



## From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whanau

It's hard to believe that there are less than three weeks until the end of the 2017 school year. This has been a busy, challenging and exciting year for our 449 children and 38 staff and it's great to see everyone continuing the focus on learning and living in our changing environment.

### Board of Trustee Elections

Thank you to all five candidates putting themselves forward for election to our board. It's great to have such healthy interest in governance of our school. Elections close at 12 noon tomorrow.

For whanau yet to vote, please remember there is a ballot box in the school office into which you can pop your voting paper. A courier will collect voting papers shortly after noon and deliver to the counting centre.

### Drop off zone – important message

From Monday-Wednesday next week (4-6 December), the construction fencing along the bank side of the turning circle will be moved forward to surround pre-cast flooring slabs required for the building project. The drop off zone will continue to operate. However, whanau using this facility will notice

- Reduced staff car parking (only the front line of car parks will be available)
- Modified turning circle (traffic will travel along the new fenceline, over the back row of car parks)

Please remember that walking through the staff carpark / drop off zone is not permitted from 8:30-9:00am and 2:45-3:15pm *for safety reasons*. Your continued co-operation and consideration of our children's safety is very much

### W.O.W (Walk or Wheel)

W.O.W (a program to get kids to walk to school) is still a happening thing! You'll find Oscar and Kieran or Aston in the junior playground before school each day ready to stamp passports.

*"Come on down to get a stamp. We have heaps of spot prizes up for grabs. For more info [click here](#). Any questions to the W.O.W team", Oscar Pierson, Y5*

### 2018 Homegroup Placements

Thank you to all families who have let us know the things you'd like us to consider when making placements for next year. This information adds to what we know about your child in the school environment. We are now working on placements and plan to let children and parents know their 2018 homegroup teacher during the final days of term.

Now that the appointment process is complete, we can confirm the teachers in each team next year. Please note that learning hub teacher combinations are still under consideration.

#### Team Kowhai – Leader – Leanne Whitfield

- Year 1 learning hub – Julia Bowman, Diane Campbell-Ward, Leah Reid
- Year 2 learning hub – Elise Chan, Jude Hampton, Lucy Maurice, Annabel Smith (part-time)

#### Team Matai – Leader – Linda Kingston (Assistant Principal)

- Year 3/4 learning hubs – Renata Balfour, Emily Christians, Karen Grant, Malcolm Howard, Linda Kingston, Roanna Reidy, Fiona Healy (release teacher)

#### Team Kauri – Leader – Beccy Haley

- Year 5/6 learning hubs – Megan Beattie, Beccy Haley, Alastair Henshaw, Kate Hurley, Amy Pierce, Diane Buttar (release teacher)

## Health Education

Earlier this year we asked for your feedback on our Health Education Programme. We've found this really useful for highlighting the aspects of learning that parents consider to be important for our children right now. As we continue learning programmes across all four aspects – Mental Health, Sexuality Education, Food and Nutrition, Body Care and Physical Safety – we will pay particular attention in 2018 to:-

- Building empathy, resilience and managing stress.
- Developing strategies for resolving bullying, friendship and relationship issues.

## End of Year Fun Day

You are welcome to join us on Friday 15 December for our fun day in and around our school site. Children will rotate through a range of activities with their buddy homegroup. A timetable will be shared nearer the time. Lost property will also be displayed.

## Congratulations

**Megan Beattie**, Room 19 Home group teacher, has worked with her mentor teacher, *Fiona White*, over the past two years to meet the professional standards for becoming a fully registered teacher. Last Thursday, Megan was welcomed formally into the teaching profession at a function hosted by the Wellington North Branch of NZ Educational Institute. Congratulations, Megan!



## End of Term

The final day for school is Wednesday 20 December. Children can be collected from school at 12 noon. Staff celebrate the end of the school year with lunch together at 1:00pm. YMCA after school care operates from 12 noon – 6:00pm.

## 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	<b>Board holiday – 5 February (day before Waitangi Day)</b> Good Friday – 30 March Easter Monday – 2 April Easter Tuesday – 3 April
2	30 April	6 July	<b>Teacher Only Day – 1 June</b> Queen's Birthday – 4 June
3	23 July	28 September	
4	15 October	19 December	<b>Teacher Only Day – 19 October</b> Labour Day – 22 October

## 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Established in 1893, our school turns 125 next year. This is an exciting time for us especially with our new building under construction. We are planning celebrations for the Friday evening and Saturday of Labour Weekend. More details to follow.

*Ngā mihi mahana*

Louise Green

Principal

## Coming Events – Term 4

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

Date	Activity
Term 4	Kowhai Swimming Tuesday's
5 December	Sausage Sizzle
7 December	Choir singing at the village
10 December	Choir and Kapa Haka Performance 11am Village Street Fair
12 December	Arctic Challenge
13 December	Kowhai Christmas Concert P/P date 14 December
14 December	Grandparents Rehearsal Year 6
15 December	Fun Day Please view Lost Property
20 December	Last Day Term 4 2017 Pick up 12noon.
31 January 2018	First Day Term 1 2018
12 February 2018	Home & School AGM

## A visit at the Beehive with Jan Tinetti MP

The menacing steps loomed in front of us. Parliament was a lot bigger than we expected. Mrs Green steered us towards the beehive, so that we could be taken through security.

