



From the Principal's Pen

**Tomorrow, Friday 19th is
Teacher Only Day.
No school for children**

Kia ora te whanau

It's been a delight to welcome our children and staff back to school for an eventful and exciting term. Our children are happy to return and are taking the changes to our environment in their stride. It's wonderful to see our school values – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Kindness and Excellence – widely demonstrated.

Early arrival at school

We're noticing a large number of children arriving well before 8:30am. This is worrying because teachers are preparing for the day and are not available to look out for children's safety. The YMCA Before School Programme operates from 7:30am for whānau who need it. Children who arrive before 8:30am must go straight to the amphitheatre and wait where they are close to the office area. Thank you for your support.

Sun Safety

The vast majority of children have come to school with their wide-brimmed sunhats – thank you! Caps and narrow brimmed hats do not provide adequate sun protection. Shoestring and singlet tops expose vulnerable skin and are not suitable for

outside wear during breaks. Children without appropriate hats and clothing are directed to “play in the shade” for their safety during break times.

Kaukau Project Update

Excitement is growing as progress continues and we get closer to handover of the new Kauri Block. Children's behaviour has been exceptional, taking good care around scaffolding, as the construction zone has moved to Block D. Thank you to those who attended the community information session yesterday evening. Procedures for deconstruction of Block D were outlined clearly and assurances given.

Traffic Movement

Thank you for your patience and good care remembering expectations as we navigate the streets around our school and keep our children safe. The Drop Off Zone is closed until the end of the project – around March 2019.

125th Celebrations

A special newsletter, along with the programme, for our celebrations was emailed to all families on Monday. Children need to be at school and seated on mats on the top court by 12:50pm ready to start please. You are welcome to arrive from 12:30pm. Thank you for your help with this.

We are expecting a lot of people and have seating for invited guests and reunion

registrants. You're welcome to bring a cushion to sit on during the formalities.

Please remember to bring cash to purchase the Commemorative Book (\$10) and enjoy the food and activities after the formal event.

2019 Enrolments

At this stage, we have 20 New Entrants enrolled to start in 2019. This is a lot fewer than previous years. If you are planning to send your pre-schooler to Khandallah, you can enrol them from birth as this really helps with planning.

As we prepare for the year ahead, it is critical that we know how many children living within our enrolment zone we can expect. We will also have places for children turning five in 2019 who currently live out of zone.

Please encourage friends, neighbours and relatives to enrol their children now if they would like them to attend Khandallah School next year.

NZ Shakeout

Some very enthusiastic children have already returned their Home Challenge forms. Prizes will be distributed from next week when things are a little quieter!

Kid's Kaukau Challenge

Have you registered your children yet? This is a 4.6km kids' fun run/walk/skip/dance up to the summit of Mt Kaukau, followed by a food fiesta and family fun back at school. All funds go towards our new playground. Click on the link below to register your child to take part. It's \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child. [click here](#) to register

Ngā mihi mahana
Louise Green

Important Dates for your Calendar

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

Date	Activity
19 October	Teacher Only Day
20 October	125 th Reunion/Official Opening & Celebrations
22 October	Labour Day
23 October	Kowhai Swimming – On Tuesday's
29 October	School Athletics Years 4 to 6
2 November	School Disco



**SUNDAY 18TH
NOVEMBER 2018**
9AM - 2.30PM
START AND FINISH AT KHANDALLAH SCHOOL