Kaye’s Korero

Kia ora whanau.

We are almost a quarter of the way through another precious year of your children’s learning. We are privileged to be part of a partnership with you in guiding and supporting your children to build the knowledge and skills to become active and healthy participants and contributors in our community. These formative childhood years go very quickly and sometimes we are so busy we forget how important they are in growing good people.

Over the next few weeks, we will be asking for your feedback about what it is you’d like to know about your children’s progress—not only because we like to keep you informed, but also because the National Administration Guidelines require us to report to you twice a year around the New Zealand Curriculum and National Standards. Next week we will send more information about our current process and the reports we use, and seek your feedback on this and how we might improve on it.

I will be away for two days on a leadership course called ‘Strengthening the Core’. (I hope it is what I think it is, and not some high-powered exercise course!) Mrs Lavulavu is also away again this week and Danielle Matthews will be teaching in Korekoreko.

Have a great week

Nga mihi nui Kaye

Term two staffing

We are excited to have Judith Nieland returning to us next term. We have missed Whaea Jude and we know she is itching to get back to us. Jude is going to take up Korekoreko as Mrs Lavulavu moves to Auckland. We are pleased that Maree Dargan is able to stay on next term in Titiwai 6 to keep that classroom settled and steady.

Farewell assembly for Margaret Lavulavu

There will be a farewell assembly for Margaret on Friday 7 April at 2:00p.m in the hall.

Hyperlinks and online forms

Apologies to those who might have had difficulties completing/sending our online forms. We recently realised that these only work correctly in Adobe Reader, which is available free (for both Mac and Windows) at this link: https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/

Once it installed on your system, you will be able to download our online forms and complete and return them using Adobe Reader. If you need assistance, click here to email Rob, or phone 027 248 1171

Our thoughts and aroha are with the Martin whanau—Melvina, Joan and their whanau, at the sad loss of their beloved Uncle Brian.
Working Bee—Saturday 1 April 10:00 a.m
Time for a sleep-in then come on down to finish painting the hall, clear some unwanted vegetation and maybe tidy up some garden areas.

Swimming
Swimming is now finished for the year.

Dances for Schools
We are now into our second week of cool dance lessons with Dean from Dances for Schools. These guys have worked with our children before and they provide quality dance teaching in a fun way. The Years 1-3 have their session at 9:15 and Years 4-6 from 9:45 a.m.
https://www.facebook.com/dancesforschool/

Lunches
Every day: Meat Lovers’ Toasties and Pizza Pockets are available to order every day from the office at $2 each.
Tuesday and Thursday: Subway available – send orders and money to the office in the Subway envelope (available at the office).
Zayaz Kebabs – available at this stage on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please order and pay through the school app (download Ngāti Toa School through the App Store or Google Play). Orders must be in by 9:30 a.m.
To order the Zayaz lunches you first need to set up an account through the app—just go into lunches and set it up. You need to add your online banking customer ID and password so payment can be made straight to Zayaz through the app. No money comes to school.

Pak’n’Save receipts
Please continue to send your receipts along to the office. The proceeds go into our “Education Outside the Classroom” (EOTC) fund.

School donation
School donations are welcomed at any time during the year. They are $25 per child or $40 per family. These donations are a great help to us, covering extra things like subsidising buses for trips, extra-curricular activity e.g. Stepping Out. Please send these along when you are able, or deposit in the school's account:
01 0546 0124048 00 with your family name in the “Reference” field.

Soccer
Our two soccer teams have been playing now for the last two weeks.
Scores from the week of 20 March:
• Ngāti Toa Warriors 2 vs Discovery 0
• Ngāti Toa Cool Guyz 0 vs not sure who? 0
• The year 1/2 team also won 2-0
Thanks to Catherine Balt, Jo Tuau and other parents who support these children each week.
Hockey
Hockey notices have gone home to all the children who were interested in playing this winter. If your child did not receive one, please have them see me. The slip at the bottom of the notice that was sent home needs to be returned ASAP. Please don’t worry about fees just yet, we will start collecting these at the start of next term. Any questions? Want to help out? Please email me: k.pierre@ngatitoa.school.nz

Camp 2018
Last week the Board of Trustees gave the go-ahead to start planning and preparing for the Year 5/6 camp to Curious Cove in 2018—with a proviso that we must have raised $10,000 by December this year.
We will call a meeting in a few weeks’ time for the Year 5/6 parents to discuss this and outline the full costing and how we will go about bringing this cost down significantly through our efforts.
We have already had a very generous donation of $1000 to our camp account from a local small business—thank you so much!

Lost property
We have ridiculous amount of clothing in our lost property basket. Some of you must be getting a bit thin on clothes at home! Please pop in if you can as we are going to redistribute this clothing elsewhere at the end of the week. Can you also remind your children to bring their clothes home and perhaps check in with them when they come home that they have what they left with!

Zoo trip helpers
Monday 10 (junior) and Tuesday 11 April (senior). We need parents to accompany us on our trip to the zoo. You will be supervising a small group.
If you would like to come, please complete the tear-off and return it this week. (Or click this link to email the office with your details)

Kōtiri notices (Miss Avatea, Mrs Latu and Mrs Cross)
No Garden-to-Table this week
At BIGAIR GYM in Tawa we are continuing to do new and exciting things; come and see our new gym pit and look online for our new classes.

Our popular classes include gymnastics (preschool & school age), trampolining, tumbling, Parkour & cheerleading.

Gymnastics teaches the fundamentals of strength and coordination which supports all sports, and children gain increased self-confidence as they progress through Bigairs gym programme.

Parkour is fun as kids learn safe and new ways to move around obstacles.

Children who love cartwheels, handstands and walkovers will enjoy gym and tumbling classes. Anyone who has a trampoline at home will love learning new skills in Bigair’s trampoline classes.

For all those dancers and gymnasts, our famous Bigair Cheerleading Teams include a new junior team for 5–9 years. Plus, we offer birthday parties, which are fun and easy for parents!

Bigair Gym’s classes for Term 2, and fun & active school holiday programme are open for bookings NOW! For all queries and bookings: 04 232 3508 or email: office@bigairgym.co.nz.

**What’s coming up:**

**Saturday 1 April**, 10:00 a.m: Working bee at the school

**Tuesday 4–Thursday 6 April**: Education Review Office visit.

**Friday 7 April**: 2:00 p.m: School assembly in hall.

**Monday 10 April**: Years 1–3 visit Wellington Zoo (Titiwai 5 and 6, Korekoreko, Hahana)

**Tuesday 11 April**: Years 4–6 visit Wellington Zoo (Kōtiri and Tūrama)

**Thursday 13 April**, 3:00 p.m: End of term

**Monday 1 May**, 8:55 a.m: Term two begins

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I would like to assist on the zoo trip on **Monday 10** / **Tuesday 11** April (please circle one)

Name: ..........................................................................................................................

Child: ..........................................................................................................................

Phone: ..........................................................................................................................

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