



## From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whānau. Nǐ hǎo

We've enjoyed seeing many whānau around school over the past two weeks attending the Family Engagement Evening, taking a tour of Kauri, joining us for the opening of the much anticipated new playground, sharing expertise, helping in the library, learning hubs or on sporting trips as well as visiting hubs and chatting to teachers before and after school.

As teachers develop critical learning-focused relationships with children, connecting with whānau helps us to know and understand each child a little more. You are very welcome to visit learning hubs before school from 8:30am when teachers are generally on hand to meet and greet children. Children are always delighted to share what's new with you.

### Fundraising Thermometer

Have you noticed that the fundraising thermometer on the end of the hall has been updated to show \$84,000? The Home and School has committed \$34,000 from last year's impressive fundraising ventures and this has been added to the initial \$50,000 pledged by the Board of Trustees. We're aiming for \$200,000 to extend the new playground so it's even more challenging and exciting as well as working towards making the main pedestrian entrance on Clark Street safer and easier to navigate. We look forward to the continued fabulous support of our community!

Already this year the Home and School has sold hot dogs at the Family Engagement evening and they're planning a range of activities over coming months to raise more for these projects. A very big thanks to everyone organising and supporting our fundraisers.

A big shout out to Khandallah New World for generously donating the sausages and buns!

### Playground Opening

The sun shone as we opened the playground on Monday. Children were stunning throughout proceedings that included messages from the Ministry of Education, Callum McKenzie (Architect) and Naylor Love (main contractor) and **Shaun Twaddle**, Board of Trustees chair. A tree, planted at the entry to the turning circle / staff car park, was gifted by Naylor Love to mark completion of the major Kaukau Upgrade project that has taken 2 years to build after many years of planning. We acknowledge the foresight, determination and resilience of past and present board members whose efforts have resulted in the superior facilities we now enjoy.





**Judy Cosgriff**, our Executive Officer, has been key to ensuring the project has gone smoothly from the school end over the last 2 years. She had the honour of cutting the ribbon, supported by **Henry W** and **Lucy D. Billie L-B** and **Lauchie M** shared memories and expectations about the old and new playgrounds.

### Travelling safely to and from school

As an enviro-school promoting sustainable practices, we encourage children to walk some or all of the way to and from school. Some great routines have been established during construction works and we would like to see these continue.

With the completion of the construction project imminent, we've updated our expectations for travelling to and from school safely. A hard copy is coming home with your child today. Please check school bags, read carefully and ensure all adults who bring your child to school are aware of expectations.

All parents have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all our children and show courtesy to other road users, school neighbours, parents and staff by following the few simple, common sense expectations.

### Turning Circle for drop off and pick up

We expect the turning circle and staff car park to be open from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Having this facility is a real bonus and it works best when everyone plays by the same rules! Please read the back of the flier sent home today to make sure you understand the expectations for using this area.

### Learning Time

Just a wee reminder that learning time is precious and every interruption, no matter how small, has an impact. Teachers do not check emails or phones during contact time, so please pop into or

call the school office to pass on messages to your child or their teacher.

### Teacher Appointments

We are delighted, in this time of chronic teacher shortages, to advise that we have been successful in appointing to the three vacancies from the beginning of Term 2.

Matai1: **Julie Lear**, currently in a fixed term position, has been appointed permanently and will continue to teach in Matai1 with **Lucy Julian**. Julie is an experienced, NZ trainee teacher who is a valued member of the Khandallah team teaching in a part-time capacity with us last year. This is good news for all!

Matai3: **Marianne Blair** has been appointed fixed term and will teach in Matai3 with **Emily Christians** during Terms 2, 3 and 4. Marianne is an experienced, NZ trained teacher, returning to full time teaching after having a family. She has expertise in literacy and loves a good dress up!

**Kevin Pegg** currently relieving in Matai3 did not apply for the position. Kevin will continue with us in Term 2, relieving for **Malcolm Howard** in Kererū who is taking paternity leave.

Kākā: **Heather Williams** has been appointed permanently and will join **Kate Hurley** and **Alastair Henshaw** teaching Year 4 children when **Megan Beattie** leaves us to travel overseas in April. Heather is also an experienced, NZ trained teacher, returning to full time teaching after travel. She loves literacy and problem solving.

