

The KPS Weekly

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20 October 2021

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to Kapiti Primary School for Term Four. Thank you for your support with our staff only day. The staff have been able to continue our good work which in turn will benefit our students. Our tamariki were straight back into learning on Tuesday and we are looking forward to a term where we build our tamariki's capabilities.



#### **Alert Level Two**

Further to my communication to you on Friday, this is a reminder that we are still at Alert Level Two. We have all seen what is happening up North when we get complacent. Let's ensure we keep our community safe and work together. Please follow our guidelines which are included on the next page of

this newsletter. Over the term, we will keep you updated as best we can so please keep an eye out for updates.

### **Term Four Learning**

**Inquiry Learning** - Challenging Ourselves From this term, we will be using a big idea to integrate learning across curriculum areas.

Our big idea this term is Challenging Ourselves - Our students will be inquiring into how challenges help us to grow.

Curriculum Driver	- Curiosity and Innovation
Te Reo Māori	<ul> <li>Integrated into inquiry work</li> </ul>
Maths	- Statistics, Statistical Investigation
PE	- Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC)
Writing	- Writing Narratives
Art	- Ephemeral Art (art that is temporary)
Digital Technology	- Computational Thinking for Digital Outcomes

#### Dates

	TERM 4
	October
25	LABOUR DAY
	(no school)
26	Dental Van arrives
27	Immunisation
	(Boostrix and
	HPV)
	November
1	BOT Meeting 6pm
	School staffroom
9	KPS Athletics
	Day
17	Senior Athletics
22-26 Y7&8 Camp	
	Y5&6 EOTC week
	December
1	Waikanae Pool
	Picnic
6	BOT Meeting 6pm
	School staffroom
9	Parent Volunteer
	Morning Tea
10	Christmas Raffle
	Drawn
13	Year 8 Graduation
	Evening
15	Last Day of Term
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#### Disco

We are disappointed that we have to cancel our disco due to still being at Alert Level 2. Thanks to the volunteers who put their names forward to support this event and to Liz and our amazing student council who were all so excited to run it.

#### Mihi Whakatau

We will not be having a mihi whakatau this term as we are still in Level 2. We look forward to properly welcoming our new students and families at the beginning of 2022.

#### **School Assemblies**

We will not be holding assemblies at Alert Level 2; however, we would like to continue to celebrate our tamariki's hard work by presenting TEAM awards. Watch this space.

#### **Alert Level 2 Guidelines**

We are still at Alert Level 2 so please follow our guidelines. It is important to note that all adults entering the school site to pick up tamariki must be wearing a face mask. Adults should not enter classrooms and need to conduct drop-offs and pickups in an outdoor environment.

There are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please continue to monitor your health and do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which includes following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow. Our cleaners have thoroughly cleaned our learning spaces over the holiday period.

While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

At Alert Level 2, we ask that you only come onsite if you have to. We understand that it is difficult to leave young children at the gate. If you come on-site, you need to make sure you use the covid tracer app. If you can't do this, you will need to sign in at the office. As above, you need to wear a mask and drop tamariki off outside their classrooms.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school by staff or children. The Director-General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face-covering for children is up to you and your whānau; whatever your decision it will be respected.

#### **SPORTS/GROUP PHOTOS**

If you would like to order one please email Carol to send an envelope home or ask your child to pick one up from her. Orders and money need to be at the office by Friday 29 October 2021.

#### Calendars, diaries etc Fundraiser heads up

Each year we try to give you the opportunity to purchase calendars, diaries, and cards with a piece of your child's artwork on it. Whānau like being able to give these as Christmas gifts or send to family and friends overseas. One of our past parent's organises this for us and she has offered to do this again.

The information was sent home last term and order forms and money need to be at the office by this Friday. You can pay this into the school bank account but please put Art and your child's name. Bank details: Account Name: Kapiti Primary School Board of Trustees

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#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Yesterday, a note was sent home about our main fundraiser for 2021. We hope you will support this by sending along an item for our annual raffle. As an idea, some items we have received in the past are: chocolate/sweets, Christmas decorations/wrapping, food and drink, vouchers, basically something that you would like to have in a Christmas Raffle. At the beginning of November we will send every family home a \$10 raffle card (each ticket is \$1 so there are 10 to sell to friends and family). The raffle card and money needs to be returned to the office by 3 December as the raffle will be drawn on 10 December. If you can sell more than one card please let Carol know and she will gladly supply you with more. Thank you in advance for your much needed support. This raffle will help support our EOTC learning this term.

#### **IMMUNISATIONS - Year 7 & 8 Programme - Boostrix and HPV**

The Immunisation team will be with us on Wednesday (27 October) to give the next round of immunisations that started in April this year. This will be to those children whose parents gave permission at that time. Please read the information below as this relates to the COVID vaccinations alongside the Boostrix and HPV vaccinations.



4 October 2021

Tēnā koutou parents and caregivers

#### Timing of COVID-19 vaccination alongside other vaccinations

In term four, our school-based vaccination team will be visiting your school to offer the Boostrix or HPV vaccination to children in years 7 and 8.

You may be wondering about the best timing of vaccinations for your child. We have been advised by the Ministry of Health, that there is no gap required between receiving the COVID-19 vaccination and receiving the HPV or Boostrix vaccination.

- If your child has already received their first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination: they are able to receive the Boostrix or HPV vaccination. There is no gap or wait-time required between receiving these vaccinations.
- If your child is about to receive a COVID-19 vaccination soon: there is no gap or wait-time
  required between receiving the COVID-19 vaccination and the Boostrix or HPV vaccination.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has now been widely used in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world, and its effects are well understood.

We understand that you may have questions or concerns around vaccinations at this time. If so, please feel free to contact us at: <u>rph@huttvalleydhb.org.nz</u> or on (04) 570 9002.

Ngā mihi nui

Yvonne

Yvonne Ayrton | Team Leader – Immunisation, Child Health |Regional Public Health

Ngā mihi nui Brent McDowell Principal Have a look at our website: www.kapiti.school.nz

You can request Board of Trustee minutes and information from Carol in our

office: admin@kapiti.school.nz



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **HELD AT KAPITI PRIMARY SCHOOL:**



sKids Kapiti specialises in delivering quality before school, after school and holiday programmes. We strive to create a fun and safe environment that our kids just love! Places for term 2 and we are now taking bookings for term 3. For more information please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email jools@skids.co.nz

### Seido Karate Kapiti

Kids Class 7- 12 years Thursday 4.45 - 5.30 Beginners Class 12 years - adult Thursday 6pm - 7pm Kapiti Primary School Hall All welcome, any level of fitness or ability. A great family activity. Karate is a great way to challenge yourself both physically and mentally Call/text Karen: 021 1141958 www.facebook.com/SeidoKarateKapiti First three classes free.

# **OTHER COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

Kids After-School Ceramic Christmas Decorations- come along and make 8 decorations each out of soft clay, then leave them here and I'll fire them in my kiln, then you come back a week later to add the glazes ( the colour). These make great Christmas gifts and look gorgeous on your tree! DATES: Tues 23rd and 30th November TIME: 3.30-5pm COST: \$70 per child (Bookings essential/ children over 5yrs) Cell: 02102720716 Email: kayebustin@rocketmail.com http://www.facebook.com/KayeBustinStudios





SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 1.45PM Come along and take part in a fun nippers session at pslnippers@gmail.com

NIPPER OPEN DAY