



**Tena koutou katoa**  
**Greetings to you all**

**School Roll: 163 students**

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

We have come to the end of another extremely busy year with many highlights along the way.

I would like to thank our hard-working, professional staff, who put their students first in everything they do here at school. You provide many learning opportunities for our students to thrive at Kio Kio School.

Also, to our support staff for assisting our teachers and students every day across all curriculum areas. You are absolutely appreciated.

To our wonderful office staff, you both work tirelessly to ensure our finances are kept in check, staff are paid on time, and the office is run like a well-oiled machine.

To all our students, which includes those moving on to other schools, set goals next year to improve on everything you have achieved this year. Having the right attitude, especially a growth mindset will ensure this occurs.

Thank you Board of Trustees members for the work you do for our school and families and the support you give me during the year. Thanks especially to Natalie McMullan, our treasurer for your expertise in helping us with our finances.

On behalf of everyone involved in our school, I would like to thank Emma Telfer and her amazing Supporters' Committee team, which I was proud to be part of, for your fundraising efforts during the year. Our students were at the heart of every fundraising event, raising the money to pay for numerous items such as ipads and chromebooks, resources for teachers and students, money towards camps, etc...

Thank you families, which includes grandparents and others for the support you give to our school, your children and other students in so many ways throughout the year.

Thank you Peter Telfer for the work you have been doing around our school since our caretaker, Mr

Morris retired. Peter has been cleaning the pool, spraying weeds, waterblasting, etc...

Finally, next year will be my last year as principal at Kio Kio school. I will be leaving at the end of term 2 after 7 years in my principal position. Kio Kio is an awesome community, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here.

### **END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY**

**When: Friday 15 December**

**Time: 11 am**

**Where: Recreation Centre**

Our End of Year assembly involves all Kio Kio students, who will need to wear their school polos on this day.

The assembly will run approximately 1 ½ hours. You will be able to take your child home afterwards. School buses will be running at the end of the day.

### **CUPS AND TROPHIES**

A decision has been made to hold trophies at school after students have received them at Friday's assembly.

Some of our trophies have come back to school either broken or with pieces missing and in need of extensive cleaning. Some of these trophies/cups are special to us as they have been presented to us by former families, some many years ago. We want their life extended for a few more years.

Students will get their photos taken with their trophies to celebrate their achievement and leave them with us. This will also continue during the year when cups, etc... are handed out after sports events, students photos are taken with them, they go to the engravers, and then returned to school.

All trophies/cups will be placed into a display cabinet which we will have made and set up in the school office for all to view.

I apologise if that upsets some people, but I am sure that you understand the reason for this decision.

### **E-COLI IN WATER**

We have received 2 clear water tests and need one more to open up our supply for students and staff to drink again.

This has been our first e-coli event for 5 years, so we were really disappointed to receive notification of this. We test monthly and monitor our system regularly.

Students will still need to bring a bottle of water to school each day until further notice. I am bringing water from home each day for students to top up their bottles.

### **CLASSES FOR 2024**

You will be notified about your child's class next year when the end of year reports are sent home tomorrow.

We have spent many hours going over these lists to ensure the decisions we have made regarding the class mix are for the right reasons.

For example: having low teacher:student ratios

### **STUDENT STATEMENTS.**

Student statements will be emailed out on Tuesday 19th December. It would be much appreciated if payment of these accounts could be made before 31st December or contact the office to discuss.

### **LAKE TRIP/PICNIC**

What a fantastic picnic day we had at Lake Arapuni yesterday. It started out overcast with a strong cold wind which eased a little during the day. Our students kayaked, swam, were towed behind a boat on various apparatus, played games, or just sat back and relaxed with their families and friends. Well done to those students who braved the chilly lake water!

A huge thanks to parents who provided boats, trailers, barbecues, kayaks, transportation and support with the activities. Thanks to the Supporters' Committee for providing the free sausages for lunch and to the parents who cooked them.

Also, thank you to our Kio Kio staff for your roles on the day supporting our students.

It was neat to see our students supporting each other and having fun. A great way to finish the year!

### **COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Thank you to those families who returned their surveys.

These are the areas that scored a high 'yes' in the survey:

- Are you happy with learning conferences?
- Are you happy with the current homelearning programme?
- Would you prefer to receive the Flash by email only?
- Are we providing enough information to keep you informed. Eg. School newsletter
- Are you happy with the structure of school camps?
- A higher percentage of families indicated no to having a school uniform.
- A high percentage of families do not want students to bring their own devices in the senior school.

These areas will require further consultation in 2024:

- Being fully informed about individual student's achievement levels
- Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Programme (PB4L)

### **SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL**

Our school pool is open to our school community. The keys, conditions and contract will be available from the school office.

The cost stays the same at \$75 per key. Families will be able to use our pool after school and on the weekends for the next 4-5 months.

IF YOU ARE WANTING A KEY, PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER.

### **SCHOOL GARDEN COMPETITION RESULTS**

This year we held a special assembly for the Garden Competition competitors instead of having them at our Friday assembly. The reason for this is our assembly has become too long for our younger students to sit through. Last year, we also made the decision to hand out sports trophies as students won them.



The gardens were judged last Thursday and the results are:

- Senior Vegetable - Tyelar Davies
- Junior Vegetable - Zander Aymes
- Senior Flower - Petra Lincoln
- Senior Mixed - Joel Osterman
- Junior Mixed - Jagger Southgate



Congratulations to all participants, an incredible effort by all.



