



NEWSLETTER FIVE, TERM ONE

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – THIS FRIDAY 6th MARCH

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY - KCC will also be closed

On Friday 6th March we will be joining with the staff from Taita, Stokes Valley and Naenae schools for a day of professional learning and sharing at Naenae College. This is the first of 3 teacher only days we will be holding this year.

COMMUNITY TUTOR READERS



Community Tutor Reading has started this week. We have spaces for tutors on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you are able to spare 1 ¼ hours once a week to read with our tamariki please leave a message at the office for Mrs Silk-Martelli, who will get back to you.

SCHOOL BANK CLEAN-UP

We would like to say a huge thank you to Catherine Modlik and the team of helpers from her Church group who spent some time tidying up the bank around our native plants 2 weeks ago. The bank is looking fantastic and the tamariki have enjoyed getting in and amongst the plants. It is great to see some of our tamariki getting stuck in and helping out too.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP

We have started sending photos of cars driving dangerously, parking on berms and double parking and parking over driveways to the Police and Hutt City Council for those who repeatedly ignore our requests to help keep our children safe before and after school. We are leaving it up to them whether to issue tickets to these people.



It is up to all of us to keep our children safe. There is parking on all of the streets around the school, not just on Kairimu Street.

PASIFIKA AIGA FONONO



There will be a fono for all families of children who are current performers in our Pasifika group and also our Pasifika families. This will take place on Tuesday 10 March at 5.30pm, shared food, 6.00pm in the staffroom.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

This event is coming up very fast. Hope you have all been training. Mrs [Dale Ritossa](#) and I will be taking bikes down to Hutt Recreation Grounds on Wednesday 11th of March. If you are able to help load the truck at school and unload it down at the venue please meet us at school at 4.30pm.



Bikes- Please bring all bikes to school on the morning of the 11th of March.

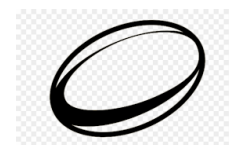
SWIMMING LESSONS – STOKES VALLEY POOL

Swimming lessons at Stokes Valley Pool are underway this week. **The children will all be swimming every day over this time.** The children walk to the pool so will need comfortable walking shoes and will go wet or fine. Please make sure the children come to school with named togs and towels every day. Lessons will be between Monday and Thursday. Please feel free to walk with your child's class to and from the pool if you wish.



RIPPA RUGBY

We have a primary school Rippa Rugby tournament coming up on Tuesday the 24th of March. This is for years 3-6. I'm looking at possibly entering a Yr 3-4 mixed team and a Yr 5-6 mixed team. However, I have no idea how to play Rippa so will only enter teams if we have some amazing parents who would be willing to run a couple of trainings and come on the day to coach the teams. This is an event run by WRFU. If you are interested in coaching a team for this event, please contact Whaea Kataraina



TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

This event is back on again. It will be held on the 20th of May at Wainuiomata, Coast Road. This is an awesome muddy event. If you don't know what this event is about check out the Junior Tough Guy and Gal website. <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tough-guy-gal-ch.../wellington/...>

This event is \$25 per student. (We will try and get enough parents to transport- otherwise there will be another cost for buses, which are very expensive at the moment.)

If your child (year 3-6) is interested in participating please fill in the reply slip on this newsletter and I'll send a registration form home. Last registrations and money will be due on 9th of April.

Ngaa mihi Kataraina

HEAD LICE

We have been informed by some parents that their children have headlice. We ask that you please check your children's hair, especially if you notice them scratching. Information about preventing the spread of headlice can be found at the following website <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice>. We have some treatment products available at school. Please contact the school office for advice and support.

March is Here – Let's Get Movin'!

Movin' March has kicked off and it's been great to see so many children walking or wheeling to and from school.



How to make it work for your whānau

- Instead of driving right up to the school gate, why not [Park and Stride](#)? Walk the last 500m or so to school and get your passport stamped at the school gate!
- Think about how you might get to and from school over March (and the rest of Term 1!) Check out Micro scooter's [safety tips](#) or [NZTA's Hike it Bike it](#) safety suggestions.
- [Walking School Buses](#) build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.

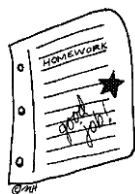
Explore the [website](#) for tips and check out the [parents](#) page on how to build active travel into your daily routine.

YEAR 4-6 SNORKELING WITH MOUNTAINS TO SEA

Our senior classes had a fantastic time snorkeling last week and made the most of the good weather and support from instructors, school staff and whanau to explore the marine reserves. This is a wonderful opportunity for all tamariki that will help set them up for learning experiences and actions now and in the future.



STUDY CENTRE



Study Centre is underway and we have a keen group of children taking part in this every day. This provides an opportunity for the tamariki to do a little extra work each day across areas of the curriculum. You can enroll your child/children in one or more of these sessions.

If you would like your child to attend Study Centre and they are **Year 4 upwards**, then please fill in the return form on the last page of the newsletter or contact the office for an enrolment form. Sessions run for 1 hour after school finishes.

HATS & WATER BOTTLES



It is fantastic to see so many children with hats on as we begin the new school year. Please make sure your child has a sunhat to keep at school, clearly named on the hat so any ownership disputes can be quickly resolved. We encourage children to bring named water



bottles with them to help keep them hydrated during the day.

50 cent STALLS



Our Year six students are running 50 cent stalls every Friday at morning teatime. Buying items, supports year six children to raise money to go to camp. Please be mindful that items are all 50 cents so \$2 is the limit.

Dave Lamont, Principal

Please complete the return forms on the last page.

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Week Five

- Tuesday 3 March: Kids Planet Visiting school
- Tuesday 3 March: Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting Meetings 3.15-7.00pm
- Wednesday 4 March: Meet the Teacher/Goal Setting Meetings 2.15-6.00pm
- Friday 6 March: Taita/Stokes Valley/Naenae Teacher Only Day – **SCHOOL CLOSED - NO KCC AVAILABLE THIS DAY**
- Sunday 8 March: Horoeke Reserve Family day

Week Six

- Monday 9 March: swimming lessons conclude this Thursday at Stokes Valley Pool
- Monday 9 March: Taita College students working with Rooms 10 & 11
- Tuesday 10 March: Pasifika Fono beginning at 5.30
- Tuesday 10 March: 2nd snorkel for Rms 10 & 15 12/13
- Wednesday 11 March: 2nd snorkel for Rms 11, 14
- Thursday 12 Mar: Weetbix Tryathlon (all entries have been received for this event)

Week Seven and beyond

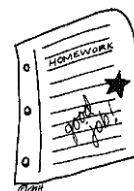
- Thursday 19 March: Year 5 & 6 Sports Festival for selected students
- Thursday 9 Apr: Last day of Term One
- Mon 27 April: **ANZAC Day observed – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 28 April: Term Two starts

RETURN FORM

STUDY CENTRE

I would like my child to attend study centre this year. There are guidelines that will need to be complied with for attendance in study centre.

You will be contacted and provided with the guidelines which need to be agreed to by a parent or caregiver before your child starts at Study Centre.



I am interested in my child, _____ in Room/te Ruma _____ attending Study Centre on the following days

Monday Yes / No

Tuesday Yes / No

Wednesday Yes / No

Thursday Yes / No

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

TOUGH GUY AND GIRL CHALLENGE

I am interested in my child In Room/te Ruma taking part in the Tough Guy and Girl Challenge this year and would like a registration form. _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____