SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term One - 16 February 2023

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The standout message from the past few years is to be ready for anything!
It is during trying times and challenges that our strength is demonstrated through our culture, character, and commitment.

Culture

A focus this year is our school culture - our vibe, our vision for learning, how our school feels, and how we treat each other. Many teachers, parents and students have built into the school culture over the years, but we have a number of new staff who have picked up the baton. The vibe around the school is positive and students are focused on their learning. Matua Ryan (our incoming Senior School Deputy Principal) has launched into leading our senior team to revisit the purpose of all we do - WHY, HOW, and WHAT - and at the centre have coined the phrase to share with students ***"To take ownership of our lives, and make impactful decisions that leave a legacy."*** Senior students are engaged in learning about leadership and stepping up into their responsibilities. It was such a heartwarming day last Friday to see our seniors supporting our juniors around the triathlon. We saw Charlie and Lucan almost carry a bike all the way around the circuit - committed to the success of their junior buddy rider. There were many more examples. Well done to all our seniors - you made us so proud!

Character

When the going gets tough it's our character that holds us together. Our character wheel is being celebrated across the school with daily noticings of students demonstrating the school values. These lead into values awards, and then into our schools prestigious Stepping Up award. Our focus this term is whakamana / respect. I have enjoyed sitting in on meetings with the Primary team led by Tania Yorke (incoming Primary School Deputy Principal) unpacking ways the teaching team can continue to collaborate and demonstrate our school values in their work together as role models for their tamariki. The Primary school are engaged in learning and enjoying the glimpses of sunshine as well as stomping in the puddles.

Commitment

I read a statement the other day of interest 'The goal of life isn't happiness - it's to tackle the challenges, be committed to our goals, and to support each other along the journey - and if you do these things… you will likely find a happiness that comes from hard work and dedication.' Learning new things requires commitment, identifying challenges and ways we can help requires commitment, setting goals and persevering requires commitment. I have been encouraging students to set goals and work towards these. Many students are stepping up and displaying a can do attitude.

We look forward to 2023 - a year to build culture, character, and commitment.
Nga Mihi
Lynden Cook, Principal

Notices:

Wait what? A hard copy newsletter?
We have renegotiated our printing regime and colour printing is now 75% cheaper. Our survey last year indicated a number of families would appreciate a hard copy newsletter to keep track of key dates and upcoming events. A printed hard copy of the newsletter will go home with the eldest child from each whānau every three weeks with key upcoming information and dates, and a shorter snapshot via email only on the weeks in between. You can request through the office to be removed from this and only receive emailed newsletters if needed.

Swimming Sports Information
Key information regarding swimming sports should be emailed home by the end of the week. Keep an eye out and ensure you are recieving messages from noreply@kaharoa.school.nz - if you are having trouble, try sending a short message to this email address and that may trigger your incoming email server to mark it as friendly.

Kaharoa School Triathlon Results
Well done to everyone who participated in our Triathlon last week. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who offered their assistance to help with the event. We hope everyone enjoyed their day. The results will be emailed out with this newsletter.

2023 PTA AGM
The Kaharoa School PTA warmly invites the school community to its AGM to be held in the school staff room or via Zoom at 7pm on the 1st of March. We will be voting on some minor changes to our constitution; to update terminology, simplify operations and provide more flexibility. A copy of the proposed changes to the Constitution was emailed to all parents and caregivers on 13 February.

Kaharoa Community Association
The KCA is a group of local volunteers who work to provide opportunities for our community to meet together and connect. They also manage the Kaharoa Hall, sponsor the Neighbourhood Support system and attend District Council meetings in order to keep up-to-date with issues affecting the district. Their most recent newsletter will be emailed out with this newsletter for your interest.

Dental Services
Recent advice from our local dental service is that they are severely understaffed and you can expect wait times when making an appointment. Unfortunately the Dental Van service is not available for the foreseeable future. If your child has not had a dental check up in some time or needs dental attention, please contact the local dental service to make an appointment. https://www.lakesdhb.govt.nz/our-services/dental-services/

What's on?

