



# TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 04 December 2018

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## Whakatauki:

E mua ata haere, e muri whatiwhati waewae

Those who rise early in the morning are first; late risers have to bend their legs to catch up.

Tenei te mihi atu ki nga matua katoa

Greetings to all parents.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The end of the year is nigh. We have once again completed another successful year of learning and to celebrate this parents and community are invited to attend our Prizegiving on Monday 17th December at 11.00am in our School Hall.

Thank you very much to our parents who helped out at our Te Kopuru Performing Arts Festival on Saturday 1st December. The aim of our Festival is to provide a forum to share and to celebrate performing arts and to bring the community into our school. We certainly achieved these goals. There was a huge crowd in attendance and a variety of performers. Funds raised through our food stalls grossed \$8,000, of which costs need to be accounted for.

A special thank you to all parents and friends of the school who helped out on the day. A special mention to our steering committee: Kay Moffett, Karina Brown, Janelle McKenzie, Karina Marsh, Missy Hokai, Jessie Moffett, Renee Anderson, Eva Pirini and Pere Tahere.

Kindest regards

Lee Anderson  
Principal

## **TE KOPURU SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Tuesday 4th December-** PTA Meeting 7pm everyone welcome

**Wednesday 5th December-** Te Kopuru School Athletics Day **IS CANCELLED**

**Wednesday 5th December-** Cool Bananas Christmas show

**Monday & Tuesday 10-12th December-** Parent Interviews

**Monday 17th December-** Prizegiving

**Tuesday 18 December - Last day**

### **Reminders**

- **NETBALL:** Could any remaining Southern netball dresses that are still not returned to be handed back to the office before school closes for the year.

### **PTA MEETING**

Meeting tonight Tuesday 4 December 2018 7pm. This will be a wrap up for the end of the year.

Agenda: Finance Report

Look at the year

Disco

Hope to see you all there

### **Te Kopuru School Athletics**

**This event was cancelled due to poor weather**

### **Parent Interviews**

The end of year parent, student and teacher interviews are being held the Monday 10th December to Wednesday 12th December. This is an important time for parents to find out about their child's progress and the next steps in their learning. Children have been sent home information today. Please phone the school to book an appointment spaces fill fast.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE.....

**End of Year Prize Giving** - This will be held in the School Hall on Monday 17th December starting at 11.00am

**All library books need to be returned to school Thank you**

**No Ukulele This Week**

**Invitations are extended to families who would like their child/children to be part of the Poutama Bilingual Class, 2019**

**If you are further interested in learning more, please contact the Principal**

**What is a bilingual class?**

A bilingual class is an ordinary classroom. The requirements of this room are the same as any other class in the school. The school is required to develop and implement teaching and learning programmes to provide all students with opportunities to achieve success in all the essential learning and skills areas of the New Zealand Curriculum.

In the bilingual classroom these learning programmes will be delivered through 2 mediums: English and Te Reo Maori.

**Why does Te Kopuru School need a bilingual unit?**

Part of the requirements of the Board is to consult with our community, develop and make known school policies, plans and targets for improving the achievements of students.

- The Board is required to address the needs of students by developing and implementing teaching and learning programmes.
- Te Kopuru School roll at the moment is 130. 92 students are classified as NZ Maori 71%
- However all students have the opportunity to go into the unit. It is envisaged that, like the kapa haka groups, all students have the same opportunity to participate in this class. It is not exclusively for Maori.

**What are the aims of a bilingual class?**

- Students will understand and value our bicultural society and will be able to function confidently in either setting.
- Bilinguals have a clear learning advantage. They develop a better capacity for language as a whole. Research shows that bilingual have better creativity and lateral thinking.
- Learning a new language gives students a better understanding of their first language.
- Students will develop self esteem, and establish links with Maoridom and this will cause a flow over into their learning. This is of particular benefit to Maori students.
- Exploring language helps students to gain skills and confidence and encourages them to take learning risks.
- Students will gain a sound knowledge of te reo mea ona tikanga Maori which will enhance their tertiary and employment opportunities.

**How much te reo will be taught?**

Ministry te reo levels are:

- Level 1—Full immersion
- Level 2—50-80%
- Level 3—30-50% (POUTAMA)
- Level 4—Less than 30%

The amount will vary according to curriculum topics. For example, to begin with there would need to be a gradual increase as students learn instructions and vocab. Later on the teacher may decide to teach a unit of topic in te reo, and other areas in English.

### **How will the unit be funded?**

Each student who is in the unit generates money. This money is ministry money, but is entirely separate from our operational grant. The bilingual unit is fully self funding.

### **Who will be eligible for the unit?**

- Any student who is enrolled at Te Kopuru School.
- Parents choice

### **How successful has our bilingual been?**

- Each year the Principal reports to the Board student achievement data in Mathematics, Reading, Writing. This is broken down into whole school, gender, year groups and ethnicity. The achievement levels of students in Poutama have been higher than our mainstream Maori Students.
- This unit was first introduced in 2003, and most of the graduate students have gone onto achieve at a high level in their secondary and tertiary levels.
- Bilingual units are not new. In fact, they are a growing entity throughout the education community of New Zealand. These classes are another forum in which we can deliver a rich and balanced curriculum.

“Research studies with children who experience learning difficulties show that the learning of a second language can, in fact be advantageous”

Simpson Morris International, 2001

“We need a learning environment which enables all our students to attain high standards and develop appropriate personal qualities...we need a workforce which...  
has an international and multicultural perspective”

NZ Curriculum Framework 1993

## **Northland Circus Festival 2019**

**11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Paparoa A&P Show grounds and War memorial hall**

Circus Kumarani will host the Northland Circus Festival 2019 with workshops from ground to aerial skills, beginner to advanced skills, this festival is for everyone of all ages and abilities!

Come along and enjoy circus workshops, gala show, renegade show, fire spinning, food, crafts and so much more.

**Bring this newsletter with you for a 30% discount on your ticket prices (doesn't not include discount for gala show only or camping)**

For more information visit [www.circuskumarani.co.nz](http://www.circuskumarani.co.nz) or call 09 439 5152