

Surf Lifesaving Days

Please return consents for these excursions as soon as possible. Please note that most of these excursions require children to be at school at 8:30am for early departure. The extra time will enable them to get much more out of their day. If you think your child(ren) may not be at school by 8:30am on their designated day, please contact their classroom teacher early next week.

Individual and Team Duathlons

... Coming up on 23 and 24 February respectively. Please encourage your child's participation. More to follow next week.

Swimming Time Trials

If you are able to help with swimming time trials on the morning of Thursday 25 February please let Paula (in the office) know. These trials help us to place swimmers in appropriate races for forthcoming swimming events. Some of you are experts at this and we would love to have your assistance again. Thank you in anticipation.

Parents of year 3 children who would like their children to participate in the competitive races at our school swimming sports (as opposed to the usual junior water confidence activities) are asked to advise their child's teacher early next week please - we will then include these children in the time trials.

School Swimming Sports

Please join us Thursday 4 March for our school swimming sports (years 3-8). Races will get underway around 9:30 am (years 5 to 8) and then 1:00 pm (years 3 and 4), with novelty races later in the afternoon ... Specific race start times will be sent home next week.

Daily Absences

Parents are reminded to advise the office by 9:00am if their child will be absent from school that day with the reason for their absence (the Ministry of Education requires us to code each absence).

Voluntary Donations

When we consulted last year, some parents indicated that they would still like to make a donation to the school in lieu of non-participation in fund-raising events, or to support other children to attend camps, buy school T-shirts and hats etc. The school has NO expectation that parents make such donations, and is not explicitly asking for these. If, however, you would like to make a tax deductible donation for purposes similar to those stated above, you are entitled to do so. Please give Paula a call if this is your intention. These funds will be set aside from other funds so that they are used for the intended purpose. Thank you to those people who have already contacted our office.

Corona Virus

At this stage New Zealand is in a comparatively good position with respect to coronavirus but things can change quickly. Please remain vigilant over coming months. Err on the side of caution, and remember that we have a duty of care to keep each other safe. Consequently please ...

1. Do not send sick children to school
2. Especially do not send your child to school if they have a cold, cough, running nose, fever, or other flu like symptoms.
3. Have contingencies in place in the event that you are asked to pick your child up from school
4. Keep your child at home for at least 48 hours post final symptoms
5. Keep the school advised of any matters which have the potential to impact widely.
6. If you visit school, please sign in and out from the office (with the exception of a relatively quick drop off or pick up)

If concerned, unsure, or have travelled overseas please contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice.

Cellphones

We realise that some parents like their children to have a cell phone on them in the event of an emergency. If your child does bring a cell phone to school, please note that these must be dropped to the school office on arrival at school and picked up on departure each day. If you want to get a message to your child during the school day this should be channelled through the school office who will deliver the message to your child.

Sunhats

A reminder that school bucket sunhats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4. Please ensure these are packed at the beginning of each school day. New hats can be purchased from the office for \$10. Clothing which covers the shoulders is also advisable with sun block at your discretion.

Learning Support Programme

A number of parents were advised last year that their children had been placed in Learning Support programmes to commence 2021. This is a valuable opportunity for a more personalized and intensive learning programme, in an area of need, and parental support with assigned homework tasks is expected.

Pool Keys

The pool will be available for use by school families outside of school hours. Hire keys are available from the school office at \$40 per family for the 2021 swimming season.

Parent Helpers

We well know the difference that can be made through the involvement of parent helpers. If you can commit some regular time to a classroom (or some other area of the school) please make contact with your child's teacher or drop by to the office. If you do assist in classrooms you will be asked to read over some guidelines and suggestions prior to starting. **It is absolutely critical that parent helpers respect the privacy of children and their families by ensuring that any observations or impressions are not discussed outside of the school.** Please give Kevin a call if you wish to further discuss your potential involvement.

We would be especially grateful to hear from parents able to help with ...

... preparation of Monday lunches (beans and noodles) ... from around 11:30 to 12:45. Not too onerous but a good fund-raiser. Please give Paula a call if you can help. Even if we roster you.

Scholastic

The new scholastic book club is out. Please send all orders to the office or order online by 26th of February.

