

# NEWSLETTER

2 February 2024

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

We hope this newsletter finds you well and you are all settling back into the school routine. We are thrilled to report that our first week back has been nothing short of wonderful, and the energy and enthusiasm from the children have truly set a positive tone for the term.

## Meet the Teacher Event:

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher event yesterday. Your presence and engagement mean a lot to us. This year, we experimented with a different format, and we appreciate all the valuable feedback we've received about the event. At KKPS, we always value your opinions and insights, so please feel free to share your thoughts with us. Thanks also to the PTA who organised the food stall. Our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a dedicated group of parents and staff who organise fundraising events for our school. They meet twice a term at school. We would love some new members to join the PTA. If you are interested in meeting other parents, and help organise fundraisers for our school, please email [pta@kkps.school.nz](mailto:pta@kkps.school.nz) where you can be given details of our next meeting etc. The PTA has previously fundraised for new swings, contributed towards the bike track, kapa haka uniforms to list just a few!

## Communication Channels:

In our ongoing effort to enhance communication, we kindly request that if you have any queries about your child's experience at school, the first point of contact is your child's teacher through Class Dojo or email. They will then coordinate a suitable date and time to meet with you. This streamlined approach ensures that everyone's time is respected and utilised efficiently.

We understand that spontaneous meetings are sometimes necessary, but please be mindful that unscheduled visits before or after school may not be ideal. Our teachers have busy schedules with preparation work and meetings during those times.

We also realise that at times, Senior Leadership does need to be involved, Jenna Spake (Deputy Principal) oversees Years 0-6, with Kelsey Weber (Assistant Principal) overseeing all classes in Te Whakatupuranga (our Māori bilingual unit). Here is a [link](#) to our KKPS staff: Meet the staff – Kerikeri Primary School

## Revised Timetable Trial:

As mentioned in a previous email, we are currently trialling a revised timetable inspired by the Finnish education model, a leading education system globally. This term, our day is structured into approximately 50-minute learning blocks followed by a 15-minute play break. This adjustment is based on several considerations, including the attention span of primary school-aged children and the promotion of positive mental health through regular play.

We encourage you to share your observations and experiences with this new timetable throughout the term. At the end of the term, we will gather feedback from both students and staff to make an informed decision on whether to continue with this approach.

## Exciting Plans for Term One:

Looking ahead, we have an exciting term planned with various activities, including overnight camps for years 3-6, marae noho for Te Whakatupuranga classes, and a special visit from the Education Minister on Monday. This visit provides us with a fantastic opportunity to showcase the incredible learning environment we have at KKPS.

As we embark on this journey together, we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support. We are confident that this term will be filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Ngā mihi  
Dr Sarah Brown



## Morning Tea with the Principal

*The Plough and Feather host a weekly Morning tea with the Principal at their restaurant.*

Each week two children who consistently show amazing KORU kids values will join Senior Leadership Team to have morning tea.

Congratulations  
Guillaume Hughes & Alice Stoney



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Phone: 09 407 8414

Absences:

press 1

message for child

press 2

Absence txt:

0211242836 text only

[admin@kkps.school.nz](mailto:admin@kkps.school.nz)

**School Calendar**

[click here](#)

**Lunches**

[lunchorders.co.nz](http://lunchorders.co.nz)

Lunch Orders delivered daily

[sushigallerykerikeri.com](http://sushigallerykerikeri.com)

Sushi Gallery delivers Thurs

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

Pita Pita delivers Fridays

**Uniforms**

DD Gold

p: 09-407 1527

e: [logo@ddgold.co.nz](mailto:logo@ddgold.co.nz)

PTA 2nd hand uniform

text only 02108506380

include size and item required

Class Dojo

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**K** IA KAHA  
We are Resilient Achievers  
*Taumata mānāhou*

**O** WNING OUR LEARNING  
We have Inquiring Minds  
*Uui hīnengoro*

**R** ESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE  
We are Connected Learners  
*Akonga tūhono*

**U** NDERSTANDING & ACCEPTING  
We are Collaborative Contributors  
*Nga Akonga Mahi Tehi*

**Kids**

**Kerikeri**  
Primary School



## Term Week 1

At KKPS our Digital Safety expectations follow our KORU values. We explicitly teach our children to use the internet responsibly and help them to understand the importance of being safe online.

In school, Linewise acts as a line of defence for our tamariki. It is great to hear how many of you have also taken the opportunity to use this at home.

It is important to remember that whilst Linewise gives us some reassurance that children can not access unsafe sites, the best strategy is for us to support our tamariki to become confident users of the internet. We can do this by empowering them to know how to keep themselves safe. Each newsletter we will highlight some of the sites/resources available to you and your child to help reinforce these messages.

Click here for information  
about the Kerikeri [Chess Club](#)

### What's Happening

**6th February**  
Waitangi Day

**27th February**  
Swimming Sports

**1st March**  
Board Meeting

**21st March**  
Photolife: Class & Portraits

**22nd March**  
Photolife: Siblings

**29th March**  
Good Friday

**1st April**  
Easter Monday

**2nd April**  
Easter Tuesday

**3rd April**  
Tryathlon

**10th April**  
3 Way Conferences 12-7pm

**11th April**  
3 Way Conferences 3.15-5.30pm



## Class of the fortnight Room 1 - Dave Kirkland

Room 1 has had a great first week back at school. We have discussed what classroom expectations we want to have in our room.

Here are some photos of Room 1's class treaty.