Marianne and Heather will spend time with us later in the term to meet the children and ensure a smooth transition for all.

### International Summit on the Teaching Profession

I'm very grateful to the board of trustees for granting me leave next week to attend the 2019 Summit in Helsinki, Finland. This opportunity has come about through my senior role in NZEI, the union for primary teachers and principals. Three key areas will be discussed by Ministers of Education and union representatives from educationally high performing countries – Leading Together; Building strong foundations through innovative pedagogies and strategies; Towards Sustainable Schools. There'll also be an opportunity to visit schools and hear more about

the Finnish system which is held in high regard.  
<https://istp2019.fi>

While I'm away, **Fiona White**, our Deputy Principal, will lead our school. She will be well supported by executive officer, **Judy Cosgriff** and assistant principals, **Linda Kingston** and **Leanne Whitfield**.

### Paid Union Meetings

In our last newsletter, we advised that teachers will attend Paid Union Meeting for an update on progress made through mediated negotiations around pay (to attract and retain teachers) and time (to teach and support learners). Workload continues to be a major issue for teachers who work long hours outside the 9-3 contact time to design learning programmes to meet diverse needs, prepare resources, make and moderate judgements based on a range of assessments, keep up with professional learning and meet professional standards. Please talk to us if you'd like to find out more.

These meetings will take place in the afternoon of 19 and 21 March. Attendance will be spread over the two days to avoid disruption for children and parents. An alternative learning programme will operate on these afternoons.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community.

Ngā manaakitanga  
 Louise Green  
 Principal

### Important Dates for your Calendar

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

Date	Activity
March	Movin' March
12 March	Northern Zone Football – Year 5/6
<b>11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>ACTION WEEK – Years 4 to 6</b>
11 March	Mt Kaukau Trek – Years 4/5/6
13 March	Scorching Bay

14 March	Year 4's to ASB
15 March	Year 5/6 to ASB
26 March	Pedal Ready

### Home and School - how to get involved

Khandallah Home and School is a group of enthusiastic parents whose main goal is to bridge the gap between home and school environments. Funds raised by Home and School go directly to providing those extra items that we appreciate in our school environment but are not covered by government funding. Our fundraising has assisted purchasing playground equipment, the artificial turf on the bottom field, library books and supporting the senior camp.

There are a number of different ways to be involved with Home and School and this including joining the committee, becoming a friend of the committee or becoming one of our star bakers. We know that everyone is busy so the roles are designed to fit around the time you are able to spare - all help is appreciated. We are sending a newsletter home so you can see the different ways to be involved.

If you have questions or would like to discuss any of the roles please talk to a member of the committee at one of our events or email us [Hands@khandallah.school.nz](mailto:Hands@khandallah.school.nz)



After the success and fun we have had over the last few years, we are now ready to put together a team for the 2019 Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge which is to be held on Wednesday 22nd May.

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to be included in the school team, please visit and register on the event website

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tough-guy-gal-challenge/wellington/>

Spaces are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

This is a fun and rewarding day out with all of the profits going to the Cure Kids Charity. Earlybird Registration is \$25.00 per entry.

Once you have registered please forward your confirmation email too Nicola Major on [nicola.major1@gmail.com](mailto:nicola.major1@gmail.com)

## 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.

Raroa presents 'The Teenage Brain'  
On Thursday May 30 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Nathan Wallis is presenting at Raroa Intermediate hall on 'The Teenage Brain'. There are a small amount of tickets left but this is an opportunity that you will not want to miss.  
If you would like to secure tickets, this week will be your chance to get them. Click on the [Nathan Wallis Tickets](#) link.

Johnsonville Junior Rugby Club is welcoming registrations for 2019. We have teams in rippa and tackle grades, the cost is \$80 a year which includes a team photo. There is also a nursery grade for under 5's. To sign up please go to <https://www.sporty.co.nz/johnsonvillerugbyjr> or come along on the 20th of March 5.30 - 7.30pm to the clubrooms at Helston Park, and meet a couple of Hurricanes players at the same time.

