



TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tenei te mihi, tenei te mihi, tenei te mihi.

Greetings, Greetings, Greetings.

Ko tenei te panui o tau hau.

This is the first newsletter of the new year.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. I hope you and your family have had a fantastic holiday and that our children are refreshed and set to start a new year. We have had a slow transition back to school over the last two weeks and the cooler temperatures have helped!

Te Kopuru School has a committed and hardworking staff, and at our powhiri on the first day new staff, parents and students were welcomed to our school. We welcome new staff Ms Eva Pirini, Mrs Robyn Young, Miss Keiran Hackett, Mrs Robin Robertson, and Mr Vinnie Ridgeway (RTL); and new students- Horace Gillatt, Kaedyn and Kimberley Pulham, Bridget Reed, Hinekahurangi-Ariki Tutapu, Sam Pirini-Edwards and their families.

This year we have slightly changed the morning break times across the whole school. Instead of two fifteen minute breaks, we are now trialing a 10 minute "Brain Break". This is a time to fuel the brain with a healthy snack; a drink and toilet stop. It is not a "play" break, and children will be monitored by their teacher.

At 11.10am there will be a 20 minute break, where children will be encouraged to have a healthy snack, drink, toilet stop and a short play. Classes resume at 11.30am.

Please make sure your child is prepared for school. We are able to provide healthy snacks with fresh sandwiches, fruit and chilled milk. Weetbix and milk is also available in the morning before the first bell at 8.40am. Children only need to bring a healthy lunch!!

Students are encouraged to have a water bottle in class, and need a hat/cap when outside. Sunblock before school please; as well as on-going monitoring and treatment of headlice. Swimming caps are desirable.

A stationery/resource newsletter has been sent home and thank you to families who have paid or set up automatic payments. A deposit of \$20.00 will ensure your child receives their stationery pack. Teachers are eager to start working in their books. Please contact Jessica at the school office for further information if needed.

The focus for term one across all classes is "Building Positive Relationships" and "Managing Self". We as a staff are wanting to further promote a positive school culture where students fully understand their individual and collective responsibility in creating a culture of care. A culture of care for themselves and others; and the role they play in this. Positive communication between home and school is essential for the continued learning and well being of our students. We appreciate information from home, so please do not hesitate to let us know your concerns, ideas and suggestions.

I look forward to a positive and productive school year.

Kindest regards

Lee Anderson

TE KOPURU SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2018

Lee Anderson- Principal Ph 439 1802
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Next Board of Trustees Meeting Monday 19 February, 7pm

STAFFING 2018

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| Principal | Lee Anderson |
| Assistant Principal, Rm 2 | Mrs Sheila Martin (Year 2) |
| Assistant Principal, Rm 5 | Pere Tahere (Year 5,6) |
| Room 1 (Year 1) | Marie Birkenhead |
| Room 3 (Year 3) | Eva Pirini |
| Room 4 (Year 4) | Keiran Hackett |
| Room 6 (Year 6,7,8) | Robyn Young |
| Poutama(Year 4-8) | Eddie Matthews |
| Administration | Jessica Duxfield |

Te Kopuru Performing Arts Festival Saturday 7 April 2018

*A community event that celebrates
the diversity of cultures within New
Zealand*

*We need your support in the
organisation of this community event.
Please come along to our meeting on
Tuesday 20th February 7pm
At school*

Teacher Aides: Whaea Reti Leef , Mrs Aimee Bradley, Mrs Kerry Little, Mrs Dawn Dreadon
Groundsman: Mr David Mitchell
Social Worker in Schools: Mark Sears
Resource Teacher of Learning Behaviour: Vinnie Ridgeway

TE KOPURU SCHOOL KARAKIA

E TE ATUA

Me o matou hoa e noho nei i o
Ratou kainga, me nga hohipera,
Me nga kohanga, me nga kura katoa.
Awhinatia matou, i a matou mahi
i te kura o Te Kopuru.
Ki a tau mai a tatou te Aroha,
Te Tika me te Pono.
i raro I to ingoa tapu.
Amine

DEAR LORD

Grace upon our families this day.
And our friends in their homes,
hospitals, playcentres and schools.
Support us here in our work at
Te Kopuru School.
Give us love, honesty, and truth.
We ask in your name.
Amen.

WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA CAMP

Our annual two day whakawhanaungatanga event will take place at school on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February. Children are challenged in a series of activities to develop teamwork and co-operative skills; to further promote a "culture of care". Students are invited to stay overnight on Wednesday 21st. There will be a shared meal and parent meeting as a "meet and greet" time. More information will be sent home, but circle these days on your calendar!

We are upgrading our medical register. Please fill in the form below if applicable.

Please list any medical conditions your child has that the school needs to know e.g. Asthma, Allergies, Disabilities etc.

Name.....

Condition/s:.....

Medication/s:.....

Please complete and sign the **Parent Medical Statement for administration of prescribed medication for students**. This signed form must be sent to school with the medication, which needs to be clearly labelled and sealed in a container or bag.

PARENT MEDICAL STATEMENT

Re: Administration of Prescribed Medication

Name of Student.....Age.....Room.....

Medication Name.....

Name of Family Doctor.....Phone Number.....

Directions for Administering Medication.....

.....

Name of Parent/Caregiver.....

Signature of Parent/Caregiver.....

Date.....

TE KOPURU SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday 12th- February-Sport Northland Swim Safe Week

Wednesday-Thursday 21st & 22nd February-Whakawhanaungatanga

Tuesday 27th February- Dog Safety

Tuesday 13th March-Te Kopuru School Swimming Sports

Thursday 22nd March-Triathlon

Wednesday 28th March- Northern Wairoa Swimming Sports

Friday 30 March - Tuesday 3 April - Easter Break

Thursday 5th April-Magical Show

Saturday 7th April-Te Kopuru Performing Arts Festival

Friday 13th April-End of Term one

Monday 30th April-Term Two Starts

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

Reminder Ukulele: All students who have a ukulele please return them to Matua Pere or the office ASAP.

Breakfast in Schools: Weetbix is available for our students from 8.20—8.40 am.

Fruit in Schools: Fruit will be available each morning break beginning 12th February.

Hats: All children must wear hats. **Sunscreen-** Please ensure your child has their own and applies it before school. The school does not supply sunscreen.

Correct contact details: In an emergency (students in sickbay, accidents, changes of clothing needed, discipline matters) it is **important** the school has on record a minimum of two local persons phone numbers. Please check details held with the office and update regularly.

Lunch orders- From Empire Luncheonette. **Now only available Wednesday to Friday.** Place order at the office in the morning before first bell.

School Stationery- Is available for purchase from the school office. If your child requires extra throughout the year a note will be sent home.

Cyclists: A reminder to parents and students who use the school grounds to ride their bikes, that there is a legal requirement to wear helmets.

Technology at DIS: Technology at the Dargaville Intermediate School for Year 7 and 8 students will be every Friday morning for Term 1 and 2. The children will need to wear 'covered' shoes.

Swimming: All children are required to undergo instruction in water safety and water skills. This is viewed as a compulsory part of the PE/Health Curriculum, unless excused by a note from a Caregiver or Doctor. Students must bring named togs, towels throughout swimming season. The School Pool Water is tested on a regular basis. Swimming caps are encouraged. Blocking filters caused by hair is a problem.

Lost Property: There is always a huge amount of clothing and footwear etc. left at school each day. It is expected that all students clothing and equipment be named clearly.

Homework Centre: This is available after school from 2.45pm to 3.45pm - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. (Friday only for Dargaville Bus Students).

Afternoon Tea is provided. If you require your child to attend the homework centre, please notify the school either by phone or letter. If there is no notification, your child will be sent home as per their normal after school routine.

