



From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whanau

Action Items:

- Come along to Family Engagement Night – Tuesday 20 February, 5:00 – 7:30pm
- Read the 2018 School Charter and provide high level feedback to the Board
- Pass on the safety messages to those dropping off and collecting your children

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Family Engagement Evening next Tuesday. This is a great opportunity for home and school to come together and celebrate the start of a new and exciting school year, meet your child's teachers, look around their learning space, hear more about how we work together to support learning and check out the fabulous progress on the building work modernising our learning environment.



The programme for the night will flow like this ...

5.00pm Families arrive and enjoy a picnic dinner. Hot dogs will be available for purchase from the Home & School to make life a little easier.

6.00pm School bell will ring

Children join teachers in their learning hubs to prepare for sharing with their parents.

Parents gather in hall to hear more about how we work together at Khandallah from school leadership, the Board and Home & School.

Pre-schoolers accompany parents please.

6:45pm Parents join children in learning hub

7:30pm School bell will ring - Time for home (and a nice cuppa!)

Arriving at School

We are concerned about the growing number of children arriving at school before 8:30am. There is no supervision provided for children before this time as teachers are busy preparing for the learning day. Please register and use Before School Care offered from 7:30am on the days you need to be out of the house early.

Children's safety

We are also very concerned about some driving behaviours such as turning into driveways, stopping on footpaths, u-turning in our narrow streets, stopping on yellow lines and in the no parking bays. Besides being dangerous and/or illegal, these behaviours put our children at risk and create unnecessary congestion.

There are two pedestrian accesses to the school only – Clark Street pathway opposite Simla Crescent and Woodmancote Road. Both have crossings operated by our children and supervised by a parent or teacher. We're concerned about the parents who cross their children without using the crossings or try to enter the school grounds through the drop off / pick up zone. This provides a poor example to children and puts them at risk.

We ask that you share this information with all those who deliver or collect your child. Please do not be offended if we approach you should these behaviours be observed. We're working continuously to keep all our children safe. Incidents of illegal behaviour are reported to the police for follow up.

Walk or Wheel to school

This is a great way to encourage our children to be healthy and alert for the school day, relieve the congestion around our school and help our environment. Children who walk to school have their electronic passports stamped and go into the drawer for spot prizes as well as movie tickets towards the end of each term. Please encourage your child to walk with friends from home or drop them off at a reasonable distance from school.

Signing In and Out

Children arriving late or leaving early are required to sign in or out using the device (VisTab) in the school office. A second VisTab is available in the entrance of the refurbished Kowhai block for the convenience of families of our younger children.

Holidays

I apologise for any confusion about the board holiday last Monday. To help plan ahead, please note there are two further days when children do not come to school this year. The Fridays of Queens Birthday (1 June) and Labour Weekend (19 October) are designated "Teacher Only Days". The teachers will be at school for professional learning. The calendar on the school website has been updated to clearly show that children do not attend on these days. YMCA have been advised.

Upcoming NZEI meetings

NZEI Te Riu Roa represents Primary Teachers and Principals in New Zealand. NZEI members at Khandallah school have been invited to paid union meetings to discuss our upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

Teachers that are NZEI members will each attend one of two meetings on the afternoons of 13 March and 22 March. Two meetings covering the same topics are being held to minimise the number of teachers away from school at any one time and so help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents. The school will remain open for teaching on the afternoons of the meetings.

Future meetings around collective agreement negotiations may occur later in the year if required. We will give you plenty of notice in advance of any future meetings.

Our collective agreement negotiation focus

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. Teachers and Principals around the country are worried about the reasons behind this and the impact on children and their learning now and in the future. Teachers fear that our children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because we are bogged down in administration and struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

NZEI Te Riu Roa has launched a national campaign called "Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time!" The campaign aims to attract more people to teaching by ensuring it is a respected and well-paid profession where teachers and principals get the additional support and time (staffing) they need to serve our children well.

Having the time and support to teach and lead means that children get the attention they deserve from talented and inspiring teachers and children with

additional learning needs get the support they need to succeed.

We hope you will support us as we campaign to ensure our children receive the best education in the world. Thank you.

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
20 February	Family Engagement Evening

Message from the Board of Trustees

Hi all

I had the privilege of sitting in on the whole school assembly on Monday – it was great to see all the children together and excited about the year.

