



From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whānau. Nī hāo

It's wonderful to be back amongst our school whānau after time away to undergo and recover from knee surgery. Our children are delightful to be amidst again and I'm so very grateful to all our staff for their expertise and ongoing dedication to our children's wellbeing, learning and progress.

A very big thank you to **Fiona White**, Acting Principal during this time. Fiona was well-supported by Assistant Principals, **Linda Kingston** and **Leanne Whitfield** and Executive Officer, **Judy Cosgriff**. It was wonderful to be able to concentrate on recovery knowing our school was in such good hands.

Book Fair

We're all very excited about the Book Fair activities happening from 5-7pm today. We hope you will join us in Kākā to browse and buy! You'll find Kākā in the new learning environment on the top court in the space closest to the school office. Thanks to our fabulous Home & School, there's also a quick and easy dinner option for busy parents. A big thanks also to **Jane Furnish** and her willing staff and parent helpers!

International Support Staff Day

Today is the day school communities all around the world acknowledge the critical contributions



of Support Staff who make up around 30% of the education workforce. Often called the silent army, they are the backbone of our schools, providing support in a myriad of ways enabling teachers to focus on children's learning.

It's hard to imagine our school without **Judy** and **Sarah** in the office, **Jane** in the library, our learning assistants **Nikki**, **Zabron**, **Marina**, **Sonia**, **Dale** and **Wendy**, and **Geoff** our caretaker. We thank them today for the expertise, dedication, care and creativity they bring to our school everyday.



Teacher Strike, Wednesday 29 May

A message from the board of trustees was sent to families via email earlier this week advising that our school will be closed during the teacher strike on Wednesday 29 March. YMCA has confirmed that they will offer a programme and will communicate directly with registered families.

I would like to assure you that teachers at Khandallah School would rather be at school, teaching your children than joining the strike action. However, the issues of **pay** to attract and retain the best and brightest people in our profession, **time** to address chronic workload pressure and providing **support for all children** who need

it continue to be serious concerns for us: serious enough to forego a third day's pay.

We know that the strike will cause disruption and inconvenience for our families. We have truly appreciated your support during these challenging times and hope this will continue. You know the impact on your child when relievers can't be found - teachers come to school sick or children need to be distributed across other home groups. You want quality teachers to apply for vacancies, and you want your child to receive the time and attention they need to thrive.

Staff Only Day, Friday 31 May

School will be closed on Friday 31 May, the Friday of Queens Birthday weekend. This decision was made last year when we were required to set the term dates 2019 Term. On this day our entire school staff have a rare opportunity to work together to enhance the collaboration that is critical to effective education in today's schools. YMCA will be offering a programme on the day to support school families.

Staff changes

Tomorrow we say farewell to **Kate Hurley** who is taking up a new teaching position at Raumati Beach School, saving herself two hours travel daily. We will all miss Kate's professional, caring and fun-loving presence and wish her well for the future.

In spite of the current teacher supply crisis, we have once again been able to appoint to the vacancy created by Kate's departure. We are delighted to welcome **Hanan Chittock** to our school whānau. Hanan has been at school this week observing and working alongside the children and teachers in Kākā hub to enable a smooth transition next week. We will also welcome back **Roanna Reidy** who will teach in Kākā one day each week providing

Beginning Teacher release for Hanan. Roanna is well known to most of the children having taught in Matai last year.

Ngā manaakitanga
Louise Green
Principal

Board News

Board of Trustees Elections – Nominations for Parent Representatives close next Friday, 24 May

Khandallah School is looking for nominees to be put forward to stand for the Board of Trustees election this year in June. With three board positions coming up for election, we are particularly conscious of the need to encourage representation of the following skills/attributes:

- Property Management (construction, maintenance, project management)
- Financial understanding (accounting practice and oversight)
- Knowledge of education from a parent perspective
- Gender (keeping a balance of genders)
- Iwi, hapu links
- Diverse cultural group/s
- LGBTQI representation
- Active community links (charities, community groups)

Having a diverse skill base helps us 'share the load' as a board, while having diverse board members helps us ensure all voices from the community are being heard.

General skills that are useful in the role are listed below. While you might not think you have all these attributes, the biggest contribution you can make is putting yourself forward. The greater the number of candidates, the more chance we have of getting a diverse board that represents our community.

- Stakeholder management experience and a willingness to connect with members of the school community
- Being willing to contribute to a wide range of issues
- Willingness to commit the time needed to contribute towards the board activities and participate in meetings
- Listening objectively to all viewpoints
- An ability to 'disagree and commit' to decisions made as a board
- Planning and strategy
- Governance experience
- Policy analysis, drafting, and editing
- Experience managing people through an HR or HSE role



- 5PM **BOOK FAIR OPENS**
- 5 - 6PM **FOOD AVAILABLE - ROOM 7/8**
- 6PM **COLOURING COMPETITION CLOSED FOR JUDGING**
- 6PM **DRESS UP PARADE AND JUDGING**
- 6.15PM **JUDGE COLOURING COMPETITION**
- 6.45PM **GAMES CLOSE**
- 7PM **BOOK FAIR CLOSSES**

Important Dates for your Calendar

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

Date	Activity
TODAY	BOOK FAIR 5pm – 7pm
16 May	Cross Country 1.30pm
21 May	Pedal Ready A&B 1
22 May	Tough Guy & Gal
22 May	Pedal Ready A&B 2
22 May	Matai 3 Way Conferences
23 May	Pedal Ready C&D 1
23 May	Kowhai 3 Way Conferences
27 May	Year 6 Day at Raroa
29 May	Pedal Ready C&D 2
30 May	Pedal Ready E&F 1

Home and School

Tickets still available to the Home and School Mother's Day Movie Night with all proceeds raised going towards our new playground.

The movie is All is True featuring Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench and Ian McKellen and is receiving excellent reviews.

Our event will be held at the Lighthouse Cinema in Petone at 8pm on 23 May. Tickets are \$20 and can be booked by emailing HandS@Khandallah.school.nz.



Bullying Free NZ Week

This week is Bullying Free NZ Week. The week provides a great opportunity for students to celebrate what makes them unique e.g. culture, beliefs, interests, talents, and encourages schools to continue building environments where everyone is welcome, safe and free from bullying.

Bullying Free NZ Week aligns perfectly with our KiVa programme, which actively prevents bullying through regular KiVa lessons. The KiVa programme also provides a robust intervention process to work through if bullying occurs.

If your child would like to support Bullying Free NZ Week, they can wear something pink on Friday 17th for "Pink Shirt Day", a worldwide movement designed to stop bullying and spread aroha and kindness. More information can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.bullyingfree.nz/> and

<https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

Khandallah School

is a KiVa school!

'KiVa' is a Finnish word that means 'nice' and 'against bullying'.

The goals of the KiVa programme are:

- 1. Treat others with respect**
- 2. Take responsibility**
- 3. Resist peer pressure**



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.

Please can this information be included in your newsletters:

- Raroa Intermediate New Parent Information Evening is Thursday 20 June at 6:00pm in the School hall.**
- Open Days for parents are Wednesday 19 June and Thursday 20 June**
- Raroa Intermediate Enrolments are now open via the school website www.raroa.school.nz or this link - [form](#)**



Book Fair - Ngaio Town Hall - Saturday 25 May 2019 - 9am to 4pm.
Do join us.

We would love you to come and buy books, DVDs and CDs. Children's books are \$1, adult books are \$3 (\$2 each, after the first five books purchased).

All proceeds (about \$14,000 last year) will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have books, DVDs or CDs to donate, please contact Dinah Dobson, trustee, on 475 7371 or 027 686 4554.

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