



Kaye's Korero

Kia ora whanau

Almost half way through a term of learning already. Thank you to all those who have got their stationery payments sorted; this has been most helpful. Thanks also to those helping keep the children safe outside the school gates at the beginning and end of the day. It is a narrow road out there and it helps hugely if people park safely or even a bit further up the road. Children could even be dropped off up Mawhare St at the pedestrian gate up in the top corner of the field by the big tree.

Movin'March is underway. The Movin'March team have sent us a stack of WOW (walk or wheel) passport cards which you can sign each day your tamariki walk or wheel to OR from school. All entries will go in the draw to win one of six \$300 AVANTI vouchers. The school with the highest percentage of walk or wheel trips in each district will win a \$100 Prezzy card – so help us take out the district prize by encouraging your kids to walk or wheel to school! You might also like to snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin'March and win. It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on Facebook or Instagram with #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

Nga mihi nui. *Kaye*



Ako



Hākinakina

School whanau survey

Apart from our Kai and Korero evening discussions, we have not collected the voice of our whanau for sometime so we would love to hear how you think things are going for your child's learning and wellbeing, where we are doing well and where we can improve. Here is a link to the survey; there are comments boxes with most questions so please add as much comment as you like to help us get a good grasp of your thinking. Thanks everyone. This will be a very helpful means of self-review.

You should be able to access the survey from your laptop, tablet or smartphone.

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5CFY67Z>



Iti kahurangi

Kai and Korero Evening

'Following your children's progress'

When:.....Wednesday 27 March, 6:30pm

Where:.....Kōtiri block (R1 and 2)

We have a new school management system that includes a parent portal to enable you to see how your children are progressing in reading, writing, mathematics and other learning areas. The portal will be accessible to you at any time via your computer, smartphone or tablet, and will show you the aspects in these areas that are being learnt and next steps or goals.



Come along, share some dessert, get to know some other whanau, and learn about the portal and how to get the best from it.

Paid Union Meetings

On 18 and 20 March (1:30pm) there will be paid union meetings for teachers. School will be open and children will be supervised by teachers (half of our teachers will attend one afternoon and half the other).



Aroha

Board of Trustees (BoT)

Our BoT met last week and here is a brief report back from the meeting.

Trina Kapene was elected Chair until the mid-year elections. The Board approved the 2019 budget and was excited to sign off on 2019 strategic plan due to be submitted to the Ministry of Education. The policy framework and procedures folder that we have been working on for the last eighteen months has also been completed. The Board also approved the Year 5 and 6 camp for 2020 at Palm Grove, Paraparaumu. We discussed points raised in the recent interim auditor visit and the BOT commended the office administration on having very few recommendations for us to consider.

Here is a link to our Board members' profiles:

<http://www.ngatitoa.school.nz/board-of-trustees/>

Board of Trustee elections are coming up in June.

Have you ever thought about being a parent representative? Come along to a meeting at Porirua School about this year's board of trustees' elections.

The meeting is on **Wednesday 20 March at 6:00pm**

At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

Stationery

Please pay for your stationery as soon as possible either at the office or using online banking:

If paying directly to school bank account please use:

ASB Ngāti Toa School Board of Trustees
12-3254-0191023-00

Reference: Child's name Stationery e.g. Anne Doe Stationery
Invoices will be sent through this week.

Spare clothing

Please send along any spare shorts, long pants for juniors.

School donations

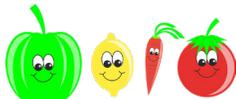
School donations of \$25 per child or \$40 per whanau may be paid either at the office or using internet banking:

If paying directly to school bank account please use:

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Garden to Table



Garden to Table is a great programme we have at our school which is about growing food and turning it into a meal of some kind. We aim to teach children basic gardening and cooking skills. For this to work really well, we need volunteers from our community who would be able to commit to coming along weekly to work with a group of children in the garden and/or kitchen. This would most probably be on a Friday morning. If you are interested in supporting this programme, please complete and return the tear-off further down the newsletter.

Fun Run (Kōtiri and Tūrama)

We're holding the School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on 29 March This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise \$5000.00 to contribute to our 2020 camp. Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which have been sent home with your child. Once you have the form, jump online at schoolfundraising.co.nz and create a student profile page. Once you do this and raise at least \$1 online, you will be entered into the \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school! The School Fun-Run is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll get behind. The event sends a message to students about having fun while being healthy (our value of Hakinakina!) all while helping the school raise funds. We're looking for all students in Kōtiri and Tūrama to participate and we're organising a great day for so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids. Some junior classes may join in too. If you have any questions about the Fun-Run please contact Judy Cross at j.cross@ngatittoa.school.nz

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

Learning through play

When many of us think of play we think of younger children, maybe even pre-schoolers. At our school, learning through play is more about providing opportunities for children of all ages to make choices, follow their interests and passions, and be creative and imaginative. Learning through play is a holistic approach to teaching, putting learners at the centre of their learning. It takes into account their emotional, social, physical, spiritual and academic stages of development. It makes learning meaningful and relevant to them by allowing them to develop the skills required to take risks, face challenges and learn from mistakes whilst following their own interests and urges. Alongside strong foundations for literacy and numeracy, we strive to develop children who can think for themselves; use their initiative and take responsibility for their own learning. It builds skills in getting along with others using cooperation, negotiation and conflict resolution. We believe it assists in developing learners who become resilient, empathetic, persistent and able to self-regulate. So if you hear your child saying they have been playing today, be assured to know the approach would have been chosen for these reasons and is not a "free for all, do as you like" time. Teachers have a very definite role in this kind of approach and they are using the time to interact, listen and extend thinking. Do talk to your child's teacher and make a time to come in during a learning through play session if you are keen to know more.



After school art club

Pearl Freemantle runs an after school art club on Tuesdays from 3:10–4:30 p.m. Any child who is keen to learn and create visual art is welcome.

Please complete the permission slip and return if your child would like to come along. They will need to be collected at 4:30pm please.



Speech and Drama lessons:

All ages, group and individual lessons in drama, public speaking and general speech quality. Trinity College London exam tutoring and competition entry available on request.

Email eminardsblack@gmail.com for more information.

What's coming up

- **Wednesday 27 March:** 6:30pm: Kai and Korero evening.
- **Friday 29 March,** School fun run

WELLINGTON HOCKEY PRE-SEASON YEAR 5 & 6 DEVELOPMENT & FESTIVAL DAY

All Welcome, Beginners to more experienced players

WHEN:.....Sunday 31 March, 2:00–4:00pm

WHERE:.....National Hockey Stadium, Mount Albert Road, Newtown

EXPECT: Quality Coaching, Fun Hockey Games, Competitions & Prizes

REGISTER: Head to www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz and click “HAVE A GO” under the “DEVELOPMENT” tab

CONTACT: Jenni Cronin, Development Manager, Capital Hockey, jenni@capitalhockey.org.nz, 021 209 8483



Garden-to-Table

I would like to volunteer to assist with:

Garden

Kitchen

Regularly

Occasionally

My skills / preferences are:

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Name:..... Phone:..... Email.....



After-school Art Club

.....has permission to join the after-school Art Club.

We will ensure they are collected at 4:30pm.

Signed:

Phone: