

Kio Kio School Newsletter

THE FLASH



20 October 2022

Whakatangata "Playing the Game of Life"

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Tena koutou katoa Greetings to you all

School Roll: 139 students

OWNERSHI

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

We welcome Annabel Green and Koltyn Chapman to Kowhai class this term. We wish you both the very best for your time here at Kio Kio School.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We also welcome Ms Shirley McKinley, who has taken over the Office Manager's role from Rachel Thompson. Shirley, who has previously worked in a school office, has settled in really well and is coming to grips with our systems. We wish her all the best in this new position.

BUILDING PROJECTS

During the school holidays, our building projects started. We now have new carpet and vinyl in Nikau and Rimu classes (3 rooms), carpet in the library, 4 new heat pumps installed, and new LED lighting in all buildings except the Rec centre.

At present we have the new deck which will have a roof over the top being built. The 3 rooms attached to the deck will have large stacker doors installed over the next 3 weeks once the deck has been completed. We now have warm water supplied to each toilet area.

We also have technicians at school installing new alarm, fire and bell systems.

I am pleased that we were able to use local contractors and suppliers for this large project, especially Paul Rattray Builders who is running the project.

It has been a bit disruptive with some areas out of bounds and students having to walk the long way to get to their classes. On Monday we had an assembly to discuss this with our students, with an emphasis on the importance of the health and safety processes they needed to follow.

A huge thank you to our staff and students who cleared out their rooms prior to the holidays and moved everything back on Monday.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

On Monday 5 December, our staff will be having a teacher only day with an outside provider delivering Professional Learning and Development (PLD) in the Digital Curriculum. This curriculum area has a greater focus on students building their skills so they can be innovative creators of digital solutions, moving beyond solely being users and consumers of digital technologies. We have been provided with 75 hours from the Ministry of Education. This teacher-only day is part of the Teachers' Collective Agreement, so our school will be closed for instruction on this day. The PLD hours will continue into next year and be completed by the end of Term 2.

2023 DONATION SCHEME

From January 2023, the new Equity Index (EQI) will be used to determine eligibility for the School Donations Scheme. This scheme replaces the old decile rating system. The threshold for eligibility is an EQI number 432. Kio Kio School's EQI number is 468, so we have been advised by the Ministry of Education that we are now eligible to opt-in-to this scheme.

In the past we have asked for a donation of \$90 per child, which goes towards school resources. If we decide to accept the opt-in option, then this donation will cease. The Ministry will give us \$154.13 (excluding GST) per student per year.

We will receive this amount if we agree **not** to ask parents and caregivers for donations, except for overnight camps. This initiative is designed to alleviate pressure and expectation on parents and whānau to provide donations.

Could you please contact me at school if you are against us accepting this new donation scheme.

Personally, I view this as a positive step moving forward.

SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE - FIREWORKS GALA

Our Supporters' Committee have been busy over the last couple of months organising this main fundraising event For example: gathering sponsorship, organising games and equipment hire, organising food and drink lists, marquee, hire, etc...

In the next couple of weeks committee members will be phoning parents to ask for your help on this day, and in particular with the evening activities. We really appreciate the support of our community for this event and without you, we would struggle to hold it.

SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE - BOOSTER WINE FUNDRAISER

Next week, order forms for the Booster Wine Fundraiser will be sent home. This was a popular fundraiser last year and comes in good time for the Christmas holidays. This fundraiser will run from Wednesday 26 October - Tuesday 15 November.

AGRICULTURAL DAY - TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

We look forward to holding this day next Tuesday. Good luck to all students who are competing in the various categories. Parking will be available on the bottom field. A results list from the day will be placed in the next school newsletter.

Could you please ensure that your child knows what their requirements are for the day, especially those students who are not bringing pets.

LAKE TRIP - THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

Every second year we have had a whole school visit to Lake Arapuni. Parents assist our staff to run this event, which includes activities such as swimming, kayaking, games, possibly biscuiting if parents are able to bring their boats. We will provide a sausage sizzle for lunch.

This year we will decide whether we go to Lake Arapuni or Lake Maraetai (Mangakino). A letter will be sent home in a few weeks asking for help with transport, if you can provide a boat, provide assistance on the day and give permission for your child to attend.

HAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM

24 Oct	Labour Day
25 Oct	Agricultural Day
27 Oct	ASB Getwise
1 Nov	Senior Badminton Cup
2 Nov	Agricultural Group Day
8 Nov	Senior Athletics Field Events
10 Nov	Junior Athletics Field Events (am)
10 Nov	Track Events whole school (pm)
16 Nov	COPS Athletics
18 Nov	Fireworks/Gala Night
22 Nov	Senior Tennis Cup
30 Nov	Kio Kio Triathlon
1 Dec	Lake Trip - Whole school
5 Dec	Teacher Only Day
6-9 Dec	Nikau Camp - Karakariki
13 Dec	Privegiving - Final Day

Ngā mihi Kevin Jones - Principal and Staff



SCHOOL BANKING & PHONE DETAILS

Account number is:

BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000

School Phone: (07) 873 1816

Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725

Next B.O.T meeting to be held 14 November in the school Library at 6.30pm

SUBWAY COLLECTION ROSTER

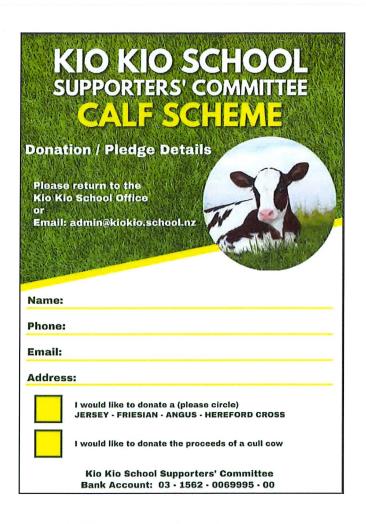
21 Oct **BJ** Mark 28 Oct **Ange Richards**

BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER

Tuesday Wednesday Kristy Stewart Thursday Friday

Katie Krukerink **Natalie Southgate** Robyn Tangaere









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