As I mentioned in the Board of Trustees Update last week, we have been working on updating the school's charter for 2018. The Khandallah School Charter outlines aspirations and desired outcomes for the students attending our School and forms the base from which all significant decisions are made. It needs to be provided to the Ministry of Education on 1 March each year.

We encourage you to read the 2018 Charter (<http://khandallah.school.nz/about-us/our-approach/>) and invite you to provide any high-level feedback that you may have. Please provide any feedback in the first instance to bot@khandallah.school.nz by Monday 26 February.

During 2018 the Board will be developing a comprehensive strategic plan. This will involve community engagement and consultation. The strategic plan development will inform the development of future charters.

Shaun Twaddle

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Welcome

Kia ora! My name is Wu Yuhang. I am an enthusiastic, friendly and responsible Chinese girl. My hometown is in the northeast of China, near North Korea. I like watching movies and travelling in my spare time.

I feel very honoured and lucky to be a part of Khandallah School. New Zealand and China have already built a strong friendship. As the first MLA here, I want to introduce Chinese language and culture to let you know more about China.

I love children so much. I will strive to inspire and engage them in Mandarin learning. And make them more confident and creative during the study.

I am very happy to know all of you and want to make friends with you sincerely.

Thank you!

Wu Yuhang



Home and School

ENGAGEMENT EVENING - GRAB A HOT-DOG FOR DINNER

We know that evenings can be hectic so the Home and School Committee will be offering Hot-Dogs for sale from 5:00pm to 6:00pm on Tuesday evening.



Hot-dogs are \$3:50 each and you can pay with cash on the night.

Lunch Orders

Monday & Friday



Order at school office

Tuesday & Thursday



Order at school office

Wednesday



Order online

www.ezlunch.co.nz

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.



OBU Kids Rugby 2018

'Skills Centric Rugby!!!'

With our sheltered, all weather playing facilities at Boyd-Wilson Field and our committed coaches & management team, we aim to give 4 to 11 year olds a safe, skills-based Rugby experience. Even better, because of the excellence of the facilities, your child will get to play at 'home' at the same time every week!

So come and check us out and join the fun at one of our Junior Club Days at Boyd-Wilson Field (centrally located between Te Aro School and Victoria University)

3:30pm – 5:00pm
Saturday 24 February

Bring any and all your kids along to meet the coaching crew, enjoy the training activities and chase around Leo the Lion before we finish up with refreshments with the generous help of Hells Pizza.

For more information & to register go to www.oburugby.com or contact

Alastair Forde:
027 272 1728
ajf@xtra.co.nz

Dave Loveridge:
027 321 8176
dave.loveridge@rugbyroad.co.nz

RAROA MUSIC CENTRE ENROLMENTS FOR 2018
Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Although many of our classes are full, we still have some places available for trumpet, clarinet and choir.

To enrol enquire or please visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz.

Khandallah Arts
Theatre presents

Beauty and the Beast

2:30 & 4:30
February
17th, 18th
24th, 25th

writer
David Tayler
director
Cathy Leonard

Khandallah
Park

entry by gold coin
to help cover costs

"loads of laughs,
lots of fun -
and love wins all"

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

Onslow Junior Football Club

Registrations for the 2018 season close this Sunday February 18th for grades 7 - 14.
Registrations in First Kicks remain open until Sunday March 11th.

To register please go to our website: <http://onslow.org.nz/registration>

Remember to include the name of any friends you would like to play alongside and your school on your registration.

Play Rugby this Year

West's Junior Rugby Club invites **you** to play rugby this season. The club is open to girls and boys from 3-13, starting out at Nursery and Rippa before moving to tackle for the Under 8s onwards which are weight and age graded.

Register online and check our FAQ

at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz>

Games start in Term 2, but the club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 8th (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 10th of March (1:00 – 3:00pm).

West's is also running Give Rugby a Go introductory sessions for girls in March (more info to follow).

See you there.



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PH: 022 396 0238

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Is your daughter looking for something a little different?

We still have spaces available in our recreational classes this term. Come along and try out our new badge programme. Your daughter will work through Levels 1 to 10 over time. We have classes available from Mon to Sat, min. numbers apply. Our classes are in Thorndon, just opposite the Botanical Gardens.

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. We are the only Rhythmic Gymnastics Club in the Wellington region.

If your daughter loves to dance and is looking for something a little different, then come along to a class and give it a try! Email info@rhythmicgym.nz to arrange a FREE trial.

For more information about Elements and our classes, visit www.rhythmicgym.nz