17 February, 9am
Whole School Assembly
Triathlon 1st place certificates and Senior Leadership badges will be awarded. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

20 February (NEW DATE)
Kaharoa School Board Meeting, 5:30pm
The BOT meeting scheduled for 13 February was postponed due to weather. The meeting will now be held on 20 February in the Boardroom. Parents and Caregivers are welcome

21 February
Super Smash Cricket (Y4-8)
BOP Cricket visiting school to run cricket skills sessions.

24 February
Kaharoa School Swimming Sports

27 February
Teacher's Paid Union Meeting
Teachers will be away at a PUM this afternoon. School will remain open with students supervised.

1 March
PTA AGM
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3 March
Rural Inter-School Swimming Sports

6 March
Immunisation Clinic
Public Health nurses will be visiting to carry out Gardasil (HPV) vaccinations for Y8 students and Boostrix vaccinations for our Y7 students.

16-17 March
Y4/5 Camp - Lakes Ranch
Two days and one night camp at Lakes Ranch for Year 4 & 5 students in Room Miro and Rata. Year 3 students will visit for the afternoon/evening of 16 March.

Recent Whole School Emails

- **Invitation to the Kaharoa School PTA AGM** (sent 13 Feb)
- **Communication Plan and '@school' parent app** (sent 8 Feb)
- **Kaharoa Snapshot** (sent 8 Feb)

Local Sporting/Social Opportunities:

Junior Rugby
If students are keen on playing rugby this coming season (starting 29 April), registrations are now open (register here), and make sure you 'save the date' for the upcoming Junior Rugby Whanau Day on 25 February. For more information email nscajab@gmail.com and see their flyer on our website.

Waterpolo
School competitions are currently on hold with the indoor pool refurbishment but trainings will still run in the outdoor pool. The club is happy to welcome swimmers for all age groups, particularly growing the age-12-and-under grade. If you are an able swimmer and would like to come along and try a session look for updates on their Facebook page.

School Galas - Save the Date!
The following schools have advised they have Gala's coming up. Keep an eye out for more information as we receive it!

- St Mary's Catholic School - 10 March
- Mamaku School - 16 March
- Ngongotaha School - 17 March
- Westbrook School - 30 March

Sport Bay of Plenty Coaching Course
The Development Coach Advance (DCA) course is back for another year. This 7 session, 9 month course provides community coaches with a cross-code learning opportunity to upskill and develop in their coaching practice. It aims to build a foundation where coaches are continuous learners, share their insights and thus build a community of support for coaches in the Bay of Plenty. If this sounds like something you are interested in there is more info, the registration link and the itinerary on their website.

Netball Coaching
Are you coaching Primary or Intermediate netball teams 2023? Register now for the future FERNS coaching modules. Yr 1-6 FutureFERNS Coach Modules dates have changed. Now on this Friday, 17th February and Wednesday, 22nd February (times and venue stay the same).
Email nrc.futureferns@gmail.com to register and let us know which age group, date and time you would like to attend.
Contact NRC Coach Developer - Maylene Meroiti 0273470083 for more details and see their flyer on our website.

KCA Invites you to their Friday Night Catch-up - 3 March
Kaharoa Community Association invites all residents to an informal post work Friday night catch up **at the Kaharoa Hall, from 5.30pm** til the last person leaves. Bring your own favourite tipple, snacks, food, tea & coffee available. Bring the family, toys for the little ones.
Please pass the invite on to your neighbours, staff, friends.

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Student Accounts Update

Please note the changes listed below for 2023

What is changing? Our activity fees and digital subscription fees will now appear on your student account as an "Activity Donation".

Why are we changing this?
To benefit you – if you pay these prior to March 31st 2023, they will be listed on your donations receipt for this year, and you can receive 33% of these costs back from IRD.
To benefit Kaharoa School – donations are GST exempt so we won't have to pay the first 15% in GST.

What does it mean if it is now a donation?
We hope there will be very little difference in the amounts we receive by changing them from fees to donations or else we would have to discontinue some of our programmes. Your contribution is a major support for what we can provide for students.

