



From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whānau. Nǐ hǎo

The NZ International Film Festival experience for Kowhai and Matai children will provide lots of opportunity for family conversations around the dinner table tonight as will the excitement of Swimming Sports for Kauri children. A very big thank you to everyone involved in organising these events that extend learning opportunities for our children and to all parents providing supervision, support and encouragement.

Walking to and from school

Last week's findings of the Coroner following the inquest into the accidental death of 6-year old Carla Neems in May 2017, have been of interest to many parents and schools. Tragically, Carla was run over by a rubbish truck on her way home from school just meters from her home in Gisborne. A number of recommendations have been made to prevent a similar tragedy in the future. While the coroner cannot state *"with certainty that Carla would have been safe had she been accompanied by an adult"* he did *"not accept that it was acceptable for Carla to go to and from school in the care of her siblings – and part of the way home alone."*

Many children walk to and from school in New Zealand. This is something to be encouraged as it promotes healthy

lifestyles, develops social connections, fosters independence, saves on petrol costs and eases congestion on our roads, especially around schools. Many children walk with an adult, while others walk alone.

Accidents can happen so easily and keeping our children safe is everyone's concern. This is the reason we ask parents to drive and park carefully, to refrain from using driveways for turning and to use the school crossings.

"Walking School Buses" are a way for parents to formally co-ordinate supervision for children walking to and from school. To be successful, they need someone committed to getting the system up and running. We'd be very happy to discuss and support any parents wishing to investigate the possibilities. More information can be found at <https://www.kiwifamilies.co.nz/articles/walking-school-bus/>

Teacher Only Days - Advance notification

In Term 4, there will be **two** Teacher Only Days attached to Labour Weekend – **Friday, 25 October** and **Tuesday, 29 October**.

- Friday, 25th was advised to parents last year and appears on the 2019 fridge magnet.
- Tuesday, 29th was approved by the Board of Trustees at last week's meeting.

Following the recent settlement of the Teachers Collective Agreement, an extra eight Teacher Only Days have been made available over the next three years to help teachers manage workload. We will use one of these this year and spread the remainder over the following 2½ years.

The YMCA holiday programme will be operating on both days and families will receive information about registration directly from them.

Term Dates 2020

We are in the final stages of determining term dates for next year. These will be advised in the next newsletter.

Home & School Quiz Night – 23 August

With less than two weeks until this ever-popular **FUN**draiser, we encourage families to register and come along to support this activity. Please remember that all funds raised go towards further development of school playgrounds, including Stage 2 of the new playground and a much needed upgrade in the Junior School area. The playgrounds are well used and benefit all our children.

Hall Toilets Upgrade

We are delighted that work will finally get underway around 21 August. The main entrance to the hall will be out of action for around 6 weeks. Contractor's vehicles will park outside the YMCA clubroom. Police vetting is underway and a site management plan has been developed to ensure that

everyone is kept safe. More details will be provided closer to the time.

While we will not be using the hall for whole school functions during the upgrade, we will continue to use it for smaller groups with access through the rear (field facing) door.

We are working with YMCA After School Care to organise use of space around the school during this period. We are also coordinating with Home and School to accommodate the highly popular Fathers' Day Breakfast in another part of the school.

Winter Sport

A very big thank you to all parents who coach and manage a range of winter sport teams that many of our children are involved in outside the school day. Your energy, time and dedication are very much appreciated by our school 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
13/14 August	Kauri 3 Way Conferences
14 August	Junior 3 Way Conferences
23 August	Quiz Night
30 August	Northern Zone Swimming
6 September	Onesie Day

Home and School

With the quiz night fast approaching there's still time to get your tickets so get in quick as time and seats are running out. Click on the link to get your tickets.

[Quiz Night Tickets](#)

Look out for the Quiz team who will be selling raffle tickets on Tuesday 13th and again on Thursday 15th in the junior playground from 8.30 and again at 2.55pm. You won't want to miss out on these amazing raffles. There's something for everyone; Sports lovers, Family time, Health & Wellbeing, Date night, Me time and baby baby. \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. Please make sure you bring some cash to school drop off and pick up.

As you can imagine, making these nights happen takes a lot of volunteer time, so please play your part and find out what volunteer roles need to be filled, email HandS@khandallah.school.nz. All proceeds raised go to phase 2 of the playground. Thanks Home and School.



We're standing up for our principal, Louise Green! On Friday 9th August, all over Aotearoa, communities are standing up for their primary and intermediate school principals.

Why? After a long campaign, our teachers recently received an offer from the Government that recognised their skills and qualifications, and gave them pay parity with their secondary school colleagues. But the Government refused to do the same for about 2000 principals in primary and intermediate schools.

Principals do an amazing job for their schools and communities, and they deserve a collective agreement offer that reflects their considerable skills and responsibilities. And we need to value and support the role so teachers actually want to become principals – especially in our small and rural schools and kura.

If pay parity is fair for teachers, as the government has acknowledged, then surely it is fair for principals too.

What can we do? School communities are urging the Government to move quickly to propose a settlement that will address the issues that principals face and ensure we can attract and keep excellent leaders in these vital roles. Please take a moment to read the posters at the school gates and in classroom windows tomorrow which show our Khandallah staff's messages of support for principals. We are also wearing green on Friday (the national campaign colour). If you would like to show your support, you are invited to join us wearing green or to share your messages of support with the school office.

Quiz Night and Auction!

Friday 23rd August
Khandallah Town Hall
Doors open 7.00pm
Quiz starts 7.30pm

Spot Prizes

Ticket \$25 Per Person
available from the school website from July 4th (tickets are non-refundable)

Fantastic raffles too!



create your own team of 6
or come along and join a mystery team on the night
enjoy a glass of wine from the licensed bar -

Nibbles available on each table and pizza
available to purchase during the night

Tātai ki te rangi