



Kaye's Korero

Kia ora e te whānau

This will be the second to last newsletter for this year! A year most of us will never forget I imagine. Thank you to everyone for your support over the year—responding to COVID-19 surveys and messages, letting us know what is happening for you and your whānau, and sticking to all the rules we had to put in place over these last months. These attitudes and behaviours are why our country has done so well on the world stage with COVID-19, and we will all be keeping at it over the summer so we don't end up back in that place again!

Please read the newsletter as there is lots of information relating to the end of the year that you will need to know. Also, PLEASE send back permission slips for the pool trip on Thursday (or a written note if you have mislaid the notice).

Mountains to Sea: What a joy to see two of our tamariki—Emilii Laavasa and Miriam Siave—take out the Porirua Guardians prize for their awesome environmental action in Te Awarua o Porirua. They win a fantastic visit to Kapiti Island with their whānau. Congratulations girls and thank you for your commitment to this Kaupapa. They will get to attend the Kāpiti Marine Reserve Community Snorkel Day on 20 February 2021. The event page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/18065222283242>

Nga mihi nui *Kaye*



Staffing 2021

We are still to appoint one more teacher to replace Judith Nieland for the year while she trains as a Reading Recovery teacher next year. Classes for 2021 are as follows:

New Entrants:.....Sarah Collins (Kora)

Year 1/2:.....Dee Tingle (Titiwai)

Year 2/3:.....TBC (Hahana)

Year 3/4:.....Bronwyn Pope (Whakawhetū)

Year 3/4:.....Melanie Clublely (Korekorekō)

Year 5/6:.....Sacha Paulin (Marama)

Year 5/6:.....Judy Cross (Tūrama)

Your child's class for 2021 will be on their report next week.

They will also be spending Thursday afternoon (17th) from 2:10–3:00pm in their new class. Year 6s will be with Whaea Pearl.



End of 2020; start of 2021

Last day of school:.....Friday 18 December, 1:00pm

Welcome back day 2021:.....Friday 5 February (We will meet in the hall and then children will go to their new classes with their teachers).

After a little bit of information sharing in their new spaces, the children will share our first healthy lunch together. Parents/caregivers are welcome to stay for the morning and join us to see what the lunch system is all about. This will be a new experience for all of us. If it is a nice day we might have the pool open for those who wish to stay for a swim.

Confirmation of times next week.

He mihi nui



A big shout out to Whaea Pearl and Whaea Bronwyn for taking the Art Club this term. It is a big commitment but I know they both enjoy it very much. Moreover, the tamariki are a regular bunch who come every week and have also enthusiastically rocked up each week. Some of the art pieces I have seen have been outstanding and I thank Pearl and Bronwyn for making this available.

NB: Art Club has now finished for the year

Progress and achievement reporting—next week

Next week, your child's end of year report will come home. There will be two parts to the report: next steps in reading, writing and mathematics from Hero, and a statement about your child's year in relation to our values and other learning areas. The report will also confirm classes for 2021.

In order to get the most out of the report, you need to be able to access the Hero app (see below). The report will show you next steps in those learning areas, but when you are in the app, you can actually click on the levels the children are working on and it will show what they have achieved and can do, alongside next steps.

Please make sure you have sourced the Hero app and can see your child's information. Please send back the tear-off attached to inform us of where you are at with this.

Once you are logged into Hero, our school management system, you will be able to track your child's learning more closely. For information about how to log in and view your child's learning, go to the Hero for Parents website page:

<https://www.linc-ed.com/parents/>



Stationery

Can you **please, please, please** pay outstanding stationery costs for 2020. The school carries this cost (**more than \$1,000**), so it is very helpful if all can please pay overdue accounts. Remember that WINZ cards can be used for this. Thank you.

Graduation events

We love to send our year 6 students off with a memorable ceremony to acknowledge their time with us. See the What's Coming Up for graduation dates. A separate notice will come home soon with more information about the dinner and events that will follow the formal graduation.

Christmas raffle

There are only 10 tickets left to sell.

Can we please ask you to send back any Christmas Raffle tickets you do not wish to sell, send money if you have sold your tickets, and let us know if you require any more to sell. We need unwanted tickets back this week please because the raffle will be drawn on Friday 11 December.



Whānau end of year picnic

When: THIS Thursday
10 December
Where: Wainuiomata Pool
Time: 10:00–2:00pm

Please diary the date and come and join us for a lovely picnic day. Notices have gone home with permission slips to be sent back please.

Please complete the slip at the bottom (or send a note). **NO SLIP, NO TRIP.**

Term 4 dates

Term four: 12 October – 18 December (1:00pm)



Fundraising—Te Whānau Ngatahi

In the past we have had a group of parents interested in supporting and organising school fundraising. This group has been in hiatus for a wee while but we would love to get it back up and running for 2021. Please send back the tear-off if you are keen to be involved. It will entail meeting once a term to assist in whatever capacity you wish to raising money for the extra 'nice to haves'.

What's coming up

Thursday 10 December: Whānau Picnic at Wainuiomata Pool.

Tuesday 15 December, 7:00pm: Year 6 Graduation Dinner at Fihserman's Table, Paekakariki.

Wednesday 16 December, 9:30am: Year 6 graduation ceremony

Friday 18 December, 1:00pm: Last day of term 4

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Friday 5 February: Welcome back day

Monday 8 February: Waitangi Day—School closed

Tuesday 9 February, 8:55am: Back to school

Tuesday 9 February, 10:00am: Powhiri

Thursday 1 April: Teacher-only day—school closed

Friday 16 April: End of term 1 (3:00pm)

Monday 3 May: Beginning of term 2 (8:55am)



Te Whānau Ngatahi

I would like to be involved with the Te Whānau Ngatahi group.

Name:

Child:

Signing up to Hero

(Please let us know how you are getting on with Hero and whether we can help at all. Select from one or more of the following boxes—whichever is appropriate—and return to the office.)

I am already using the Hero application.

I have tried to sign on to Hero but was unsuccessful

I am able to see some information about my child's learning.

I do not have a device that will enable me to access the Hero app (i.e. smartphone, iPad, computer)

I would like someone to help me get started with Hero.

Name:

Child/ren:



School picnic at Wainuiomata Pool

I confirm that.....has permission to attend the school picnic at Wainuiomata pool on Thursday 10 December.

Signed:

Date



Children LOVE learning how to cartwheel, round-off, handspring and flip at BIGAIR GYM's classes! Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus determination and self-confidence, as they achieve new skills! BIGAIR's gymnastics, tumbling, free running & trampoline classes are excellent for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, fundamental skills, right through to more advanced skills, such as summersaults and twisting. Bigair Gym is a clean, pristine, exciting, kid-friendly, state-of-the-art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run structured & fun gym classes.

Book now for Bigair's popular January School Holiday Programme! Full-day or half-day sessions. Keep your kids active these holidays, while they also practice and learn new skills! Holiday Programme & Term 1 Class **bookings are open now** at www.bigairgym.co.nz, or contact Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay 383 8779 wgt@bigairgym.co.nz, or Bigair Gym Tawa 232 3508 office@bigairgym.co.nz.