Absences: It would be appreciated if the School is notified if your child is absent for the day. Alternatively, a note explaining absence is required on student return to school. This is a Ministry requirement. Satisfactory Ministry of Education reasons for absence: Illness for 1—3 days, Medical Certificate for longer than 3 days. Family death/illness of relative.

Reminder: We are a SMOKE FREE and DOG FREE SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINES

Parents/Caregivers must notify the school in writing or by phone call if there is any change to normal after school student routines. It is preferable for the school to be notified in the morning, and no later than 2pm when the phone messages are cleared for the final time of the school day. The school will not be responsible for relaying any late phone messages to students.

The school asks that parents/caregivers use the manned road patrol if students are being picked up by parents.

The school asks that parents park across the road in the parking area to avoid congestion on the school side.

School finishes at 2.45pm and students need to be collected from school at that time.

If parents want ineligible bus students to travel on a bus, parents must organise this with Ritchie's Bus Transport for approval before notifying the school.

Students will not ring their parents during school day to change after school arrangements.

Please make sure you inform your child before school if there are any changes to avoid confusion

Communication with the school

- We run an open door policy, Please come in and discuss any concerns/questions you may have.
- Contact details- Please ensure the school has a current phone number in order to get hold of you in an emergency. Phone or email Jessica at the office. Phone 439 1802 and leave a detailed message or email jessica@tekopuru.school.nz
- School Newsletter: The school newsletter is emailed fortnightly, Please supply your email address to the office. The eldest student in each family is given one to take home. If you miss a copy you can obtain one from the office or go to our website www.tekopuru.school.nz
- If it is easier for you to report absences or change afterschool plans via email please add jessica@tekopuru.school.nz to your contacts. Note the same rules apply as a phone message, cut off for messages is strictly 2pm daily.
- Parents/Caregivers can send a written note to the office to advise of absences or any changes to student routines.
- Skool Loop App - You can notify us of your child's absences using this app see info.....

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

NEVER MISS IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION AGAIN!



- * Events
- * Notices
- * Notifications
- * Absentee
- * Newsletters
- * Permission Slips



Simple free download:
In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' and choose our school once installed.

**FAMILY
VIOLENCE
IT'S NOT OK**

**IT IS
OK TO ASK
FOR
HELP**

Aikido is the Martial Art of Peace, and it teaches discipline, respect and harmony. Mr Joe Hansen, Aikido instructor, will continue to take lessons in our school hall over this term for interested students. Cost for 8 weeks: \$56 of \$7 per session
 Friday's 11.30am - 12.30pm Starting this Fridayput date in!!

Enquiries please contact Joe: 0275514200 aikijoe@outlook.com

Please fill in the form below and bring payment to school on the day.

 AIKIDO Parent Permission:

I would like _____ to take part in the Aikido workshops each Friday.

Signed: _____ Phone: _____

\$56 enclosed: Yes/No

Payment made: _____



Kings School of Dance

** New Students ** Experienced Students ** Dance Lessons ** Aratapu & Ruawai

Phone 09 439-0280 OR 021 2326 966 Ask for Sonja to enrol

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday classes Aratapu Wednesday classes Ruawai

Dargaville Scouts for boys and girl ages 5-18 years. Badges to earn cover Outdoors, Community, Personal Development, New Experiences. 1 month FREE trial to all new members. For more info phone Dianne 09-2832006 or txt Dianne on 0211243005 Adult Volunteers are welcome.

Incredible Years Training

Parents and caregivers of children 3-8 years old with challenging behaviours attend our courses. Parents are usually invited to attend, but you are welcome to contact us if you are interested in the programme. Once a course is full, parents will be put on a waiting list for the next course.

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| The Hub Dargaville | 22/2/18 9.30am-12pm (Thurs) | Lynette Matthews @The Hub (09) 439 7861 thehubkaipara@gmail.com Kim Hill/Apikara Ferris |
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Dargaville Town Band Everyone welcome. Come along! Band practice is Thursdays 3.30pm and Saturdays 2.00pm at the Dargaville Methodist Church. Any queries please contact Reverend Koli on 439 8724.