What do activity donations contribute to in 2023?
- Visiting performers from Playhouse NZ
- Science in a van learning experience
- Life Education
- Kahawrite Magazine
- Cyber monitoring and device management
- Seesaw learning portfolios
- Maths digital content (Math seeds, Math Whizz, Education Perfect)
- Resilience project

Digital Subscriptions: A number of companies have increased their pricing unexpectedly. We have negotiated with companies to bring the price of our digital subscriptions down as much as possible. Using this new donations structure, families should be able to get 33% back so overall there is still a saving to each family. Please find on the following page, the adjusted costs for digital subscriptions.

What about the $200 'School Donation'? How is that different?
The school donation also has a 33% tax refund from IRD. This $50 a term, $200 per year contributes towards the following aspects of our school.
- Cost of running the school pool ($7500 per year running costs + maintenance)
- Additional Learning Assistant time to support students in classes ($10,000)
- Purchase resources to benefit all pupils in the school (such as reading materials)
- Promotion of the arts – towards art supplies, kapahaka, dance tutor, choir tutor
- Contribute to the high standard of grounds and sport facilities

Thank you for your support with these costs. If you have financial difficulty please get in touch with the office or school principal to discuss options for your whānau.

School Donations and Costs

2023	**Kōwhai Rewarewa**	**Miro**	**Rata**	**Tōtara Rangiura**	**Tōtara Whakairo & Rākau**
School Donation* (Learning assistants, resources, grounds, pool)	$200	$200	$200	$200	$200
Activity Donation*	$50	$80	$100	$100	$100
For all students:	(life education, kahawrite magazine, science in a van, playhouse show, seesaw portfolio)				
For specific class levels:		-resilience project -math seeds	-resilience project -math whizz -hapara digital device monitoring	-resilience project -math whizz -hapara digital device monitoring	-resilience project -education perfect -hapara digital device monitoring
Year 7 & 8 Tech Art / Manual Fee	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	$80 (Year 7 and 8)
Camps	n/a	Year 4 $100 Year 3 $20	$100	$220 TBC	$220 TBC
Total Costs 2023	**$250** **$5.80 per week**	**$380 (Year 4)** **$8.85 per week** **$300 (Year 3)** **$6.95 per week**	**$400** **$9.30 per week**	**$520** **$12.10 per week**	**$600** **$13.95 per week**

*The school will provide you with a receipt for donations that you can claim back 33% of with IRD via a Tax Credit Claim Form (IR526)

Donation: The School Donation is $200.00 per child, $50 per term. This voluntary donation enables the school to provide additional Learning Assistant time to support students in classes, purchase resources to benefit all pupils in the school (such as reading materials), and contribute to our high standard of resources and grounds (such as the costs of running the pool).

Seesaw – this is a platform we use for students to take photos and videos of their learning and share them with home. It is also used for classroom teachers to send announcement alerts to families from time to time.
Hapara – this is used to monitor student device use and set parameters about what students can access while at school.
Maths Whizz/Maths Seeds/Education Perfect – these are subscriptions that students can access at home at school to support the learning in maths. We use different platforms over the years at school because students become less interested using the same platform and a new provider is more interesting for students.

Resilience Project: We are embarking into a new health programme focused on resilience through the GEM focus – Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness. The full cost of $18 per students is partially covered by the school operational funding, and we ask for a $10 donation to this course.
Other: Kahawrite magazine to celebrate student writing, visiting performers from Playhouse NZ, Science in a van learning experience, and Life Education mobile classroom visit.

Year 7 & 8 Tech Art / Manual at WHHS: A compulsory fee of $80.00 is charged each year which covers the costs associated with manual at WHHS.

Camps: Senior School **Y6-8** Tui Ridge Wed 29th - Fri 31st March. **Y4-5** Lakes Ranch Thurs 16 – Friday 17 March. **Y3's** will come for the afternoon and early evening on Thursday 16th of March, but not stay overnight.
Hats: Our navy Kaharoa School is available for purchase at the school office for $24.00. All pupils must have a bucket had or similar that stays at school.

Donations and Costs

For 2023

We ask for a voluntary school donation, either as a sum of $200 per year, $50 per term, or $5 weekly as an automatic payment February through November. We have also combined our previous activity fee and digital subscriptions fee into an activity donation from 2023 onwards.

Your contribution through donations is a major support for what we can provide for students.

