



From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whanau

Nau mai, haere mai ki te tau hau!

A warm welcome to the new school year.

It's been wonderful welcoming our cheerful, enthusiastic children back to their Khandallah School whanau this week. They look well rested and have settled very quickly into their 2018 learning hub.

We're very much enjoying seeing many of you visiting and talking with home group teachers as this really helps develop strong relationships and partnerships essential for learning success. We hope you can join us for a Family Engagement Evening planned for Tuesday 20th February. Details below.

Yesterday, we held our first assembly for the year and welcomed 16 new children and staff. A formal welcome for all new children and their families will take place later this term – invitations to come.

The theme of our assembly was gratitude which coincides with this term's integrated inquiry – "Gratitude: We show we are thankful, kind and appreciative". We have a lot to be grateful for:-

Our People – wonderful children eager to learn, fabulously supportive community and dedicated staff committed to your child's well-being and learning progress.

Our Place – Khandallah School nestled on the slopes of Mt Kaukau celebrating 125 years educating children this year, our renovated Kowhai Block (do pop in for a look) and fabulous progress being made on the new building to replace the 3-storey block. Children are welcome at school from 8:30am each morning. YMCA operates for children at school before this time.



Our Environment – and our connection with nature all around us and the Khandallah Park reserve. Do check out the amazing crop of Monarch caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies alongside Matai. We appreciate your help to take care of our environment by minimising gladwrap and packets in children's lunchboxes to reduce waste.



Team 2018

We are delighted to introduce our teaching, learning and support team. We've enjoyed working together to prepare well for an exciting year and look forward to collaborating, sharing our strengths and talents, as we nurture and inspire learning for all our children (future stars).

Kowhai

Team Leader: Leanne Whitfield

Year 1:

R3 – Diane Campbell-Ward;

R4 – Shelley Strand (until Easter);

R5 – Julia Bowman;

Year 2:

R13 – Elise Chan;

R14 – Jude Hampton;

R15 – Lucy Julian (nee Maurice);

Release Teachers: Annabel Smith, Kelly Shakes

Matai – Y3/4

R7 – Emily Christians;

R8 – Karen Grant;

R9 – Malcolm Howard;

R10 – Roanna Reidy;

R11 – Renata Balfour;

R12 – Linda Kingston (Team Leader / Assistant Principal);

Release Teacher – Fiona Healy

Kauri – Y5/6

R16 – Amy Pierce;

R17 – Beccy Haley (Team Leader / Senior Teacher);

R18 – Alastair Henshaw;

R19 – Megan Beattie;

R20 – Kate Hurley;

Release Teacher – Diane Buttar

Specialist Teachers

Reading Recovery – Kirsty Gardner;

Special Needs – Wendy Dunphy,

Kirsty Gardner;

Te Reo – Alwyn Rees

Deputy Principal / Special Education Needs Co-ordinator

Fiona White

Administration

Executive Officer – Judy Cosgriff;

Reception – Sarah Stevens;

Library – Jane Furnish

Learning Support

Zabron Gollan,

Nikki Delaney,

Sonia Goodwin,

Marina Collott,

Dale Mitchell,

Wendy Dunphy,

Alex Powell

Caretaking / Cleaning

Dave Randall;

CrestClean

Week 2 – Holidays

Please remember that there will be **no school next Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th**. Monday has been designated a holiday by the Board of Trustees leading into Waitangi Day on Tuesday. YMCA will operate for the day. We will be open an extra day at the end of the year to ensure we meet the required 384 half days of instruction.

Family Engagement Evening – 20 February

We warmly invite all children and their parents to attend our Engagement Evening on Tuesday, 20 February. The purpose of the evening is two-fold. Firstly, parents will have an opportunity to hear the “big picture” for the year from school leadership – how we operate and why we do things the way we do. Secondly, parents will join children and teachers in their learning to meet the hub teachers and experience the learning environment from the child’s perspective.

We’re delighted our amazing Home & School will start the evening off by offering a family dinner option to assist parents, enable families to socialise and raise funds for the school.

Plan for the evening...

5:00pm	Family dinner (provided by the Home & School)
6:00pm	Parents gather in the hall for information sharing – school and syndicate Children will join teachers in their learning hubs
6:45pm	Parents join children in learning hub
7:30pm	Time for home

Start of Year

The start of the year provides a fabulous opportunity for children to extend their network of friends, try new things and develop new skills. Please encourage them to get involved in the many opportunities that will be offered to them.

The start of the school year also provides an opportunity for families to become involved in our school community and support us to make Khandallah School a great place for all our children to learn and grow. Please join us! Why not pop along to the Home and School meeting on Monday 12th February in the staff room? We'd love to see you there.

Board of Trustees

Our first board meeting of the year is next Wednesday, 7th February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Parent representatives **Angela Ogier** and **Rick Teal** elected at the end of 2017 join existing members **Shaun Twaddle**, **Anthony Taylor** and **Sarah Lewis** (also parent reps), **Beccy Haley** (staff rep) and **Louise Green** (principal). Agenda includes:- 2018 Charter, Annual Plan and reports from Chair, Principal, Finance and Property Committees.

Ngā mihi mahana

Louise Green
Principal

Coming Events – Term 1

The following events can all be found on our school calendar on our school website.

Date	Activity
5 February	Board Holiday School Closed
6 February	Waitangi Day
7 February	BOT Meeting
12 February	Home & School AGM
20 February	Family Engagement Evening

Dates for 2018

Just in case you missed these earlier, here are the dates for 2018. You will notice that we have a board holiday scheduled the day before Waitangi Day and Teacher Only Days scheduled for the Friday before Queen's Birthday and Labour Day. The Tuesday after Easter is also a school holiday.