We were feeling excited, yet nervous because we have never been to public gallery. We got a sticker from this woman behind reception, who then took us through to the old parliament building. We walked past a MP being interviewed.

The light shined off the white marble floor, reflecting the excitement on our faces. We couldn't wait! We walked up two flights of stairs. When we got to the top of them, we had to go through security yet again.

Mrs green took us down a long corridor, and opened a door. We all felt dizzy as we walked inside the gallery.

The gallery was amazing. It was a high room, with splendid stained glass windows. We were sitting high up, so we had an amazing view of everything.

A person from National was speaking as we walked in (not the person we were there to

see.) We listened to them speak, they were pretty much dissing labour even if they haven't done anything wrong.

Another person gave their maiden speech. We half listened and half daydreamed. Then it was Jane's turn. We all sat on the edge of our seats. We were pretty excited to hear what she had to say.

She talked about her childhood. She said she was the youngest of six children, she talked about her first classroom. She said that the cubbies they put their bags in was made out of cardboard boxes, that they had a mini stage made out of desks with the legs chopped off.

This made us feel really lucky.

**By Henry, Jacob and Josie**



## Home and School

Giving back to the school ...

The Home and School Committee has been working hard all year to provide events like sausage sizzles, discos, the bingo evening, and of course the Kids' Kaukau Challenge. These events raise money for the school and play an important role in enhancing the community feel of our school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike and Lisa Walsh from Khandallah New World. Their generosity and support for all our fundraising has made an amazing difference. Make sure you say hi (and thank you) to Mike and Lisa next time you pop into New World, Khandallah.

Pictured here are: Campbell Millar, Chair of the Home & School Committee (left), Louise Green, Principal of Khandallah School (far right) with Mike & Lisa Walshe from Khandallah New World, whose generosity and support has helped us raise a whopping \$35,000 for the children of Khandallah School.



## Congratulations

### Your school is star-riffic

On behalf of the Starship foundation and the children and their families who use Starships' world-class services, we would like to thank and acknowledge Khandallah School for raising an amazing \$714.40 for Starship at your recent Starship Day! A big thank you to students Oscar Pierson, Jennah Mexted, Kiera McCafferty and Anyssa Grady for their great organisation.

### News from the classrooms

In the middle floor this week we celebrated thanksgiving in the spirit of thinking about what we are grateful and appreciative of. We took a risk and tried eggnog, and found we quite liked it! and cornbread which wasn't as popular. We also did some Thanksgiving based activities for fun Friday.



# Sausage Sizzle Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Orders and Payments are to be made in the morning between 8.30 and 8.55am from one of the ordering stations.

Sausages \$2.00

Crunchy Apple \$1.00



## 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.

**Experience the difference**

Focuses referral that leads to a direct sale. Wayne & Marina will donate \$500 to Khandallah School - Help our kids @HOKO as part of our ongoing community support.

Please contact the office phone numbers. We will have contact as to discuss the sale of your home.

0508 MIKE PERO  
mikeperod.com

Wayne Kemp 021 493 536  
Marina Scoble 021 735 5444

Creating anything we want!



### CodeCamp Jan/Dec Holidays

#### Dates & Venues:

Samuel Marsden School: [18th – 21st Dec], [8th – 11th Jan], [15th – 18th Jan], [23rd – 26th Jan]

Maranui SLSC, Lyall Bay - [8th – 11th Jan], [15th – 18th Jan], [23rd – 26th Jan]

Thorndon Primary School - [8th – 11th Jan], [15th – 18th Jan]

Code camp allows boys & girls from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks.

Book Now at [www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp](http://www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp)

Want to learn an instrument, play in a band and perform on the big stage?! Well your child's school is one of the lucky schools that has Goodtime Music Academy here each week to run its one of a kind Music Bus Programme. Learn more at [GoodtimeMusicAcademy.co.nz](http://GoodtimeMusicAcademy.co.nz)

Students can choose from learning the Drums, Keyboard, Ukulele and Guitar. These small group lessons (3-4 students) are 30 minutes long and are held weekly, on the school grounds and throughout the school day.

Spaces in lessons are limited and students that are not able to be placed this term will be placed on a waiting list until a space opens up.

Lessons are \$14 per week and are invoiced by the term. Weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment options are available through Ezidebit.

Send us an email at [schools@gtma.co.nz](mailto:schools@gtma.co.nz) to be sent a registration pack!



Please disregard my previous email. There has been a date amendment, please could we use the following message? Thank you!

Would it be possible to please include the following message (and logo) about our school holiday programme and gymnastics classes into your next newsletter? Please let me know if it is!

We can help make your Christmas Shopping much easier this year! Send the kids to BIGAIR GYM for our Drop & Shop! Get your Christmas shopping done while your children have some active fun at BIGAIR! From Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, Bigair Gym will be running their popular **pre-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!**

Our **JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** runs from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018. Children will enjoy fun and active sessions full of **gymnastics circuits, gym challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.** Children that love gym and parkour will love practicing and extending their skills during these sessions.

