



Panui 1 - 31st January 2017

## Welcome to 2017

A very warm welcome to our new students and their whanau. I hope that you have had an awesome first day and start on your educational journey with us at KPC. Also a big welcome back to our tamariki and kaimahi for another action packed year.

We also welcome two new teachers this year; Whaea Frances who is teaching in Room 8 and Whaea Maddy who is working part time in Room 4 & Room 8. We have many exciting things planned this year, kicking off with an overnight stay at our local Marae, Papakura Marae. More information regarding this is below.

Digital technology is again a focus this year for our students and we will be running a digital class in Room 7 where they will be using iPads for their learning. Pods of iPads will also be available in our other junior classes. Many extra curricular activities are planned for this term: Counties Manukau Sports will be working with our classes twice a term, our swimming pool will be open from day one with all classes involved in regular swimming lessons, 50 students will attend a surfing day and our Year 7 & 8 students will go to the white water rafting park, Vector Wero. Kapa Haka will be a focus again this year and is open to all students who are interested. We will also be starting a Choir this term and this will run throughout the year. We will be entering as many inter-school sports days this year as possible, although we always need coaches and volunteers to assist teams if you are available.

I want to finally acknowledge two of our staff, Whaea Bev and Matua Komal who won Teachers of the Year awards for 2016 in the South Auckland area! This picture was taken at the end of last year when they received their awards. It is a real testimony regarding the immense work and dedication our staff put in to make sure your children have high quality teaching and learning everyday. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions regarding your child's journey with us at KPC.



## Papakura Marae Hui - Developing a new Kaupapa for KPC

On **Thursday 9th February** the whole school will head to Papakura Marae to spend the day learning about the local history of the Papakura area and develop our school culture. We want to invite all our parents to attend a dinner at the Marae where a workshop will take place around redeveloping our school kaupapa or looking at what is important to you about Kereru Park Campus and what would you like to see happen at our school in the future. We will review our school values and our vision and mission statements to see if they still reflect our school community and the aspirations we have for our tamariki and their whanau. The Board of Trustees will be leading the discussion and our staff will also be assisting. This will be an exciting time and an excellent opportunity to meet our dedicated staff and Board members. We really need your input to develop the direction of our kura. See you all there. **Parents and whanau are welcome anytime during the day with dinner at 5.30pm.**

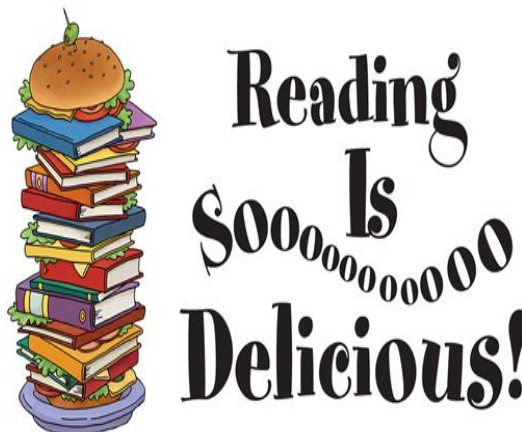
Only our Year 5-8 students will be able to stay overnight. A permission slip is attached at the end of this news letter which needs to be returned to school by Friday 3rd February as we need to organise kai for the whanau who will be attending and for students staying overnight. If you would like more information please see your child's teacher or call the office.

## Vector Wero White Water Rafting Opportunity

Our Year 7 & 8 students have been given an excellent opportunity to have a go at white water rafting at the new VECTOR WERO Whitewater Rafting Park in Manukau. This will be an exciting experience for our students. The date for the trip is **Thursday 23 February 2017**.

## Reading Together Programme

Whaea Bev is starting her Reading Together programme again next week. We have many whanau who have attended this workshop and have appreciated the knowledge and strategies learnt to assist their children with reading at home. It is not too late to be part of the programme either see Whaea Bev or contact the school. We look forward to seeing you at the Reading Together programme which starts on **Wednesday 22nd February at 3pm**.



## Surfing Trip

50 students from our school will head off to Kariotahi Beach in Waiuku on **Tuesday 14th February** to do surf lessons with the Surf Lifesavers and a Surfing Organisation. This will be an excellent opportunity for our tamariki and will be challenging for them though in a very safe learning setting. We would like to thank the Organisations for their support and hope that some of our tamariki might take up this sport in the future.

