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<u>Thanks</u>

- ... to the Poor Knight's Year 8 parent support team.
- \ldots to the parents who helped transport & support Ki O Rahi teams this week

People of the Week

... those who have stepped up as coaches and managers of school sports teams

<u>r</u> More to follow as dates come to hand!
Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School
Year 1 to 3 Swimming Sports
Interschool Swimming Sports
March meeting of the Board of Trustees
Northland Swimming Championships (tentative)
Final day of term 1
First day of term 2

International Schools English and Maths Competitions - Years 4 - 8

Thank you to those who have contacted Kevin to discuss this competition. A decision on where to next will (hopefully) be made in the next week or two.

<u>Sun Safety</u>

Northland's sun can be pretty damaging, sometimes with awful long term consequences.

We do our best to ensure children without wide brimmed hats do not play out of the shade and children are given continual (daily) reminders to use sunblock if provided by parents.

Parents are asked to help please by ...

... considering sun safe clothing as an addition (or maybe alternative) for things like shoulders, arms, legs

... you may like to apply sunscreen each morning to your child, we understand on good authority that there is an 8 Hour sunblock which is highly effective, 50 plus protection (but not water resistant).

... EACH DAY PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR SCHOOL SUNHAT IN THEIR SCHOOLBAG (MUST BE THEIR SCHOOL HAT) QUITE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN ARE SAYING THEIR HAT IS LOST OR AT HOME.

Headlice Inspections

Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please, and to respond promptly in the event of infestation. Collective responsibility here, means we stay on top of this problem. Thank you.

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Previous Week's Newsletter ... accessible through our website

Upper carpark Precious toys/trading cards Help with devices

Zone Swimming Sports - Kokopu School - Tuesday 12 March

Children qualify for this event on the basis of time trails here at school. Consents were issued last week. Entries have been made today. If your child hasn't returned their permission slip, please contact Mrs Donaldson on Monday morning to see if a late entry can be made. Any questions in the run-up to Mrs Donaldson please.

Junior Swimming Sports – 1.30pm 14 March

You are invited to our Junior School Swimming Sports for years 1 to 3 starting at 1:30pm on Thursday 14th March. Please ensure your child have their togs, towel, school hat, jumper, drink bottle and sunblock (all named).

All junior children are required to participate. The main aim for the day is participation and fun! The swimming races will be in year groups, in the following order

Year 3 - length swimmers, Year 3 - width swimmers, Year 2 - length swimmers, Year 2 - width swimmers, Year 1 - length swimmers, Year 1 - width swimmers

School contributions and events fee

Thank you to those who have already paid school contributions and fees. Parents with outstanding school contributions and fees and are asked to get these to the office at their nearest convenience please.

The school contribution is voluntary, but the board encourages people to pay out of fairness to other families. The events fee is used to pay for visiting drama groups and special events but is not required where a parent requests that there child is exempted from these events. Happy to discuss alternative payment arrangements which make things easier for you. Thank you.

Request for Parent Helpers

If you have a few hours each week to work in a classroom, the library, the office, etc, please connect with your child's teacher or the school office and we will match you to a task of your choice. Parent help at school makes a huge difference to staff workloads, freeing staff to work with children, and contributes to the smooth operation of the school.

We know you are busy, but would be hugely grateful for any time you are able to give.

Hockey Trials – Thursday 14th March

There will be hockey trials for the year 5 & 6 teams to determine team composition (no one will miss out), next *Thursday lunchtime*. Children in year 5 & 6 who have registered for Matarau hockey need to bring their stick, shoes, shin pads & mouthguard.

If you haven't completed a form to register for hockey please contact the office asap to ensure your child is included in a team.

Gearing up for Winter Sports

When children wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they bear a special responsibility to represent our school well. This means more than putting in your best performance on the field/court, it also means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting other team members, playing fairly, encouraging others, respecting coaches and referees etc. Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to represent us this way, it is a condition to being in one of our teams.

The ultimate goal of all that we do (including playing sport) should be to grow character, in ourselves and in others. Please do not question referees, support coaches and managers unequivocally (and if you have a question see them early, privately, and with an open mind), respect the opposition (including their support team), and be careful with your words from the side line. Egos (not only children's egos) can be fragile, and so choose your words carefully.

Please let us know of special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate these in the newsletter. Best wishes for the best season ever.

Former Students

We love telling you about the successes of former students. So here we go ...

Former student **Jordan Olsen** made it to the bench for the Canada rugby team last weekend (and actually onto the field). You might like to take a look ...

https://rugby.ca/en/news/2019/02/jones-makes-three-changes-to-face-argentina-xv

Former student **Charlotte Gleeson** will tour NZ soon (including Whangarei) with the Melbourne Ballet Company in Alice in Wonderland.

Super proud of both of these former students ... and of many others too!

<u>Finally</u>

Over recent weeks we have done quite a bit of communicating and sharing. We love connecting with you. Thank you for your contributions to interviews, for your attendance at meetings, and for the encouragement you give to staff. When it comes to communication, sometimes we guess a bit at what we think you might like to know. If there are bits we miss, just let us know, and we will do our best to create the sorts of conversations you want, on topics of special interest to you.

Regards Kevin Trewhella PRINCIPAL Our Sponsors support your children, please support them





Wednesdays -\$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.

Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays -\$4.00 - Hot Mince or Mince & Cheese Pies, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or a Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00.

\$4.50 : - Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap Or \$2.50 - Cup of Chilled Watermelon or Pineapple. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

Community Notices

Maunga Mayhem Saturday 30 March – Maungatapere School's - obstacle adventure race is designed to be challenging, to help develop confidence and to be lots of fun! It's a memorable day for the whole family - you won't want to miss the Mayhem!! All the information you need is on their website <u>www.maungamayhem.co.nz</u>.

<u>Cleaning Services</u> – References available. Contact Cristina on 021 464 300

Kamo Magpies Rugby Season – U7s to U18s, register online at <u>kamojuniors@gmail.com</u> or contact tasha owens on 021 552 184.

Indoor Bowls – Ruatangata Hall. Starts 7.30pm Wednesday 13 March. Only requirement is flat sole shoes. Contact Alan on 4350141 or Ben on 4351570 for more info.

<u>Kamo Football (Soccer) Club</u> – contact Sam Walker, 022 315 8055 or <u>123samwalker@gmail.com</u> for details on registration with Kamo Club.

Dyslexia PLUS, invites parents with concerns about their child's progress at school to come and hear about ways to help and to share with other parents. **Wednesday 13 March 7:00 - 8:30pm**, **Anglican Care Centre Lounge, Deveron St, Regent.**

RSVP to 430 0693 or <u>admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz</u>, leaving your name and contact details.

<u>Boxes of SPREE Fizzy Cans</u> – leftover from the Country Fair – if you are have a party coming up & would like to save a trip to the supermarket, the school is holding several boxes of cans (Cola, Orange, Lemonade & Lemon flavour), & some mixed boxes. Being <u>sold for \$8.00 per box of 12 cans or 3 for</u> <u>\$20.00</u>. Please contact the office to purchase.

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Go Bamboo Cotton Buds (pkt 200)	\$4.00			
Go Bamboo Vege Brushes	\$8.00			
Go Bamboo Stainless Steel Straws (2 straws & 1 brush)	\$10.00			
Produce bags - Set of 4 (2 mesh / 2 muslin)	\$12.00			
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