

#### Kio Kio School Newsletter

## THE FLASH



8 September 2022

Whakatangata
"Playing the Game of Life"

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Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all

School Roll: 137 students

#### Persevering

#### **STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2023**

We are presently looking at our student numbers for next year. We would like to reach the magic number of 151 students in 2023 for the Ministry of Education (MOE) to pay for a 7th teacher. Having a 7th teacher will ensure that the teacher:student ratio is kept at a low level.

During the last 2 years the MOE has only funded 6 full-time teachers, and our Board of Trustees has funded the 7th teacher.

It is really important that families let us know as soon as possible if their child/children may not be returning to our school in 2023.

This helps us to determine staffing numbers and student class placements for next year.

#### **SPORTS CAMP**

Last week 35 senior students attended Sports Camp in Matamata.

Our students competed extremely well against students from 9 other schools. There was a noticeable size difference between our students and most of the other schools, but this did not deter them from giving their best effort across the range of sports on offer.

Our students made semi-finals in Basketball, Soccer, Softball & Petanque on Thursday and were awarded runners-up in Bowls, Cage soccer & Shooting. We are proud to also be awarded Runners-up for the Sportsmanship category at prizegiving, which was a fantastic achievement.

However, the biggest thrill on Thursday night was winning the 'Cheer' trophy for best team performance. This is a much sought after award, and to receive it in our second year of competing at Sports Camp was amazing. The students practised their dance/movement routines for a number of weeks under the tuition of Melissa O'Brien from the Otorohanga Dance Company.

Our students should be very proud of their achievements and the sportsmanship they showed over the whole week.

A huge thank you to our teachers, Karen Coleman and Emma Telfer for your organisation and to Scott Culpan, Michael Ritch, Melisa Lincoln, Bryan King & Janna Gray for your support during the week. Also, thank you to those parents who either provided transport to and from camp and those parents who attended across the week.

#### **COPS MATHLETICS**

Kio Kio School was excited to host this year's COPS Mathletics competition yesterday (Wednesday 7 September).

Our Year 6 & 7 and students from six schools entered the Rec Centre with serious expressions at the start of the event. Kio Kio had 3 teams competing, consisting of 5 Year 6, 14 Year 7 and 1 Year 8 students.

During the first task (Individual Event) you could have heard a pin drop as their competitors focused on solving the problems independently.

This studious atmosphere was soon broken when the second activity (Amazing Mathletics Race) required them to work in teams, solve problems, run the length of the gym, and complete physical exercises. The room was filled with smiles, great mathematical reasoning and encouragement.

The last round was the Team Event and the collaboration, problem solving and teamwork continued to grow.

When the COPS Mathletics event was over, the sombre faces that entered earlier in the day were leaving with smiles and an audible sense of achievement. Mahi nui tamariki!

Helen Twentyman

### Congratulations to:

#### **Year 7 Individual Event:**

Zoe Lupton - 1st equal Dinuk Jayatilaka - 2nd

Petra Lincoln - 3rd equal

### Year 7 Amazing Race:

Kio Kio 1 - 2nd equal

Kio Kio 2 - 2nd equal

Year 7 Team Event:

Kio Kio 1 - 3rd

Kio Kio 2 - 2nd

Year 7 Kio Kio 2 was the 2nd Overall Team

#### Year 6 Individual Event:

Olly McMullan - 1st equal

Jakob Espiritu - 3rd equal

Year 6 Amazing Race:

Kio Kio 1 - 1st

Year 6 Team Event:

Kio Kio 1 - 2nd

Year 6 Kio Kio 1 was the 2nd Overall Team

Thank you to Mrs Twentyman for organising this event.



#### **AGRICULTURAL DAY - TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER**

On Tuesday, the students were given their Ag Day entry forms which need to be completed and sent back to school by Friday 30 September. If you could do this earlier, it would be most appreciated. If you have not received this form please collect one from the office.

#### **HEAD LICE**

Please check your child for head lice, as we have had an incidence of this at school recently.

We will be organising a head lice check shortly. If you could help our small group of parents who do this, please let Amanda or Rachel know in the office.

The Ministry of Health advice is for children to stay away from school until treatment has started. If we find a student with live lice, we will contact parents to collect that child.