## Digital Workshops for Whanau

This term we will be running digital workshops for any interested parents. At these workshops we will be looking at the use of digital technology in our kura as well as cybersafety. We will be also showing whanau how to access our class sites so that you are able to watch your child's educational journey at anytime. This will also be an opportunity for you to work with them in the evening to assist them with any work they may need to complete or have done throughout the day. More information will be sent out closer to the date of the workshop with the first one being on **Thursday 23 February and Thursday 23 March**. We encourage all whanau with children in our four digital classes to attend.

## Kapa Haka

A very warm mihi to our returning kapa haka tutors, Whaea Lucy and Matua Turongo, for their continued support with our tamariki to learn the classic Tainui waiata. Your support is greatly appreciated by all the whanau at KPC. Whaea Evelyn will upload a copy of the waiata students are learning onto the Kereru Park Campus facebook page so that tamariki can continue practicing at home. If you are not yet added yourself onto this page please let your class teacher know and they will rectify asap.

## Swimming

Our school pool will be opened from day one. Your child will be able to swim everyday weather permitting. We run lunchtime swimming which gives children the opportunity to cool off during the hot summer months. Classes will also run swimming lessons throughout the week where students may have 3-4 lessons per week. We are very fortunate to have our own school pool and we encourage all parents to make sure their children are ready and involved in our swimming programme.

## Communication at Kura

If you have any concerns or praises regarding your child at school the first port of call is your classroom teacher. If the teacher cannot resolve the issue, then they will seek guidance from the Senior leadership team (SLT). The teacher will then make contact with the parent to follow up if required.

If you feel that you would like to speak directly to Matua George you can pop into the office at anytime. If he is unavailable at the time of your arrival, Whaea Kim can assist you to book an appointment.

## Teacher Contact Information

If you would like to contact your kaiako, below are the contact details. Otherwise you can call them on 0800 PAK STH (0800 725 784) or 09 2969040.

George Ihimaera Principal	<a href="mailto:principal@kererupark.school.nz">principal@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Komal Singh Deputy Principal Room 4 Year 7 & 8	<a href="mailto:komals@kererupark.school.nz">komals@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Davika Wilson Resource Teacher of Maori / Te Mahuri Support	<a href="mailto:davikaw@kererupark.school.nz">davikaw@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Evelyn Epere Room 7 Te Mahuri Year 1 & 2	<a href="mailto:evelyn@kererupark.school.nz">evelyn@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Bev Perry Room 1 Year 1 & 2	<a href="mailto:bperry@kererupark.school.nz">bperry@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Wiremu Turner Room 9 Te Mahuri Year 4-8	<a href="mailto:wiremut@kererupark.school.nz">wiremut@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Elisha Ager Room 3 Year 5 & 6	<a href="mailto:elisha@kererupark.school.nz">elisha@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Poipoi Savage Room 2 Year 3 & 4	<a href="mailto:poipois@kererupark.school.nz">poipois@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Frances Looker Room 7 Te Mahuri Year 3	<a href="mailto:frances@kererupark.school.nz">frances@kererupark.school.nz</a>	
Madeline Stoneham Room 4, Te Mahuri	<a href="mailto:madeline@kererupark.school.nz">madeline@kererupark.school.nz</a>	

# Chromebook Information for digital classes 2017

If your child is in Year 5 this year or is new to our school, he/she will be required to purchase a chromebook for digital learning. The total cost for the chromebook is \$533.00. If you are eligible for assistance from WINZ we can provide you with the stationery list to take in to them. Otherwise we are able to provide very reasonable payment plans at very low interest rates e.g. 12 month weekly payments will cost \$9.81 or alternative 36 month weekly payments are \$3.55. There are 1, 2 or 3 year options as well as weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Chromebooks will be issued to students only when:

1. Credit Sales Agreements are completed or full payment made.
2. The school has received a deposit of \$40
3. A Kawa of Care contract is completed

Please contact the office to arrange a time to complete the above process. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us.



