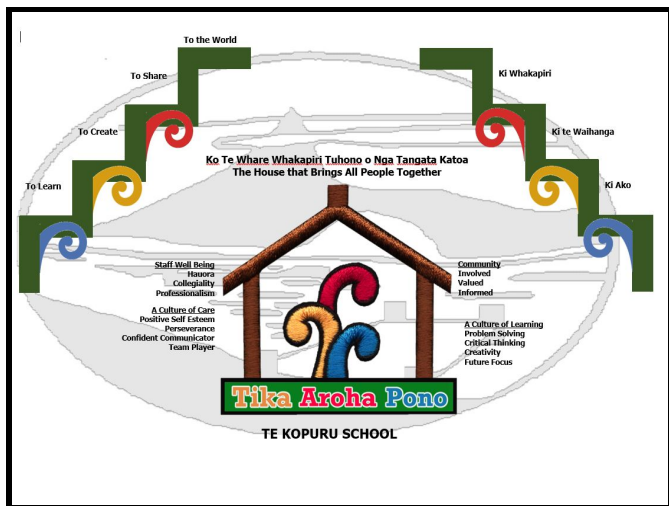


# TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Whakatauki:

**Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana**

*A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae (meeting house grounds)*

**Tenei te mihi atu ki nga matua katoa**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

Tenei te mihi ki a Ruby me Tetahi Saunders-Hall ki te kura o Te Kopuru. We welcome Ruby and Tetahi Saunders-Hall and their family to our School.

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope you have had a positive time with your family over the break. Schools are busy places, and this term is already full of many learning opportunities and events for our students.

The overarching theme for the learning programme this term is "Our place in the Universe." Some of the big ideas we will be learning about is our planet earth:- the composition and structure; our place in the universe and outer space. Already our children are questioning: What causes night and day? Why do we have a moon? Does the earth spin? What causes earthquakes and volcanoes? What is gravity? Where is the Milky Way? Is there life on other planets? Lots for us to inquire about! We will also be learning about Matariki and this year our noho/sleepover will be held at Ripia Marae.

Winter Sports begins this term, and once again I stress the importance of students being involved in a team. Sportsmanship, co-operation, discipline, team spirit, self esteem are some of the life competencies that team membership promotes. Thank you to those parents and community members who have put their names forward as coaches, managers, referees; and I ask parents to show support by ensuring your child attends practices and games at the designated destinations and times.

It is extremely important, for ongoing learning, for students to practice their reading and spelling at home each night, and also to practise basic facts so that they have instant recall. Please support and encourage your children with this.

Keeping parents informed on student performance and achievement is very important for our students and their learning. Our mid-year interviews will be held between 2-5 July so mark these dates on your calendar.

I look forward to a happy and productive term.

Kindest regards

Lee Anderson

# Congratulations!



**Congratulations to our new house leaders. From left to right-  
Lerena Morris, Dylarni Harding and Reese Tana.**

## **BRAINIACS**

....Enhancing your child's ability to learn.

Kia Ora. Hola. Namaste. Talofa Lava. Malo e lelei. Hello.

As well as the right/left dominance, different parts of our brain are responsible for different things. For example, the front of our brain (the Cortex) is where most of our memory comes from. The back of our brain, the eyesight, the middle of our brain, the instinctive and reactionary impulses, and things that are vital for survival, heartbeat, blood flow, breathing etc.

Aroha nui

**Cool Bananas:** a Christian values based programme will begin this week, Wednesday 2 May (8.45am - 9.15am) and will continue throughout terms 2 and 3. If you do not wish your child to attend, please contact the school. The school is officially closed during this time.



### **Donations of wool please**

The school has been approached to help premature babies to have hats and blankets. If you have any spare wool (3,4 or 8 ply) at home you don't need please drop it into the office.

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at Assembly

Tahje  
Crijns-Dick

Appleton  
Ashby



**SPORTS NUTRITION**

### EAT LIKE AN ATHLETE EVERY DAY!

It is important to eat healthy and well-balanced meals and snacks all the time, not just when we play sport.

Include the four food groups and drink plenty of water!

This will help to keep our bodies healthy, strong and ready for action all year round.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2018

## TE KOPURU SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Wednesday 9th May**- Duffy Theatre 11am

**Wednesday 9th May**- Young Leaders Conference @ Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau

**Monday 14th May**- NZ Bully Free Week

**Friday 18th May**- Issue 3 Lucky Book order Closes

**Monday 28 May - Thurs 31 May**: Book Week

**Tuesday 29th May**- Love Kaipara- Recycling: Rooms 5,6,Poutama

**Monday 4th June**- Queen's Birthday Holiday

**Wednesday 13th June**- Author Visit: Des Hunt

**Thursday 14th - Friday 15 June**- Matariki celebrations at Ripia Marae

**Monday 2nd July**- Parent Interviews begin

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

**Ukulele Practice**- After school, every Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm

**Lunch orders- Empire Luncheonette- Wednesday to Friday** each week place order at the office in the morning before first bell.

**School Resources**- Ease the stress of financial management, make a payment arrangement. Contact the school office on 439 1802.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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).

Please note that homework centre was established for students to develop good homework ethics and routines, and should not be used as a convenience for parents.

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.

**After School:** We ask that local students keep away off the school grounds each day, 2.45pm to 3.45pm, during homework centre time.

**Absence:** It is very important that students attend school every day, as teachers plan sequential lessons. If children are absent, gaps will appear in their learning. Please note that we require a "justified" reason for absence, in line with Ministry of Education requirements. Unexplained and regular absence can result in the notification of truancy.

Satisfactory Ministry of Education reasons for absence: Illness for 1—3 days,

Medical Certificate for longer than 3 days. Family death/illness of relative.

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.

**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

# Te Kopuru School Board of Trustees News



## Te Kopuru School Community Property Consultation:

The Board of Trustees is required to establish a 10 year property plan that will take our school forward. Te Kopuru School comes out of our existing plan at the end of this term, and the Board is now preparing for the next plan 2018 - 2028, with a specific focus on property projects over a 5 year timeframe.

At present, our school is in a very good condition as facilities and buildings have been well maintained. The entrance way is welcoming. All classes have heat pumps/air conditioning units, and are bright and colourful. Our decking project and sunshade over the senior school was completed last year and is an asset to our school. The junior toilets were also upgraded during our last 5 year property plan.

### Some key information:

- The Ministry of Education gives Boards a capital funding budget to use over a five year period. Our 5YA budget for the five years from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2023 is **\$161,573**
- The 5YA budget is to be used to upgrade, modernise or replace existing buildings. It is not intended for expanding the building area of our school
- The Board is required to set aside 10% of our 5YA as a contingency. This is held for any unexpected urgent health and safety or essential infrastructure projects

### Ministry of Education Criteria for Property Projects:

**Priority 1:** *Health and Safety - projects to fix urgent health and safety issues*

**Priority 2:** *Essential Infrastructure - projects to maintain the integrity of building structures and services, e.g., roofing replacements*

**Priority 3:** *Innovative Learning Spaces - projects to upgrade and enhance learning environments*

Unfortunately our funding budget is not a large amount, and this will limit our scope of work. However, the Board would like to hear ideas and suggestions from our parents and community on any projects they would like undertaken:-

### Ideas/Suggestions:

