: (07) 873 1816

Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725

### WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT TERM?

02 May	Beginning of Term 2
04 May	Mad Cow Drums Demo
18 May	Keeping Ourselves Safe
25 May	Keeping Ourselves Safe
06 Jun	Queen's Birthday (School closed)
07 Jun	New Entrant Cohort Intake 2
08 Jun	COPS Winter Sports Day
14 Jun	GRIP Leadership Day (Councillors)
17 Jun	Aria Orienteering
24 Jun	Matariki (School Closed)
29 Jun	Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
08 Jul	End of Term 2

*Have an enjoyable break and stay safe!*

*Ngā mihi*

*Kevin Jones - Principal and Staff*



**Next B.O.T meeting to be held on 11 May 2022**

## thrive *Holiday Climbing*

**Tuesday 19th to 22nd Friday**  
**Tuesday 26th to 29th Friday**  
(during the 2 weeks of the school holidays)

### CLIMBING SESSIONS EACH DAY

9am - 10:30am **All ages**  
11am - 12:30pm **welcome**  
1pm - 2:30pm

**Book in for a session or just rock up :)  
Each session limited to 15 climbers only**

### Cost

All Climbers — \$5 for each climbing session.

Belayers only (14 and over) - FREE

*\*Under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult for belaying.*

**\*Bring your own water bottle and shoes to climb in\***

**Wear a mask if not climbing and 1 metre distance please**

**For bookings contact Julian on 021 182 1203**

**or email at [harvestrock@xtra.co.nz](mailto:harvestrock@xtra.co.nz)**

Harvest Rock Centre, 5 Tuhoro Street, Otorohanga



**Congratulations to two staff members on the birth of their gorgeous wee babies recently.**

**Caitlin & Travis Wylie welcomed their son Oliver Mikaere William Wylie on the 14th February 2022.**

**Stacey-Lee, Hamish & Huxley Reynolds welcomed Bethany Georgia Reynolds on the 6th April 2022.**

## ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Date: Monday, 25th April 2022  
Venue: Otorohanga Village Green and Cenotaph  
Time: Commencing at 10 am

Our school has been invited to take part in the annual ANZAC Day Ceremony in the second week of the holidays in Otorohanga. Our Councillors will be laying a wreath on our behalf at the Memorials on the corner of Maniapoto Street and Kakamutu Road.

We will be meeting at the Village green at 9.45am and then begin marching at 10.00am in a parade to the Memorials for the short service and the laying of the wreaths.

Following the service the Parade will then march back to the Village Green.

If you are able to attend this service, please wear your Kio Kio polo shirt and black pants/skirt/shorts. It will be great to see you there.



# ***SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE NEWS***

Firstly I would like to thank the incredible ladies and gents who are involved in the Supporters' Committee. Your support and dedication towards making a difference in the lives of the children at Kio Kio School is paramount and we thank you for this! Also, thank you to all those people who can't commit to being on the committee but who are always willing to lend a hand, do some baking or man the bbq when required. We appreciate the time that you all put in.

We held our AGM on 8 March 2022. Congratulations to following people were elected in to roles:

<i>Chairperson</i>	Emma Telfer
<i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	Aaron Thompson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Natalie McMullan
<i>Secretary</i>	Gemma Harding
<i>Committee Members</i>	Claire King, Dany Neustroski, Amanda Fleming, Caitlin Wylie, Erica Macdonald, Katie Krukerink, Kevin Jones, Sharon Ritch, Trish Osterman

## **Finances**

We were pleased to start the year with **\$21,644.74** in our bank account.

As a committee we made several beginning of the year donations and purchases:

- Yearly donation to Kio Kio School for general teaching and learning - **\$10,000**
- Donation towards camp/class trip costs across the school - **\$3,000**
- Donation towards sports equipment for Winter Sports - Football, Hockey and Netball - **\$1,000**
- Donation towards The Arts - School production - **\$1,000**

## **Fundraisers**

Our first fundraiser - **Hot Cross Buns** - for the year was a success. Thank you to all our whānau for your support. We raised **\$783**.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Hot Cross Buns	Winter Sports Oxford Pies Mid Winter Party	Cross Country	Ag Day Triathlon Athletics Fireworks/Gala

This year our aim is to contribute more frequently (possibly in lesser amounts) to the teaching and learning of our tamariki at Kio Kio School. We want the children and their whānau to directly benefit from our fundraising efforts. We are also putting aside money each year to contribute alongside the Board of Trustees to the purchase of a new school van.

We always welcome new members to our committee and would love to see some new faces!