BIGAIR GYM offers classes in **trampoline, parkour, cheerleading, and tumbling.** We have **gymnastics** classes for toddlers, pre-schoolers, and school aged children. We also host kids Birthday Parties! Term 1 2018 bookings open from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017, classes fill up fast so call BIGAIR today!

Book into the Holiday Programme or for Term 1 2018 classes online [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact BIGAIR TAWA on 232 3508, email [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz) or contact BIGAIR OWHIRO BAY on 383 8779, email [wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:wqtn@bigairgym.co.nz) we would love to hear from you!

## SPECIAL OPEN DAY

### Capital Trout Centre Open Day Sunday 10th December 2017

Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from **Monday 27th November 2017** at the following stores:-

Steve's Fishing Shop, [49 Ghuznee Street](http://49 Ghuznee Street) (off Cuba Mall)

FishScene Ltd, 1C Taurimu Street, Hataitai Village  
Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing, [444 Cuba Street](http://444 Cuba Street), Lower Hutt

Karori Junior Hockey Pre-season Programme

Karori Junior Hockey Club will run a 5-week pre-season programme for primary students in years 3-8. The programme will commence in early February 2018. Registrations for the new 5-week format held on Sundays will open on the 23rd January via the clubs website [www.kjhc.org.nz](http://www.kjhc.org.nz). The programme fee is \$35. For more information or to register interest please email [convenor.kjhc@gmail.com](mailto:convenor.kjhc@gmail.com).

## Northern United Junior Hockey Club

The Northern Suburbs' home of hockey for school years 3-8

Yrs 3-6: 6-a-side; Yrs 7-8: 11-a-side

### 2018 Registrations (online) open 1 Feb

**11-a-side trials:** 3x 1.5-hour trials between 2-5 pm, Sun 11 March, Sat 17 March and Sun 25 March

**Pre-season training:** Mon afternoon/evening, 19 Feb to 26 March

**Have a Go Hockey:** 3x weekly no-obligation sessions for beginners all ages, 3-4 pm, Mon 19 Feb, 26 Feb, 5 March

Official 2018 season runs from start of term 2

Info: [www.nujhc.org.nz](http://www.nujhc.org.nz)



## Capital GymSports Christmas Kids Club

Need childcare before Christmas? Need to do some last-minute shopping without the kids around? Bring your kids into Capital GymSports for a day of games and supervised free play.

### Dates:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Times:

Drop off between 8.00am and pick up before 5.30pm at the latest.



#### Important information:

- Only offered to children aged 5+ years.
- Parents must sign their children in and out every day.
- Children must bring their water bottle, packed snacks and/or lunch if they are here multiple hours.
- Bookings are necessary. Please complete our booking form and email it to the office.

For more information, please refer to our website:

<http://www.capitalgymsports.org.nz/christmas-holiday-programme.html>



## RAROA MUSIC CENTRE ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Classes include choir, keyboard, recorder, drums, ukulele, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute and trumpet. To enrol for 2018 visit our website at [www.raroamusic.org.nz](http://www.raroamusic.org.nz) and enrol online. Enrolments open in December.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

*Twas the Night before Christmas*

A group workshop for 7-14 year old children

A unique holiday programme with a festive theme will focus on performing Christmas poetry, prose and scripted plays with Drama Remedy. For those creative writers: be encouraged to write your own Christmas verse and prose.

Create craft items to display your writing, plus festive themed decorations.

On the final day dance to a choreographed dance routine to a medley of Christmas tunes.

**DATES**  
18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**TIME**  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
(doors open from 8:30 am)

**LOCATION**  
Johnsonville, Wellington

\$100 per child for the 3 day workshop  
Price per day per child \$40

For more details contact us on  
044785962 or 0220273316  
E-mail: [dramaremedy@gmail.com](mailto:dramaremedy@gmail.com)  
[www.dramaremedy.co.nz](http://www.dramaremedy.co.nz)  
[www.facebook.com/DramaRemedy](https://www.facebook.com/DramaRemedy)



## Tawa Orchestra

Conductor: Thomas Nikora  
presents

**The Best of Broadway**  
*Where Beethoven meets Elton John!*



With guest singers:  
Ruth Armishaw  
Danny Sun

**TAWA COLLEGE HALL**  
38 Duncan St, Tawa  
Saturday 2 December  
2pm  
Admission by koha / donation



RENOUF TENNIS CENTRE  
**MEGA CHRISTMAS  
TENNIS HOT SHOTS EVENT!**

Calling all 5-12 year olds! Jump on court with us and have a go at Tennis Hot Shots. Suited for all ages and abilities! Smaller courts, lighter racquets, super hittable balls make it suitable for all ages! You'll get LOTS of matches against kids the same age and ability as you!

**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017**

**2:00PM - 4:00PM**

Enter by Friday 5 December

\$10 per child or \$15 for two

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**



ACTIVITIES >>> Santa visit,  
Facepainting, Prizes, Fun games,  
BBQ, Cardio/Tennis Xpress demo  
for parents, On rain or shine!

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