



# NEWSLETTER No. 27

TERM 3, WEEK 9

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Dear Parents

We currently have a lot of lost property that has accumulated throughout the term. It will be on display tomorrow or you are free to come and check it out at any time in the Tawa cloak bay. The lack of names on items makes it very difficult to return them to the owner when sweatshirts or shoes have been left out on the field or around the playground.

## Rongohia Te Hau

This online survey to gather data around our school's cultural practices is proving much more difficult than we expected. Without any significant baseline data it will be difficult to measure any progress we might make once the goals for our professional development programme have been set. We have 150 families in the school, but as of last week only 16 had completed the survey. You can use the link here, or go to our school Facebook page, or if you prefer you can fill in a hard copy of the survey which is obtainable at the office.

<https://goo.gl/forms/0IJZkLH3XfMzPwCh2>

As the weather warms up, more children are changing into shorts. We have good supplies of all uniform items at present. School shorts are to be **plain black only**.

## Out and About in the Community

An important part of our curriculum is to provide children with opportunities to find out a little more about the facilities that are available in our community for recreational use as well as developing an understanding of how different elements of the community work together to contribute to a functional society.

Last week three classes visited a dairy farm and learned a lot about how milk is produced from cow to supermarket. They had a very enjoyable day out with lots of walking as well!



With the expensive Christmas period approaching, we are offering parents the opportunity to start an automatic payment to cover the cost of school stationery, school fees etc. for the beginning of 2018. A few dollars a week now can make quite a difference later. See the office ladies if you would like to do this.

**Camp fees are due by the end of this term!**

**Camps take place in Week 3 of Term 4.**

## Growing Great Learners

This week our focus is "I look after class equipment and PE equipment. I put my rubbish in the correct bin. I keep all areas clean and tidy."

Developing a sense of personal responsibility takes a long time and is worked on from the time children are little ones. Being responsible for cleaning up after yourself is a life skill - this week we are focusing on returning things we borrowed to their rightful place and ensuring our rubbish, which is our responsibility, is disposed of in the correct bin.

### School Attendance

There is a high correlation between students who attend school regularly and academic achievement. Intermittent attendance leads to children playing catch up when they return to class with the additional stresses that this causes the child when they are not able to work alongside their peers.

Our goal for attendance is 91% . Over the past week this has been 90% so we are close to target. Thanks to all those parents who remember to phone or text the school when there is an absence and state the reason for the absence.



Each week the children from Rata, Matai and Totara have a community experience, last week visiting the Rose Gardens to see the signs of Spring and to enjoy the playground. Here Takutai, Lily, Jack and Kyle enjoy a rest on the edge of the sensory garden.

### Bizzy Buddyz

October School Holiday Programme available now!

Lots of exciting activities and outings planned for the October Holiday Programme - holidays are just around the corner.

WINZ subsidy forms available at the office for those families that qualify. Plenty of spaces available - please ring (07) 308 4314 for further information and costs.

We have had some initial interest in the Reading Together Programme. It would be good to have a few more participants to enrich the discussion times. Each session is an hour long ... and there are only four of them. They will begin in week 1 of next term.

### KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

THEME: Once Upon A.... Tale

WHERE: Knox Pressie Church

DATE: 3 & 4 October 2017

TIME: 9am-3pm

COST: \$15 per day per child

AGES: 5-12 Years

REGISTER: Phone: 3084268/

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Principal

I am interested in participating in the Reading Together Programme in Term 4.

I would prefer: *Tuesdays from 8.45am to 9.45am* or *Wednesdays from 1.45pm to 2.45pm* or *Happy with either*

Please circle

Signed: .....

Room:.....