#### **DAFFODIL DAY**

We raised \$102.30 at our recent Daffodil Day fundraiser. This money has now been sent to the NZ Cancer Society. Thanks to everyone for your gold coin donations.

#### **LOCKDOWN & SHELTER IN PLACE DRILL**

At some stage over the next few weeks we will be practising our Shelter in Place or Lockdown drill across the school. This is an important part of our emergency procedures, similar to fire and earthquake drills. These 2 procedures are used to prevent harm to the people who are at school. They are activated when a serious threat exists that requires children, staff and visitors to remain inside a facility for safety.

When a lockdown or shelter in place instruction is given, staff will activate our emergency management plan. A Lockdown emergency may be directed by the Police or issued by staff if the need arises.

A **shelter in place emergency** is issued when the threat is external and not directed at the school. This could be for a range of events such as chemical spills nearby, toxic smoke from a nearby fire, a report of a swarm of bees, an active armed offender in the community (but not not in or near the school grounds).

Closer to our practice drill, parents will be given further instructions as to how they will be contacted in the event of an emergency. Our staff have clear instructions regarding lockdown areas for our students and the procedures in place. All students will be involved in discussions about this before a drill takes place to mitigate any concerns they may have.

#### **WIG WEDNESDAY**

Yesterday, we held a fundraising event for the Child Cancer Foundation. Our students and staff wore a wig or had their hair coloured or plaited in some way.

We were extremely pleased to donate \$200 to this wonderful foundation.

#### SCHOOL BANKING & PHONE DETAILS

Account number is:

BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000

School Phone: (07) 873 1816

Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725

#### SUBWAY COLLECTION ROSTER

09 Sep BJ Mark 16 Sep BJ Mark

## BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Katie Krukerink Kristy Stewart Natalie Southgate Robyn Tangaere

#### WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM

07 Sept Rippa Rugby 20 Sept Photo Day

21 Sept Waikato Speech Competition

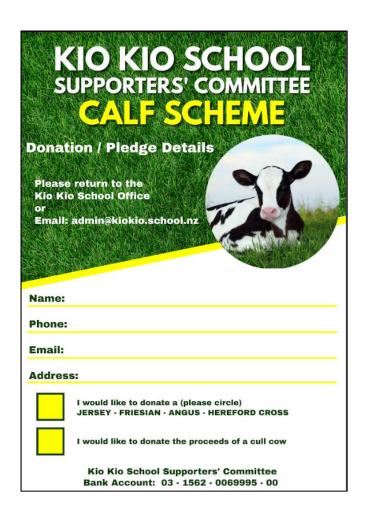
29 Sept Celebration Assembly

30 Sept End Of Term

Ngā mihi Kevin Jones - Principal and Staff



Next B.O.T meeting to be held 14 September in the school Library at 6.30pm



# thrive Holiday Climbing

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th October 2022 Monday 10th to Friday 14th October 2022 (during the 2 weeks of the school holidays)

CLIMBING SESSIONS EACH DAY

9am - 10:30am

11am- 12:30pm 1pm - 2:30pm

3pm-4:30pm

<u>All ages</u> welcome

Book in for a session or just rock up :) Each session limited to 15 climbers only

Cost

All Climbers - \$5 for each climbing session.

Belayers only (14 and over) - FREE

\*Under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult for belaying.

\*Bring your own water bottle and shoes to climb in\*

For bookings contact Julian on 021 182 1203

or email at harvestrock@xtra.co.nz

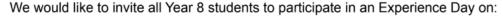
Harvest Rock Centre, 5 Tuhoro Street, Otorohanga



# Ōtorohanga College

Ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana ~ Honour before Honours

#### Year 8 Experience Day



November 4th - 9.00 - 2.30

#### What to bring:

- PE gear
- Drink bottle and morning tea
- Lunch will be provided
- Covered shoes

If you are interested in residing at the Hostel in 2023 please contact Roy Willison on 022 4128 495 for more information and details about the overnight Hostel experience on November 3rd.









For all enquiries please contact the College Office on 07 873 8029 or email admin@otocoll.school.nz

## **Sports Camp 2022**