**NZ FARMERS LIVESTOCK 2023 BOBBY CALF PROGRAMME**

This year's NZ Farmers Livestock 'CALF' programme has seen an injection for our school, They offered to donate 35c per bobby to our school. This has raised a total of \$28 for 2023 and it is all thanks to

those of you that jumped on board to nominate Kio Kio School. A huge thank you to the following bobby calf supplier:

W & J TELFER

**BREAKFAST CLUB PARENT HELPER THANK YOU**



Thank you to our lovely ladies who come in to help with running the breakfast club which provides weetbix and milk to children. We appreciate your time and effort running this programme.

**LOST PROPERTY REMINDER**

Our lost property rack is **over full** once again with unnamed clothing and footwear. Our students don't seem to recognise their own clothing when displayed. Any named items are returned to students as soon as we can.

**Any items unclaimed at the end of this term will be washed and delivered to a local charity.**

Thank you to those parents who collect their child's clothing from the rack.

**WILL BE OUT ON DISPLAY AT THE ASSEMBLY**

**SCHOOL BANKING & PHONE DETAILS**

**Account number**

**BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000**

**School Phone: (07) 873 1816**

**Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725**

**BREAKFAST CLUB  
ROSTER**

Monday	Katie Krukerink
Tuesday	Natalie Southgate
Wednesday	Greer Morrow
Thursday	Emma Anselmi

**WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM**

15th Dec	End of Year Assembly 11am
19th Dec	Last day of Term 4
7th FEB 24	Start of Term 1, 2024

*Have a wonderful xmas and holiday break. Stay safe!*

*Ngā mihi  
Kevin Jones - Principal  
and Staff*

Next BOT meeting  
2024



Fern Fuels prizes delivered and presented by Kelly Brears this morning. We received an Apple iPad and 3 maths games for the junior area of the school to go with the recent purchase of 5 ipads.



NZ Country School's are excited to be a part of the Fuel for Schools programme.

It's very simple. Fern customers can nominate a participating school to receive 50 cents for every 100L of bulk fuel they have delivered. Once a school reaches their \$1,000 target they can redeem free technology, sports & music packages or books. It's just that simple. The more people involved the sooner they will be rewarded!  
Talk to our local Account Manager Kelly Brears for more information on the Fuel for Schools programme, fuel, tanks, health and safety or any of your bulk fuel requirements, she's happy to pop out and have a chat!



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Waitomo & Ōtorohanga District Libraries  
Present...

# Sea Quest

★The Summer Literacy Boardgame★  
18 December 2023 - 2 February 2024 ★

Register at the Library

Waitomo District Library: (07) 878 1028 [library.waitomo.govt.nz](http://library.waitomo.govt.nz)  
Ōtorohanga District Library: (07) 873 7175, [library.otodc.govt.nz](http://library.otodc.govt.nz)  
Kiwihia Library: (07) 871 0248, [kiwihiastru.co.nz](http://kiwihiastru.co.nz)

Library Waitomo District  
ōtorohanga District Council

School Holidays The Kiwi Kids Club. We are only open from the 22<sup>nd</sup> January till 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Sorry for an inconvenience I would normally open earlier. Week 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Water World, Luge Rotorua, Tie Dying, Time Zone, TeAwamutu Pools, and Movies. Week 30<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February We will be doing a Holiday Programme if needed and After School Care. Leap and Water World Hamilton, Space Zone. Game Day. After School Care we will be picking children up at 3pm. Cost for holidays range from \$48.00 to \$70.00 + GST depending on the day's activity Winz subsidy available. We are open from 7.30am to 5.45pm Monday to Friday. For more information or to book your child in for the days you need Contact Wiggs 021491616.

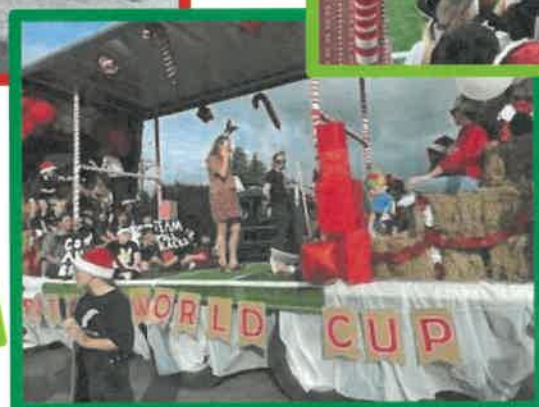


A massive thank you to Penny and Matt Needham for all the work they put into our Christmas float.

Pila Rata, Erica Macdonald & Kristy Stewart your help setting up/manning the float is also appreciated.

‘Santa’s World Cup’ looked amazing!

Thank you to **Sorensen Transport** for the usage of the truck!



# HEY KIDS!

## Do you have a motorbike at Home?

## Do you love to ride it?

## THEN WE WANT YOU!!



**KIOKIO School took out 1st place in the Primary School section at the 2023 King of the Schools and we want to do it again in 2024!**

It doesn't matter if you are an expert rider or a beginner, every bike out on the track counts towards the overall points for our School.

North King Country Motorcycle Club have practice days and club days before the event for you to check the track out and have a ride.

You can check their Facebook page for dates.

We also have the opportunity for rider training session with Shane Burton to give you a little more confidence.

If you have any questions or want to know more information please contact us for a chat.

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