Term	Starts	Ends	School closed on
1	31 January	13 April	Board holiday – 5 February (day before Waitangi Day) Good Friday – 30 March Easter Monday – 2 April Easter Tuesday – 3 April
2	30 April	6 July	Teacher Only Day – 1 June Queen's Birthday – 4 June
3	23 July	28 September	
4	15 October	19 December	Teacher Only Day – 19 October Labour Day – 22 October

Emergency Kits

We ask all parents to send some small comfort items to school that can be accessed by teachers quickly in case of emergency, when children may be upset and need to remain at school for an extended period while parents make their way here. Please send a named sandwich sized ziplock bag with a change of underwear, a snack that your child will enjoy such as a muesli bar (expiry date after December 2018) and a small comfort toy.

Permission Form/Update Information

Today your child will be bringing home a Permission Information Form. Please check their bag.

Please complete and update any new information and return to your child's teacher by Monday, 26 February.

Community Notices

The following notices have been received from a range of sources for inclusion in our school newsletter and are provided for your information. Khandallah School does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of information provided.



AFTER-SCHOOL FRENCH CLASSES TERM 1 2018

Free demo/trial lessons

The after-school French classes are held every Tuesday from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the Khandallah School Library. **A free trial lesson will be held on Tuesday 12 February in the school library.** Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home!

OTHER CLASSES AVAILABLE: After-school French classes are also held in Northland, Karori, Khandallah, and Hataitai. Spanish and Mandarin classes also offered subject to demand.

Contact: Annick on 021 462 042 or email annick@lcclubs.co.nz or visit www.lcclubs.co.nz for more information.

"Wellington Dance has a huge range of dance classes for preschoolers, beginners and beyond. Daytime, after-school and Saturday classes are offered at our studios in Thorndon, City, Khandallah and Seatoun. We'd love to help your child enjoy fitness, friendship and fun through dance. Enrol easily for Term 1 online at www.wellingtondance.co.nz or give us a call on 04 2108642"

The advertisement for Wellington Dance Academy features a purple header with the text 'WEEKDAY & SATURDAY DANCE CLASSES For preschoolers, beginners & beyond! THORNDON, CITY, SEATOUN, KHANDALLAH'. Below the header are three photographs: a group of young girls in white tutus, a group of children in black and white costumes, and a girl in a pink tutu. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'WELLINGTON DANCE ACADEMY', a logo for 'Angeline's Dance Studio', and a logo for 'ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE REGISTERED TEACHER'. The website 'WELLINGTONDANCE.CO.NZ' is also mentioned.

Brand new Kids Tap classes in Johnsonville on Wednesday afternoons! It's the perfect time to start as all students will be new to Tap and will start their Tappity-Tap-Tap journey together. We also have classes in Jazz, Hip Hop, Ballet, Contemporary and for preschoolers held in Churton Park. Email leapinglizardsdance@outlook.com to sign up and get more info.



Designed for young artists (and their parents or grandparents) this is a great opportunity to get a better understanding of Fine Art concepts and explore individual creative potential with different mediums (charcoal, lead, ink, pastels, acrylics and watercolours). Each Sunday afternoon class located at the tutor's studio in Khandallah will cover a particular concept and medium packed with instruction, experimentation and a structured artwork project to explore and take home. All materials and afternoon tea are included in the cost. Maximum of 8 artists per class. Cost \$50 per artist per class. For more information please email info@kalan.com or call 021-0351470 or check out the website at www.kala.nz.

ART WORKSHOPS

KHANDALLAH

Sunday afternoons & School holidays
charcoal.pastel.acrylics.watercolours

starts 11 Feb - enrol before 5 Feb

details on www.kala.nz

e:info@kalanz.com c:(021) 0351470

Wonderplay drama classes have places available this term for 4-8 and 9-12 year olds as well as teens in our famous Wellington Young Actors youth theatre company. Drama for 4-8 year olds is returning to Mon/Sat and other classes are on Tuesdays at Churton Park Community Centre. First lesson is free to try. Please contact

Debs debs@wonderplay.co.nz 021-172-2836, www.wonderplay.co.nz

Arts a Go Go! Performing Arts School for Kids is celebrating its 10th birthday! Limited places still available in term 1 Tawa classes on Saturdays for drama, dance and singing combo classes for students aged 6 – teenagers. For more details about Arts a Go Go!, please

see www.artsagogo.co.nz and contact rachel@artsagogo.co.nz z ph 0211441641

“Developing Talent and Inspiring Creativity and Confidence through Performing Arts”

BIGAIR

GYMSPORTS & CHEERLEADING

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS TAWA

If you have a child who loves doing handstands, cartwheels, walkovers, flips, or cheerleading, then they will love Bigair Gym! At Bigair Gymsports, kids love **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour, and Cheerleading!** We have classes to support children of all levels and interests. As children learn new gym skills they will increase their flexibility, balance, coordination, strength, and fitness. The benefit for our children is that they learn extensive personal skills from Gym, which includes; increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, and so much more! It is highly recommended that children start gymnastics from 3yrs, as it provides excellent preparation for starting school. Once children are at school, gym is beneficial as it replicates the fundamental learning processes which supports children’s learning at school, so the advantages and rewards are substantial. Did you know that Bigair Gym also offer Birthday Parties? To find out more, please call our Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz