

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Tālofa lava, Kia orana, Nameste, Ni hao, Shalom, Kumusta, As-salāmu ‘alaykum and Greetings

IMPORTANT DATES

Term Four

- 27 Nov Kākano Assembly
- 03 Dec Ki-o-rahi Festival
- 04 Dec Kapa Haka Festival
- 07 Dec Tōtara BDO
- 08 Dec Te Rito BDO
- 09 Dec Ngahere BDO
- 10 Dec Kākano BDO
- 14 Dec End of Year Celebration
- 15 Dec End of Year

2021 Term Dates

- Term 1 03 Feb - 16 April
- Term 2 03 May - 9 July
- Term 3 26 July - 1 Oct
- Term 4 18 Oct - 15 Dec



**WELCOME
HAERE MAI**

On Monday we welcomed Isabella Mills to Kākano. We wish her and her family all the best on their learning journey with us.

Planning for 2021

As you can imagine, we have been busy planning for 2021. We have decided, based on all information, that the best option for 2021 is to have three learning teams.

The learning teams will be known as Kano (seed), Māhuri (sapling) and Puāwai (blossom). We all love and relate to the story behind Kākano, Te Rito, Tōtara and Ngahere and the new names and story are closely related. Kano is another name for a seed that is to be nurtured and treasured. Māhuri relates to a precious young sapling developing and growing in strength. Puāwai is a blossom that is flourishing.

One of the main reasons we have adopted a three team structure in 2021 is due to the uneven number of tamariki in the differing year groups. This year we have large numbers of year 4 and 5 students compared to our smaller year 2 group. In 2021 this means that our new Puāwai Team (Year 5-6) will be our largest team. In saying that, we are pleased to be able to provide an excellent student/teacher ratio to ensure quality teaching and learning in Puāwai and indeed across all teams.

Kano and Māhuri

A feature of the Kano and Māhuri Learning Teams for 2021 is that all children will be part of the Learning Team and not be assigned to a particular class. This means each team will benefit from having three teachers. We see this as a real positive. It allows for greater flexibility and really supports our 4Cs Curriculum. While consistency will be a focus, the teachers can offer a wide range of learning opportunities for the students. Additionally, they can collaborate with each other sharing planning, ideas and strategies. This will afford a vibrant and exciting environment for the students. Tamariki will be able to collaborate with a range of children and with heaps of creativity and diversity.

As a parent/caregiver, you may have some questions about how communication will work. We believe the Learning Team structure offers lots of positives in this regard. You are able to communicate with any of the teachers according to the situation. For example, if you had a question about your child's reading, then you would make contact with the teacher working with your child for reading. If you had a pastoral, health or other personal matter, you would be able to talk with any of the Learning Team teachers.

Puāwai

Puāwai will be similar in many regards but the difference will be that with the Year 5/6 numbers being higher than usual, we have decided that it is best to establish a 'Home Room' with a specific 'Home Room Teacher'.



The students will start off the day in their Home Room. This means they will feel secure in knowing some basic things like where to put their bag each morning and that they will also start the day with a Home Room Hui/meeting before heading off to their different learning groups i.e. literacy or maths. This could be with any of the Learning Team teachers and will be dynamic in nature according to need. We will let the children and you know about the "Home Room" classes for 2021 in due course.

In regards to communication in Puāwai, once again, if you had a question about literacy or maths, you would direct this towards the teacher working with your child on literacy or maths. However, if you had an issue in regards to pastoral, health or other personal matters, it would be best to contact the Home Room teacher.

2021 Learning Team Organisation

Kano

Year 1-2: Mrs Paver, Mrs Ros and Miss Symon

Māhuri

Year 3-4 Mrs Seebeck, Mr Conway, Mrs Alve
Mrs Alve will be working four mornings a week in Māhuri.

Puāwai

Year 5-6 Mrs Peacock, Whaea Vanessa, Mr Calder, Mrs Wear
Puāwai tahi: Mrs Peacock
Puāwai rua: Whaea Vanessa
Puāwai toru: Mr Calder
Mrs Wear will be working three days a week in Puāwai.

Te Rito Learning Team Assembly

Last week finished on a high with an amazing assembly in Te Rito. There was a massive crowd of parents and grandparents who were treated to a wonderful celebration of achievement and progress. The 4Cs and RKMCS were fully evident throughout the afternoon. It is hard to pick out highlights but the dancing was tremendous, as was the presentation skills of the tamariki. They really showed how they were leading their own learning.

Tu Meke Te Rito!

Te Kupu o te Wiki

With the days flying by so rapidly, here is one phrase I could be using a lot!

Ko te aha tēnei rā? What day is it?

