



2020

Kaye's Korero

Kia ora whanau

It is energising to see all our tamariki back again and we notice how much they have grown over that short time. I remember when I was in the thick of bringing up my girls, time seemed to go slowly and now I look at them (and my mokopuna!) and cannot fathom where the time has gone. Relish the short time you have them as children—it is gone in a flash!

We are very excited about 2020 and all of us in the team are looking forward to getting to know you and working together around your children's learning. Please communicate with us when things arise or you are uncertain about something—resist the 'moan bonding' that sometimes occurs—feels good at the time, but is not that always productive! Lots of information in this newsletter so you might want to keep it handy while getting used to the new year!

Nga mihi nui. *Kaye*



Ako

Stationery

The children's stationery packs are in the class already and you can pay at the office or online. Invoices will be sent home this week with your child so please check their bag. If your child needs a book bag (\$4.50) or earphones (\$15.00), please pay at the office.



Hauora

Swimming



Swimming begins this week with eight water safety lessons with instructors (11 -14 February, and 18-22 February). Following that each class will have a swimming slot daily (weather dependent). Please send togs and towel daily. The growth in confidence can be quite astounding over those few short weeks of swimming.



iti kahurangi

Pōwhiri

A pōwhiri for new whanau will occur next Wednesday 19 February at 10:00am. Please assemble in the staffroom around 9:50am. If you would like to speak on behalf of the manuhiri, please let us know.

After School Art Club

Whaea Pearl will be running after school art club again. It will start on Tuesday 18 February at 3:10 pm - 4:30 pm. It will finish for Term 1 on Tuesday 24th March. Thank you Whaea Pearl!



Kotahitanga

School Picnic Day

We will be having a whānau picnic day at Aotea Lagoon on Thursday 5 March from 10:00-2:00pm. More information to follow.



Aroha

Updated contact details

If you didn't update your details this week at the office, a form will come home for you to do this and return to school. It is essential we have your contact details and can locate you at

all times. Please remember to amend if you change address or phone number.

Sun Safety

Please remember to send sunhats along for this term and apply sunblock to your children in the morning.



Absence

Please remember to contact us if your child is absent. You can either leave a message on the absentee line on the school phone 04 236 7785, text message the school cell phone on 027 236 7785, email office@ngatitoa.school.nz or leave a message via Facebook.

Lunch orders

We offer Subway on Tuesdays and Thursdays; please pay cash at the office in the morning using the envelopes provided. Children can also order pizza and ham/cheese pockets (\$2:00) and bread-based mince murphies (\$2:50). Orders are taken before school every morning at the office.

KidsCan

If your child needs shoes, rain jackets or nit treatment, we have these available at the office. Please see Whaea Kiri.

Lost property

Lost property this year will be located in Room 8. At the end of each term any unclaimed items will be donated to a worthy charity.

Canteen

Whaea Kiri and Matua Glen will run the canteen on a Friday at big play. Ice blocks and popcorn will be available at \$1 each. Thank you Matua Glen and Whaea Kiri!

Movin' March

Movin' March occurs again very soon. It is a month long celebration of active travel to school run by the Greater Wellington Regional Council. We will be encouraging families to walk, bike or scoot to school during March.

There are some great prizes to be won by participating in the WOW Passport Challenge and Photo Competition. See the website for more information <https://www.movinmarch.com/parents>

We would love to have some 'walking buses' where adults offer to supervise a route they walk to school and gather a group to walk to school with supervision. Please contact Kaye if you are keen to do this (principal@ngatitoa.school.nz)

School photos

Photolife will be here for photos on Thursday 4th June. Pre paid envelopes will be sent out nearer the time.

School Camp (Years 5 and 6)

School camp this year for Years 5 and 6 will be held from 6-9 April at Palm Grove, Paraparaumu. A whanau meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 February (time to be confirmed).

School bank account

If you wish to use on-line banking for any school payments, please use:

ASB Ngāti Toa School Board of Trustees

12-3254-0191023-00

Code:Child's name

Reference:Reason for payment

Example:

Code:Anaru Smith

Reference: ..Stationery

What's coming up

Tuesday 18 February, 3:10pm: After School Art Club begins

Wednesday 19 February, 10:00am: Pōwhiri

Thursday 20 February, 5:45pm: Board of Trustees meeting

Thursday 5 March, 10:00: School whanau picnic day

Tuesday 6 April – Thursday 9 April: Year 5 and 6 camp

2020 dates

Term one: Friday 7 February—Thursday 9 April

Term two: 27 April—3 July

Term three: 20 July—25 September

Term four: 12 October – 18 December

Teacher-only days: Tuesday 2 June; Friday 20 November (tbc with Board of Trustees)