**2017 MUSTER!**  
**ST MARYS NETBALL CLUB**

**WHEN**  
THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEB  
6PM – 7:30PM

**WHERE**  
**PAPAKURA NETBALL COURTS**  
90 Walters Rd, Papakura, Auckland, 2112

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU APPLY SUNSCREEN, & HAVE A BIG WATER BOTTLE!**

[HTTP://WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/STMARYSNETBALL/PAPAKURA](http://www.sporty.co.nz/stmarysnetball/papakura)

**ST MARYS NETBALL**

**JUNIOR NETBALL**  
YEAR 1-2  
YEAR 3-4  
YEAR 5-6  
YEAR 7-8

**ON THE DAY**  
LOOK FOR OUR ST MARYS BANNER

**REGISTRATION**  
ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE, AND HARDCOPY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

**FEES**  
FEES WILL BE COMMUNICATED ON THE DAY

St Marys Netball Club is a Junior club which is run by a group of volunteers who strive to provide an opportunity for our young people to play netball in a fun learning environment.

Our club strives to teach netball skills and techniques, whilst instilling the values of playing in a team, in turn providing a sense of belonging and achievement in representing their club and community.

Our club actively promotes players to:

- Always Have fun
- Promote Fair play
- Encourage all players
- Motivate Developing Skills

St Marys Netball Club plays in the Papakura Netball competition based at Bruce Pullmans netball grounds.

## Drury Junior Rugby Registrations for 2017:

Registration Dates:	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February (3.30pm – 6.30pm) Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Club Muster Date:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March (5.30pm – 8.00pm). We are still taking Registrations at the Muster evening.
Where:	Drury Rugby Club – 10 Tui Street, Drury (behind the Mobil Petrol Station on Great South Road)
Registration Fee:	\$60.00 per child \$55.00 per child if registering more than 1 child

Please contact the following people, should you have any questions:

Karen Cunningham:	021 763337	rod karen@clear.net.nz
Bethany Cantwell:	027 2384390	bethany@truckingrelief.co.nz
Cornell Allen:	027 2836577	cornell@samcor.co.nz



## School Canteen

The canteen will be open from **Week 2 - Tuesday 7 February**. Whaea Shelly will be running the canteen and the menu has been updated for 2017 and a copy is attached for your information.

### Canteen Menu

#### Mains

Hotdogs Everyday \$2.50  
Mini Pizza Mon/Tue \$3.00  
Ham or Chicken Filled Rolls wed \$3.00  
Chop Suey & Rice Thurs \$3.00  
Butter Chicken & Rice Fri \$3.00

#### Snacks

Ice Pops \$1.00  
Rice Crackers \$1.00  
Choc Chip Cookies \$1.00  
Nice & Natural Fruit Snacks \$1.00

#### Drinks

Choc Milk \$1.50  
Juicie \$1.50  
Moosie \$1.50  
Charlies Juice \$1.50



## New Bell Times

We will be having different playtime and lunchtimes for Te Mahuri this year as we want our tamariki to have every opportunity to speak Te Reo Maori 100% of the day. The new times are;

Te Mahuri	
Playtime	10.30 - 11.00
Lunchtime	12.25 - 1.10
Mainstream	
Playtime	11.00 - 11.30
Lunchtime	1.00 - 1.45

## **Powhiri Today**

It was an awesome start to our school with over 40 new whanau being welcomed at our Powhiri. It was great to see so many new faces and smiles. It was also choice to have a kai and get to meet a number of new whanau. They are very excited about the upcoming year and the journey their tamariki have started with us her at KPC. We reminded all new whanau that this is your school and we appreciate all feedback and opinions regarding the education of your tamariki.



## **Welcome to our two new staff members**

Again a big warm welcome to our two new teachers who begin their teaching careers with us a KPC. We wish them all the best for the upcoming year and look forward to seeing them develop into great teachers over the course of the year. Whaea France graduated from Huarahi Maori with a Bachelor of Education at Auckland College of Education and Whaea Maddy comes to us from Te Wananga o Takiura graduating with a Bachelor of Rumaki Reo Teaching. Each teacher will have a profile of themselves on our school website and also on our school class sites. Look at for this in the next couple of weeks.



**Frances Looker**  
**Kaiako Ruma 8**



**Madeline Stoneham**  
**Kaiako Ruma 4**

# **Papakura Marae Hui - permission slip**

**Please complete the form below and return to school by Friday 3rd February.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Whanau Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I **will be / will not be** attending the Whanau Dinner at Papakura Marae on Thursday 9th February at 5.30pm.

We will have \_\_\_\_\_ attending with our whanau.

I give permission for my child / children to stay over night at the Marae. Yes / No

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number / Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_