Hats / Pōtae

Can you please ensure your child comes to school each day with a brimmed hat that will give protection for their face and neck. We have had some tamariki not bringing a pōtae and then borrowing one from the office. These have not always come back and as a result, we no longer have hats to loan out. Additionally, we have a couple of students wearing baseball caps which do not provide enough protection from the sun. If children do not bring a (brimmed) hat, they will need to stay in the shade.

Please remember that you can purchase an appropriate hat, complete with school name and logo, from the office for \$15. There are 4 sizes available so one to suit any age child!

Gate

Please make sure you close the front gate. We are trying to fix the mechanism so it self closes more effectively but in the meantime, we would very much appreciate it if you could ensure the gate closes behind you when you enter or leave the school.

Ngā mihi

Mike Thomas

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kelly Club Greenacres offers Before School Care (7:00am-8:30am) and After School Care (3:00pm-6:00pm) located in Greenacres School Hall. Book online at: kellyclub.co.nz/greenacres or phone 027 241 4295.



Bigair Gymsports Tawa - Is your child wanting to learn how to handstand, cartwheel or flip? Do you want them to feel strong and confident, and learn in a safe and encouraging environment? Come to Bigair! Our experienced coaches run classes such as **Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampoline, Parkour** and **Cheerleading!** Classes support children of all skill levels to learn and develop new skills and abilities, improving their fitness and co-ordination, and boosting self-esteem!

Bigair Gym Tawa: 04 2323508 or office@bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Cheer 2021 - join one of New Zealand's top cheerleading programmes, gyms in Owhiro Bay, Tawa and Kapiti. To find out more email william@bigirgym.co.nz



Tawa Uniform Drive - help your local community by donating Tawa College and Tawa Intermediate uniform items you no longer need. Please drop clean, tidy items to Tawa Community Centre (M-F 9-1, 2-4.30) or Linden Community Centre (10.30-1, 2-5). Items will be available Tuesday 22 December 10-12 at Tawa Community Centre or Wednesday 13 January, 6-7pm at Linden Community Centre. Koha per item appreciated, cash only, limited sizes, bring students to ensure best fit. Call Mandy 021 2278566 or Steph 027 5319161 for more info.

Tawa Lions Christmas Parade will take place at 2pm on Saturday 12 December on Main Road, Tawa. The parade runs south to north along the main road from Oxford Street to Surrey Street. Find a spot on either side of the road along the route. Followed by a Christmas Party in the Tawa Plaza.

Participants Needed for the Tawa Christmas Parade. The parade is being held on Saturday 12 December at 2pm and around 60 kids, teens and adults (all ages) are needed to dress up in costumes, ride on floats, walk down the street while having lots of fun and putting smiles on lots of faces. This is open to individuals, families, and both large and small groups. Tawa Lions provides costumes for free and will allocate participants to various floats and themes. They have floats/themes like Star Wars, Disney, Elves, Santa's Float, Fairies, Super Heroes, Pirates etc. If this sounds like something you or your kids / friends / relatives would like to do then please send an email to eric.raven@xtra.co.nz who will get the rest organised.



The 'Pop Up Market' - handmade arts and crafts. New World Atrium, 35 Oxford Street, Tawa, on Saturdays from 10am till 2pm. Dates are 28 November and 12 December.

Incredible Families - next round of Incredible Years courses start in February 2021. All the course details are below. Registrations for the courses can be completed here <http://www.incrediblefamilies.org.nz/incredible-years/register/>

Banana Boat OceanKids Series Attention all swimmers aged 7-10 years! This is coming to Freyberg Beach on Sunday 31 January - a great chance to have a go at a 100m or 200m ocean swim close to shore, in a safe, supportive, and fun environment. Every child who participates will receive a finishers medal, photo, other goodies, and a great day at the beach! Visit www.oceankids.co.nz for more info and to enter.

The Voice of Christmas - Win a Smart Bedroom! This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'... If you can sing, and you're under 13, call 0800 THE VOICE (that's 0800 843 864) and sing a Christmas carol or Christmas song as your audition. The grand prize? The ultimate smart bedroom bundle complete with an Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs! Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB from 6am, to see if you've won!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Wilderkids Outdoor Adventure - Innermost Gardens, 31 Lawson Place, Mt Victoria for kids aged 5-12. \$56 a day (8.30am - 3.15pm), 19-29 January (excluding Wellington Anniversary Day) 10% discount for a full week. Freephone 0508 787824 **Wilderkids is a school holiday programme with a difference.**

Christmas Funday - Tawa Anglican Church (St Christophers), Monday 21 December 2020 10am-2pm, for primary school children. Christmas crafts, lego, games, dvd and stories, cost \$15, booking is essential. For more information and to book contact hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz or 027 2329433.