### Karori Junior Hockey - Register for winter now

Registrations to play hockey this season are open and close soon on Wednesday 13th March. Information about the season and the link to register can be found at [www.kjhc.org.nz](http://www.kjhc.org.nz)

### WELLINGTON HOCKEY PRE-SEASON YEAR 5 & 6 DEVELOPMENT & FESTIVAL DAY – All Welcome, Beginners to more experienced players

**WHEN:** Sunday 31 March

**WHERE:** National Hockey Stadium, Mount Albert Road, Newtown

**TIME:** 12-4pm

**EXPECT:** Quality Coaching, Fun Hockey Games, Competitions & Prizes

**REGISTER:** Head

to [www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz) and click "HAVE A GO" under the "DEVELOPMENT" tab

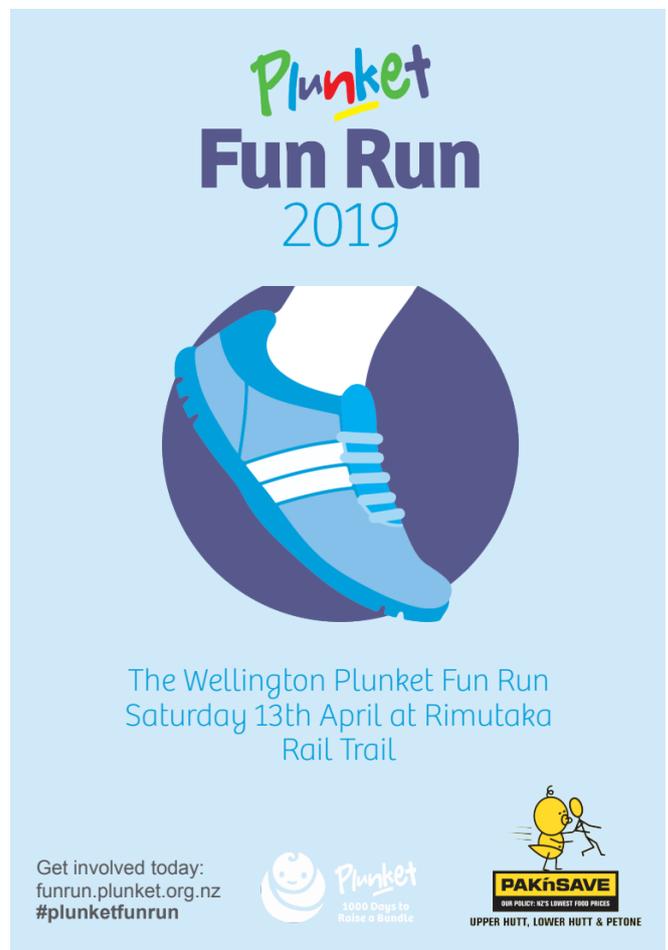
**CONTACT:** Jenni Cronin, Development Manager, Capital

Hockey, [jenni@capitalhockey.org.nz](mailto:jenni@capitalhockey.org.nz),  
0212098483

### West Park School's Annual Gala - West Fest - is this month! Saturday 16 March 2018, 11 – 2pm (Broderick Road, Johnsonville)

Come along to West Fest 2019 – this fabulous annual school gala has something for everyone!

There will be all the traditional gala highlights including fantastic food, great entertainment, second hand goods for sale, face painting and crafts. A great range of activities will also be on offer to entertain the whole family. Highlights include ride on mini jeeps, a bouncy castle, quiddich and jousting activities, the famous toilet roll catapult and a dirt track remote control monster truck!



The poster for the Wellington Plunket Fun Run 2019 features the Plunket logo at the top, followed by the text 'Fun Run 2019'. Below this is a large illustration of a blue and white sneaker. The event details are listed as 'The Wellington Plunket Fun Run Saturday 13th April at Rimutaka Rail Trail'. At the bottom, there are logos for Plunket (with the tagline '1000 Days to Raise a Bundle'), PAK'SAVE (with the tagline 'OUR PROMISE: NZ'S LOWEST FOOD PRICES'), and a cartoon character holding a bundle.

Get involved today:  
[funrun.plunket.org.nz](http://funrun.plunket.org.nz)  
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