

Dobri dan, Bonjour, Hola, Zdravstvuyte, Nǎn hǎo, Salve, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Olá, Anyoung haseyo, Asalaam alaikum, Kia ora koutou, Greetings everyone,

Welcome back everyone and also a warm welcome to all of our new families! What amazing weather we had over summer, visiting beaches was a must and certainly reiterated what an amazing part of the world we live in.

The children have settled back into school life so well, the classes are really buzzing with questions, imagination and collaboration. Our wonderful team of teachers have worked incredibly hard throughout the break to ensure your children have a smooth transition into their class.

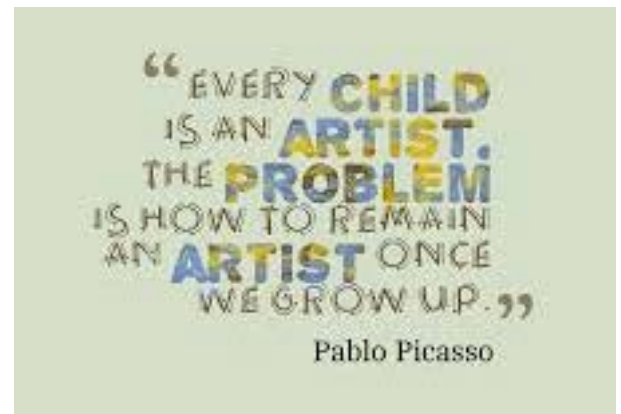
Please join us for the upcoming picnic on the lawn on Thursday 11th February from 5-7pm. Classrooms will be open from 5-6pm where you can wander through classrooms, and then join us for a picnic. The PTA will also be selling food that you can purchase. The pools will be open and sports equipment will be available to use.

If you have any queries regarding your child/ren at school, please in the first instance see your child's teacher. You can contact them via Class Dojo or

email. We have two amazing Deputy Principals at our school : Mrs Kerry Maxwell who oversees the juniors and middles (Years 0- 4) and Mrs Rosemary Murphy who oversees the seniors (years 5-6).

Here's to an outstanding year at Kerikeri Primary and working alongside each other for the betterment of our tamariki (children).

Ngā mihi Dr Sarah Brown



Each term, board members, staff, and/or parents are asked to review and comment on specific policies. This feedback is captured using the red Policy Review button, which is only visible when a policy is up for review.

We have one policy for parents to review this term, Home Learning. Please click on this link to review the policy and give feedback if you wish: <https://kerikeriprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/11459.htm>

Enter the username (kerikeriprimary) and password (koru).  
Read the policy.  
Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.  
Select the reviewer type “Parent”.  
Enter your name (optional).  
Submit your ratings and comments.  
If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

## Lunches

### Water only and avoiding sugary foods at KKPS

Our school has pledged to be a 'water only' school. We have made this pledge because we are aware that schools who have adopted a water only policy, have seen student health, behaviour and learning improve.

Children who have too much sugar in their diet have an increased chance of experiencing tooth decay, obesity and diabetes. We ask parents to avoid sugary foods, lollies and sweet snacks in your child's lunchbox.

There are several lunch options available:


Pita Pit - Wednesdays and Fridays

Sushi - Thursdays

Lunch Orders - Everyday



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## SUSHI GALLERY

Sushi Gallery deliver every Thursday. Please enter child's name, room and that you would like order delivered to KKPS.  
Visit [www.sushigallerykerikeri.com](http://www.sushigallerykerikeri.com)

### Police vetting

As per school policy, we police vet parent volunteers for camp or overnight activities and all parent volunteers working or assisting with children either in the classroom, on our school grounds, or as part of an excursion. Vetting is valid for three years and currently is taking 5 weeks for the Police to process the applications.

[Click here](#) for the vetting form, this must be taken to the office by the applicant with 2 forms of identification from the list.

### Lunch orders - delivered daily

visit <https://lunchorders.co.nz>



Wanted for Enviro Gardens: bags of horse, sheep manure, pea straw and seaweed.



#### Meet the Teachers

Thursday 11th February 5-7pm

#### Te Whakatupuranga Whitiara Marae visit

Friday 19th February

#### Middle School Camp

Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Tuesday 23rd to Wednesday 24th February

Rooms 26, 7 & 4

Thursday 25th to Friday 26th February

#### Senior Camp

Rooms 19, 21, 24 & 8

Monday 8th March-Wednesday 10th March

Rooms 20, 22, 23 & 25

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th March

#### Giant Festival

27th March 9am to 12pm

Garage sale and Giant pumpkin weigh in

### Permission for Camps

All are due now - visit kindo to complete

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop>

### Meet the Teacher 2021

#### 11 February 2021 - 5pm to 7pm

Come along and Meet the Teachers.

It's an informal evening for all the family.

Teachers will be in their classrooms from 5-6pm and will then join the family fun on the field.

There's a Treasure Hunt around school grounds, games on the field and the School Pools will be open (\*children MUST be supervised by an adult)

The amazing PTA will have a sausage sizzle/drinks stall

We'd really love to see you here. It's a great way to not only Meet the Teachers but an opportunity to connect with our school community.