Guitar Lessons

If interested in after school guitar lessons please phone Vangie on 021 188 3251, or email killalea@outlook.com during the month of February.

Lunches

Lunch orders need to be in by 8am by Thursday morning. You can order online www.lunchonline.co.nz or ring 0800 565 565.

After School Care

If you think you would use our After School Care programme please contact Tracey on 021 127 1115 to enrol, or for more information.

Headlice Inspections

Thank you for the head lice team helpers. Inspections this week indicated fairly low levels of infestation. If you received a letter advising of infestation, or suspected infestation, it is critical that you treat your child before school on Monday please so that we contain this problem. If you need assistance or advice please contact the school office.

Netball

Netball notices has been handed out last week. If you are interested, please return your Netball notice to the office.

Stationery

Stationery items are available for purchase in the office. We also have different colours of book bags available for \$5each.

Medical Forms/Address/Contact Details

On enrolment parents provide important details on contacts / custody issues / medical conditions / medications etc. Please continue throughout the year to keep us informed so that we can properly discharge our duty of care to your child(ren).

Medications

Medications should be held at, and administered from, the school office. Where we currently hold medication for your child, please call by the office within the next 2 weeks to check expiry dates and arrange replacement where necessary.

Wool request

If anyone has any balls of wool they would like to donate to the senior school for an art project, we would love to take it off your hands! Please send it to Room 11. Thanks in advance!

Community Notices

Shackleton Sea Scouts!

Scouting is a worldwide movement with over 32 million members in 160 countries. Our main focus is the development of young people, so that they reach their full potential and take a constructive part in society.

Shackleton Sea Scouts is part of Scouting NZ and we use our amazing Northland maritime environment to do water activities, such as sailing, rowing and kayaking - and land based activities, such as camping, tramping and survival.

It is open for both boys and girls. Scouts (10.5 to 15 years) and Venturers (15 to 18 years). These sections meet on Mondays from 6.30pm-8.30pm at the Shackleton Den (52a Riverside Drive, Whangarei) Contact shackleton@group.scouts.nz or check out www.shackletonseascouts.nz

Kamo Rugby Club

Kamo Rugby Club are a family focused organised club who want to offer the opportunity for any players to play rugby at our club we cater for players who want to play U5 to U16.

We are having our first club rally day on Monday 15 February 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

All the information can be found on the image attached or at our website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/kamorsc/HOME>

Girls' Brigade invites you to join a fun and inclusive group for young women aged between 5 and 18 who want to make the most out of life. Our badge work programme focuses on developing the physical, educational, social and spiritual skills of those who attend. You can find out more @ <https://www.girlsbrigade.nz>

There are two Girls' Brigade Companies in Whangarei and we meet on Thursday nights during term time commencing 18 February: **1st Kamo Company meets from 6.00 - 7.45pm at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington,** contact Brenda 027 2771159 Or **2nd Whangarei Company meets from 5.30 - 7 pm at Hope Whangarei Church, Hunt St, Whangarei,** contact Sue 021 2600792

Children's Day Whangārei | Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki

Sunday 7th March 2021, 10am - 1pm Manaia View School, 64 Murdoch Cres, Raumanga
Join us for a free fun day out that the whole family can enjoy. Activities include a bouncy castle, waterslide, face painting, sausage sizzle and much more! Free buses will be running to and from Children's Day covering Hikurangi, Otangarei, Kamo, Tikipunga, Kensington, Bank St, Riverside, Onerahi, Morningside and Raumanga.

For more information contact Leanne Brownie: leanneb@caringfamilies.org.nz or 027 566 0294"

Afterschool Theatre & Drama Classes at Northland Youth Theatre!

Join our after-school drama classes to learn about theatre-making and acting, all abilities welcome! These classes focus on having fun, developing drama skills, teamwork and building confidence. We explore elements of storytelling, movement and characterisation through games, scenarios and short script work. Our goal is for young people to fall in love with theatre craft. Spaces available in all Classes! Junior (ages 9 - 11) Intermediate (ages 11 - 14) Senior (ages 14+) Email office@nyt.org.nz or Facebook or Instagram @Northland_youth_theatre

NORTHLAND YOUTH THEATRE
'CREATING DRAMA IN NORTHLAND SINCE 1984'