

## Newsletter - 19 October 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome back to another busy term, we have Athletics day, AG day, year 5&6 camp, year 7&8 camp, Bikewise and the list goes on. I know it's only week one of term 4, however I can't help but take a look around the corner into the 2019 school year. There is going to be some little adjustments in 2019, firstly we are looking at "Parallel Classrooms" for our two juniors classrooms. This will be a trial. It has been trialled at other schools and has worked very well, with great results. So what does this mean? This means that the two junior classrooms, will both be NE - Yr2, this will help avoid moving children halfway through a year. It also aligns with the research that suggests that spending two years with the same teacher actually fosters a greater level of student progress and it creates deeper relationships which greats the environment for student success. In each classroom we don't group by age, we group by ability. These classrooms will not be streamed. I would like to have a discussion about this next Thursday the 25th October at 2.30pm in the staffroom, everyone is welcome.

We also have a couple of year groups that are very large, so we are having to slightly change the year groups for 2019 so that we can keep class sizes down. There is also a shift in teacher for 2019.

The changes are as follows....

**NE - Yr 2 - Mrs Miller**

**NE - Yr 2 - Miss Sheridan**

**Yr 3 - Mrs Tornquist**

**Yr 4/5 - Mr Parrott**

**Yr 6 - Mrs Fairweather**

**Year 7/8 - Mrs Arnst**

We wouldn't make changes for the sake of making changes, we have made changes so we can create the best learning opportunities for your tamariki. If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me.

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On the 2nd of November it will be Small Schools and Rongotea School Athletics day. We are sharing this day with the Small Schools that are in our cluster. This gives an opportunity for our tamariki and staff to create relationships with schools that are in our cluster. Our students will be competing against students from those schools. It will be a great day !!!!

Next week a lunch order form will be coming home, as this event is run by Kopane School, it will be their Home and School doing the lunches.

Your Principal  
Troy Anderson

## Discovery Tuesdays Team Kaki & Team Huia

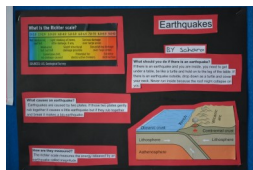
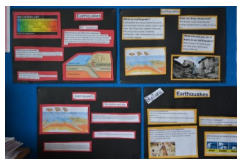


### Technology

The task this week was to see who could build the tallest tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti pasta. It was great to hear the two groups discussion on how to go about doing this and then put into practice. One team had three attempts while the other group had only one. And although one team had built a rather tall tower by the time it came round to measuring it had slowly fallen to one side, nearly halving the height. In the end there was only 1.5cm difference.

Team Huia,

We have only had one week back at school but we are already well into our learning. On Thursday we had the 'Shake Out' drill in the morning. We were practising what to do if there is an earthquake. We spent the rest of the day learning about earthquakes. Here is some of our work.



## FROM THE BOT

Just a quick message to let you know that for personal reasons I have stood down from the Board of Trustees. It has been my great pleasure to represent our school community as both a parent elected member and the Board Chair. Our School is going from strength to strength, and that is directly attributable to an exceptional group of teaching and support staff, a board that is willing to resource the school to enable accelerated student achievement, a Principal that instigates change and maintains progress for the benefit our students. All of our wonderful children are the reason we give our time up to govern the School, and I am immensely proud of each of our students personal progress. To my fellow board members, thank you for your support over the years, for the energy and enthusiasm you have brought to create an excellent school for our community.

Kind Regards, Nga Mihi, Elly Nagel.

**Board News** - As a board we have met during the week and can advise that Matt Hillas is our new Board Chairperson.

## CERTIFICATES



### PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

Matt K - amazing speech and well presented.

Sophie G - Amazing attitude towards school - gives everything her best shot and works hard to complete all her tasks.

### CLASS CERTIFICATES

#### Team Kaki

Lily M, Jade T, Zoe P, Corin G - They have received them for being conscientious and hardworking team members.

#### Team Kea

Ella M & Jamie B - both for great progress in literacy.

# DATES



**Reminder –  
camp fees are  
due**

## **2018**

**Term 1 dates Wed 31 Jan—Thurs 13 April**

**Term 2 dates Mon 30 April— Fri 6 July**

**Term 3 dates Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sept**

**Term 4 dates Mon 15 Oct—Fri 14 Dec**

### **Term 4**

Mon 22/10 **Labour Day**

Fri 26/10 **Assembly - Teams Tui/Huia sharing their learning**

Fri 2 /11 **Athletics Day with Small Schools**

Wed 7/11-Fri 9/11 **Teams Kaki & Huia on camp**

Fri 9/11 **Assembly—Teams Ruru/Kea sharing their learning**

Mon 12/11 **TK Athletics @ Massey Athletic track**

Wed 14/11 **Yr 7/8 immunisations**

Mon 19/11-Fri 23/11 **Team Kiwi on camp**

Fri 7/12 **Assembly—Teams Kaki/Kiwi sharing their learning**

Fri 14/12 **End of year prizgiving 2pm start**

**End of term 4**

Mon 4/2/2019 **Term 1 starts @ 9.00am**

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