

Kamo Primary School

Term 1 - Panui 19th June 2024

Learning for the future

Ahuwhenua – Manaakitia – Mana Motuhake – Manawanui – Aroha Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Reminder... On Friday 28th June is a Public Holiday as it's Matariki and school will be closed. This is a special day for all to enjoy and carries this meaning: "Matariki marks a period of reflection and remembrance, celebration and festivities, and focus on the promise of a new season."

Mid Year Progress Reports

At the end of Week 9 you will receive mid-year progress reports for your children. Please note, these are progress reports at this time of year and achievement reports are at the end of the year. We are not aiming for a one-way reporting process, we ask that you read the report and then meet with the teacher to exchange reciprocal information, ask questions, and think forward for your children. Teachers are very keen to meet you all to discuss your children's progress to date. The Ministry of Education states that schools report to parents and whānau for two key reasons:

- Parents and whānau are key stakeholders in education and as such they expect meaningful information about their child's progress and achievement in relation to learning entitlements set out in The New Zealand Curriculum.
- Parents, families, whānau, and wider community have a valuable role to play in supporting their children's learning at and beyond school.

Effective reporting of student/ākonga progress and achievement across the curriculum requires more than one-way transmission of information from teacher or student to parent. It requires meaningful, ongoing information sharing processes where the roles and expectations of students/ākonga, teachers, parents, whānau, and the wider community are clear.

Parent/Whānau Interviews - Week 10

On Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July of Week 10, we have Parent/Whānau Interviews. The interviews start at 1pm and at end at 5pm. This means school will finish at 1pm on both of those days. We ask you to read your children's reports and then bring them to discuss at your booked interview time. There are still spaces so please do not hesitate to book using our Skool Loop app.

Behaviour

When a behaviour occurs at school, as equally upset as your child and yourself will be, so are the staff at KPS. We strive to constantly create a supportive and safe learning environment. But impulsivity is something we do not have control over. We have School Values, PB4L, a Behaviour Policy, a Learning Support Co-ordinator, a SENCo, weekly teaching to behaviour, notes on our system to support external supports and a Senior Leadership Team working constantly to support. We are intent on always striving for a safe place of learning. Please know that we are striving to meet the need of students with impulsive behaviour.

Home and School Disco

When: Friday 5th July and will run from 6pm to 8pm
Where: Kamo Intermediate School Hall
Theme: Superheroes and Princesses, **but** if you don't feel like getting dressed up, just come along, that's absolutely fine!
Why: Fun, fun, fun!
Please, if you can help at the Disco leave your name at the office or text the school phone.
Your help would be appreciated.

Collecting students after school

Can we please ask that at the end of the day you stand back from rooms until the bell goes so that it does not distract students. It is important for teachers to complete the day fully with the final messages and recap of the day. The students look and then get distracted by what's happening outside. We truly appreciate your support with this.

A massive thank you to the Teachers

The teachers have been so dedicated at achieving best understandings for mid-term assessments and reporting. Hours beyond hours have been invested and yes, you could say that is the job of the teacher, but these teachers have gone in pursuit to bring you very exact information necessary and work beyond a normal working day. This takes time to decide the best place to begin the assessments, and then all the stages in between to arrive at the exact point of where they need to stop. Students change and progression is not always a trajectory to the North Star. Sometimes they take a detour to gain extra information they were unsure of, sometimes some may put the brakes on as they try to navigate the next steps, and sometimes there are other factors contributing to their learning. Determining where a student is in their learning is not as obvious as you would expect. So teachers, thank you so much for living and breathing this intense and very important workload this term. You are a superb team!

"Whakapau kaha ki te whai i te ao hurihuri." Be strong in pursuing the ever-changing world.

Hei konā mai... Sally Wilson.

Kamo Primary Home and School

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's funky dance moves in a couple of weeks time at our Annual School Disco 👄

This years theme was picked by KPS students 'Superheroes & Princesses' however we urge parents to not go out & buy costumes just for the sake of the disco but to get creative with what you have at home! This theme isn't just for your typical Hulk & Cinderella etc... it can be anything/anyone that you class as a superhero or princess alike. This is a great time for everyone to just have fun and celebrate the end of term!

A side note - the \$5 entry for the school disco is cash only and we kindly ask that no more bank transfers are made into the Home & School Association account. If you have already made a bank transfer and not added a reference please send us an email or message on FB so we can ensure we allocate your details to the correct payment.

We are super excited to be doing our Cookie time fundraiser again! Order forms accidentally had some missed information regarding payment details for the Home and School however this has now been sent out via Seesaw/Skool Loop & FB. Spread the word to your family, friends and work colleagues!

Playground update - we are working very hard in the background on options for our main playground and we ask that you be patient with us during the process. We hope to share more with you as soon as possible.

Thank you so much to everyone that has messaged us when we sent out our call for helpers/committee members, we are so grateful and look forward to meeting you all at our next meeting!

If you would like to come to our next meeting to see what it's all about please feel free to join us on Wednesday the 26th of June at 6:30pm, we meet outside the school office and you're welcome to park in the staff parking lot.

We've made an exciting plan for the rest of the year and we look forward to announcing this in the coming months 😌

Chanelle, Sarah, Holly, Christie, Ella, Monique & Sonja

Kind regards Kamo Primary Home & School Association

LIBRARY NEWS

The KPS tamariki are loving 'choose your own adventure' books at the moment. Here are some of our favourites:



School Notices

Room 7 would like cardboard boxes. Please drop to Room 7 or the office.

Newspaper wanted for the Art room

Sports fees for Hockey, Netball and Basketball are now overdue. Please pay these as soon as possible.

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Stories by Room 17 children

Whaea Sally is funny because she tells funny stuff. She helps people.She is kind and helpful and has blond hair. She is beautiful. Atina Haidari

Atina Haidari

Whaea Sally is famous because everyone knows her and she takes care of our school. She loves seeing the children. She tells funny jokes and she runs school assemblies with the microphone. She wears pretty clothes and she likes to hang out with kids. Alex Jarman Taylor

Whaea Sally is kind and she is helpful because she is hardworking. She has twinkly eyes and long hair. She loves being with children and she is our Principal and she is nice. River Lee

Whaea Sally is our Principal and she is everywhere. She tells funny jokes and she always smiles. Everly Tunstall

Whaea Sally is funny because she tells jokes and she likes to hang out with the kids. She is famous because she runs the school. Tai Livingstone

Whaea Sally is everywhere and she looks after children. She is our Principal because she is so pretty. Kohen Hudspith

Structured Literacy - Vocabulary

DATES

Vocabulary is key to reading comprehension. Readers cannot understand what they are reading without knowing what most of the words mean. As children learn to read more advanced texts, they must learn the meaning of new words that are not part of their oral vocabulary.

Spend time consciously discussing new word meanings with your children when you read together. Even picture books can be great opportunities to extend vocabulary knowledge.

