

Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Greetings to you all,

Mrs. Elizabeth van der Klip is a senior member of our staff at Papakura Normal School. Sadly her husband, Richard, passed away last Sunday. I know that our school whānau / families will join me in sharing our condolences with the van der Klip family. The funeral will be held at 1pm, Monday, 14 Aug 2017 at the Manukau Memorial Gardens.

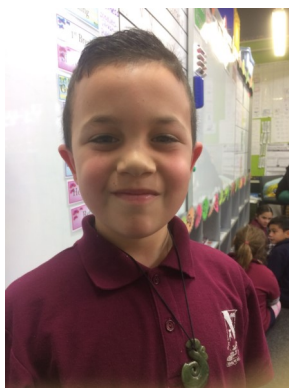
Head Lice

Unfortunately this is the time of the year when head lice are breeding and we have noticed children who have them at school at present.

The school has FREE head lice treatment at the school office. Parents are most welcome to pop in and ask for it. If this situation is not dealt with, we may be forced to involve our local Public Health Nurse. Thank you for your help in treating your child.

Student of the Week

Our student of the week is Tyreese Heta from Room 16. Tyreese has been showing all of the school's PB4L values. His manners, kindness and thoughtfulness have seen him being Room 16's SUPER STUDENT on a daily basis for the past two weeks. Tyreese is a great listener and his learning is coming along in leaps and bounds. Mrs Francis is so proud of all your accomplishments Tyreese.



BIG REMINDER

Friends of the School

On Saturday 12th August our Friends of the School are holding a Cake Stall to fundraise for a new swimming pool cover.

We would be grateful if you could send a cake to school on the plate provided on Friday 11th August. Please deliver cakes to **Room 12**.

We would also appreciate any assistance on Saturday 12th August setting up tables and selling our cakes. The cake stall opens at 8.00 am in the driveway of the school off Walters Road.

Kiwi Quiz

Our winner for last week's Kiwi Quiz was Dylan from Room 17. What is the largest planet in the solar system? The answer is B, Jupiter. Congratulations Dylan!

Book Fair

Our Book Fair opens on 16th August, ends 22 August. Open all breaks and two late nights, Thursday 17th and Tuesday 22nd. Camping theme with lots of competitions. Support the library with your purchases.

New Enrolments

Do your whānau/family/friends/neighbours have any 4 or 5 year old tamariki/children that will be starting school this year?

Please let us know.

Parents' full names:

Mum: _____

Dad: _____

Child's name: _____

When will the child be starting as a 5-year old new entrant?

Date: _____

Gold Token Rewards

Gold Tokens are given to students for showing respect for self, others and property. When a student reaches a reward milestone, they swap their ticket on Thursday or Friday for their chosen reward. Congratulations to Lebrone R20, Tatiana R17 and Paris, Liam, Pamy, Joshua, Briarna, Emanjot, Jimmy, Michelle, Shirley, Bhavdeep - all from R4 who have earned 70 gold tokens!

Lost Scooters

We have had two scooters go missing from the bike stand over the past week. Both are red and black. If you have by accident taken one of these home, can it please be returned to the office or bike stand, no questions asked. We would appreciate them being returned.

Breakfast Club

As of Tuesday 15th August our school will start running a breakfast club. This will operate Tuesday to Friday from 7.45 to 8.30 am, Room 1 (Tech Room). If you would like to offer your time to help support this programme and our tamariki, please contact Kathy Hori Ph. 0276522563 or the school office.

Kiwi Quiz

What is the name of Donald Duck's girlfriend?

A. Poppy B. Daisy C. Rose

Name: Room:

Important Dates



12th August
16th August

- Cake Stall Fundraiser
- Preschool Visit



Whānau who read to their children nurture more than literary skills.

Tamariki/Children who are read to during infancy and preschool years have better language skills when they start school and are more interested in reading. Please read age related books to your tamariki/children from 6 months right up to when they are about 9 years old.

You may be asking why?

It is simple. Your tamariki/children's reading ability by the end of Year 3 is the most important predictor of future success at high school, university and eventually as an adult working for a living.

Most whānau/parents know that reading to their child(ren) and listening to them read, is so important. For many whānau/parents, due to the pressures of family, work, and life in general, home reading can drop off the list of things to do, especially as a child moves through primary school. Whānau/families have to try - even 5 to 10 minutes a day will make a difference.

Tamariki/Children who are read to during infancy and preschool years have better language skills when they start school and will be more interested in reading. Whānau/parents who spend time reading to their children create nurturing relationships, which are important for a child's cognitive, language and social-emotional development.

Make it fun and keep it short:

During the first months and into the first year, whānau/parents should show their tamariki/children magazines or simple picture books. Point to and name pictures in books for infants. 2 to 5 year olds: continue pointing at pictures, but now ask questions about the pictures. You could be reading some of the text around the pictures and ask questions or have them complete rhymes from a nursery rhymes' book. Remember that 2-year-olds have a short attention span, and infants may put books in their mouths because that is how they explore their world. Do not growl or force your child to continue, stop and try again later.

Reading to your very young tamariki/children is so powerful because children think their parents are the most important people in their world.

Make reading a part of your daily life, and kids will learn to love it. Te pānui i!



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