## Regular School Attendance is so Important:

Although we have been through some extraordinary times, it is safe for children to be back at school. Of course if your child is unwell keep them home, however if they are well they should be at school every day. Every day matters for your child to reach their full potential. Please support your child to have the best learning experience possible by ensuring that they are at school every day they can be.

The following is some information about school attendance and parents and caregiver's responsibilities around this.

Attending school on a regular basis is hugely important. Every day counts towards a child's learning and pays huge dividends for their future. Regular attendance is needed for children to continue learning and improving reading, writing, math, and other skills needed as they grow. It also means they are more likely to experience educational success.

To this end it's really important that you as caregivers, place importance on regular attendance. As always, children learn by example and will take your lead. If you show a relaxed attitude to their going to school, then they will too.



### Attending school is compulsory by law:

Children are legally required to be enrolled at and regularly attend school between the ages of six and sixteen. If this doesn't happen then parents, caregivers, whanau, whoever is ultimately responsible for that child can be prosecuted. All children in New Zealand, except foreign students, are entitled to attend school free from their fifth birthday.

If your child is absent on any given day, where possible you should let the school know. This is especially important as KKPS operates a system for checking that all students arrive at school safely. You can do this by phoning the school office and telling them your child's name, classroom name or number and why they are absent. KKPS also has options to text/ email in regards to absences. If your child is absent for a period of time, 3 or more days, then in the interest of student safety, KKPS will make contact with you to discuss your child's

whereabouts. If your child is ill for 3 or more days a medical certificate is required by the school.

Remember that the school becomes the guardian of your child during the school day so we want to get it right and know where every one of our students are at any given time.

If your child has attendance levels of less than 80% you may be contacted by the school either by phone or letter; occasionally if attendance rates do not improve this may be handed over to the Attendance Services (Truancy).

This term onwards we will also be looking at ongoing lateness. If your child is regularly late, you may be contacted by the school, and again if this does not change it will be handed over to external services (ASA - Truancy).

You will have noticed in your child's latest report that the attendance percentage was shown as well as the percentage relating to 'lateness'. If your child has poor attendance or high levels of lateness take some time to think about how this is impacting on your child's learning and development.

### So what can you do to help?

Your child has to view going to school as positive. This will help with their wanting to be there five days of every week. Obviously from time to time there may be changes in this process but ensuring that there is an expectation that your child goes to school every day they can, and they are on time, is important.

**Routines and rituals** are the best way to ensure that going to school is easy. Children love to know what's coming up next, curve balls can cause muddle in their minds and can alter their confidence. Some basic, easy to establish rituals and routines you can put in place that will help are –  
Being organised for the next day:

Make sure the bags are packed, uniforms are laid out and homework is completed the afternoon/night before school. Rushing in the morning puts everyone on edge and causes problems.



### Plenty of sleep on school nights:

It's so important to set school night bedtimes and stick to them where humanly

possible. A tired child at school will find the learning challenging and may become unsettled and unable to focus, and chances are they won't want to get up and go in the morning if they are tired.



### A hearty breakfast:

A hungry brain doesn't function well enough to learn and take in everything a school day offers!

### Be happy!

Ensure that the morning routines and rituals get the child off to a happy start. Morning moaning and nagging means everyone's day is off to a bad start. For a child who may already be reluctant to go to school that morning, a negative start will really dampen their spirits.



### Be on time:

Help your child get up, get ready, out the door and into the classroom on time. Punctuality is important to learn, for school and the rest of their lives. Regular lateness negatively impacts on a child's learning day. Being regularly late means that a child may miss the important morning greetings, timetable outlines and sharing. This leaves them on the back foot for the rest of the day. Being on time and joining in with peers right from the start sets them up for a positive day.

If your child is going to be late please ring ahead to let the school know.

If you wish to discuss anything around attendance please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 4078414

Ngā Mihi Nui  
Kerry Maxwell







Yesterday, the Navy band performed for our school. Each year when they come up for the Waitangi celebrations they perform for a school, and this year we are the lucky recipients. [click here](#) to view a movie clip of one of their entertaining performances



## Advertising links Click on links for more information

### Kerikidz Club After school care

[click here](#)

3pm-4pm :\$10 3pm-5pm :\$15

### Swimming Lessons

Kerikeri Primary School Pool

contact Kim Komene 027 289 3398 or email


[kaukaumai@gmail.com](mailto:kaukaumai@gmail.com)

Karate

Waipapa - [click here](#)

Kerikeri Colour Run

Saturday 13th March [click here](#)



### Girls Brigade

All girls 5 – 17 years old.  
**Starts Thursday 18 February, 3.30 – 5.15 at Cornerstone, Kerikeri.**  
Come and have some fun, and make new friends, while learning many life skills. You are welcome to try for 3 weeks before making a commitment. Also seeking helpers. For more information, please contact Jodie 021608375

[click here](#) for more information

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