2023 Donations are intended to contribute towards:

- Cost of running the school **pool** ($7500 per year running costs + maintenance)
- Additional **Learning Assistant** time to support students in classes ($10,000)
- Purchase **resources** to benefit all pupils in the school (such as reading materials)
- Promotion of the **arts** – towards art supplies, kapahaka, dance tutor, choir tutor
- Contribute to the high standard of **grounds** and **sport** facilities

Kaharoa School is dedicated to providing diverse opportunities for students with a focus on learning connected to the rural environment, sporting, and artistic pursuits. All learners explore new things and develop their passions and interests to catch a spark and imagine what the world could be with their contribution.

We also apply for support from community organisations and grants. But, **like many schools, we rely on the generous support of our community to be able to provide excellent resources and learning opportunities to achieve our goals for students.**

The funding the school receives is broken up into property funds, teacher salary funds, and operational funds. Money is not transferred between these. With limited **operational funding**, it is difficult for us to achieve all that we aspire to provide for students and the community. Operational funds are used for school resources, learning assistants, support staff, and general school costs. We have a number of programmes and opportunities that go above and beyond to support our students, which have specific costs. These are outlined on the following page. It is through the support of families paying these costs that we are able to offer opportunities to our students that we would not be able to offer with our limited operational funding.

Payments: These can be paid online: ASB 12 3155 0189083 000 It is imperative when you make a payment to us: 1) You make it easy to identify who the payment is from. 2) You state who it is for 3)You state what it is for. If a full reference cannot be entered, please email the office with the above information supplied, office@kaharoa.school.nz

Options to help with payments payment

- ❑ If you cannot afford to pay the full amount, **a part payment is most welcome at any stage of the year**, just let us know how much you will be paying and when. We appreciate any amount you can pay to support our programmes.
- ❑ Some families prefer to **set up an automatic payment** to our school account and pay a fortnightly or weekly amount starting from early February 2023 – and paying the full amount by November 30th 2023 to allow for end of year accounting. This could range from $5.80-$13.95 per week, as detailed on the attached page.
- ❑ Please also **consider supporting our PTA with fundraising** and school events as this is another way we fundraise for resources for the school. Please look out for emails and in newsletters when parent help is needed.

Kaharoa Communication

Our main mode of communication is **email**. Our outgoing mailing list sends from noreply@kaharoa.school.nz. You will find the most important information is in the 'Snapshot' and longer School Newsletters.

Our newsletters are all stored on the school website, along with the parent information booklet, and access to a range of information.
www.kahaora.school.nz

@school etap app – please download and turn ALERTS ON. We use this for schoolwide reminders of upcoming events and information. You can also access your child's contact details, account information for payment of sports fees etc, and this is the BEST way to contact us if to alert us if your child is ABSENT.

Seesaw - this is a platform we use for students to take photos and videos and share them with home. It is also used for classroom teachers to send announcement alerts to families from time to time. Please download this app 'Seesaw Parent' and turn ALERTS ON.

We have a presence on facebook to share stories of what is happening at school, for example photos of a recent school event. We use email and our website to distribute information.

Contacting Us

For important or urgent matters, please phone the school. 07 3323444 e.g. changes to pick up arrangements, sport cancellations.

Contacts:
office@Kaharoa.school.nz
principal@Kaharoa.school.nz
07 332 3444

Urgent/After Hours principal phone: 0275425400

We receive 100's of emails a week. Please allow 1-2 days for processing.

Teachers can be emailed directly using their Kaharoa email address. Note: they are unlikely to receive an email while they are teaching – send messages through the office phone.

Staff are asked to respond during opening hours, not in evenings and weekend's

Kaharoa School Events
Term 1, 2023 - Fridge Poster

13-17 February	**Swimming Instruction - Poolside Support** Trained swimming instructors will take Year 3-8 students for daily sessions this week
15 February	**Immunisation Education Session Year 7&8s - Boostrix & Gardasil (HPV)** Information session for students 1:30-2:30pm at school.
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16-17 March	**Y4-5 Overnight Camp at Lakes Ranch** Y3's to visit for afternoon/evening of 16 March
29-31 March	**Y6-8 Camp at Tui Ridge**
5 April	**CBOP Swimming Sports** Held at Rotorua Aquatic Centre
6 April	**Last Day of Term 1**
26 April	**First Day of Term 2**