



# The KPS Weekly

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Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to Term Two Week Nine and Alert Level 1! It has been an extraordinary time over the last couple of months and your support has helped us to make each alert level transition as smooth as possible. I'm sure you are like me, happy to have things back to some sense of normality and now our main focus can be on supporting our tamariki to reach their potential. Yesterday, I sent out a communication about what Alert Level 1 looks like for us at school. I assure you that we will continue to teach students to use safe hygiene practices including washing hands, coughing into elbows and regularly cleaning hard surfaces. We are now looking forward to seeing you onsite more, however, we did notice that dropping off students at the gate allowed many of our tamariki to be more settled to start their day. If this continues to work for you, we encourage you to keep dropping off at the gate. As always, if you need to come in to see a teacher or just feel like popping in to see your child's learning, you are more than welcome.

## School Photos

An email was sent home last week confirming that next Tuesday 16 June we will be having our school photos. We are expecting to receive the pre-paid envelopes any day now from the photographers. So that you can prepare here are the details again:

- The envelopes with the payment will need to be back into Carol at the office before 9 am on the day of the photos (Tuesday 16 June).
- The standard class photo is \$16 (upsized one is \$18). Then there is the Value pack at \$32, Premium Pack at \$38 and the Ultimate Pack at \$43.
- Sibling photos can also be taken and you (or your child) will be able to get these from Carol. The small pack will be \$25 and the large pack will be \$30. Again, the detail will be on the envelope.

## Kapiti and Paraparaumu College Open Days

We have confirmation of visits to both the colleges for our Year 8 students. We have been asked to only send students who are going to attend the particular college. The visit to Kapiti College will happen on **Wednesday July 1 between 12:30 and 2:30**. The Paraparaumu College visit will be on **Tuesday 23 June between 9am and 12noon**.

## Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are back up and running. Mike has always given us great prices but there are a couple of changes. Please look at the lunch order form that is attached to this email for current pricing.

## Technology

Our Year 7-8 students will be starting their technology sessions on Friday 26 June and will be heading down to the Raumati Technology Centre every Friday thereafter. It is great to be back as part of the local technology programme and I look forward to seeing what our students can create. There is no cost to whānau as we can now fund technology ourselves.

## Dates

### June

16	School Photos
23	Y8 Paraparaumu College Visit 9am-12pm
26	Year 7&8s Technology begins at Raumati Technology Centre

### July

1	Y8s Kapiti College Visit 2.30-2.30pm
2	Matarki get-together
3	Last day of term

## 2020 Terms

Term 2	last day 3 July
Term 3	20 July to 25 Sept
Term 4	12 Oct to 15 Dec

## **Matariki**

We are looking forward to ending the term with a Matariki event. This event is always well supported by our community and we will enjoy having you all join us. We are currently putting together a plan of what this will look like. Please pencil in **Thursday 2 July** for this get-together. It will be a great way to come together as a community before we head off for the holidays.

## **Teacher Aides**

As you may have heard, the Ministry of Education has reached a settlement with NZEI on behalf of teacher aides. This is a significant settlement and will mean teachers aides will be remunerated in accordance with their job descriptions. The work of our teacher aides and all support staff is integral to the successful running of our school and we are delighted for them.

## **Cyber Safety**

We have heard of a couple of incidents involving our students using social media platforms in negative ways. While these issues may be happening out of school time, they often have an impact at school. We teach our students about appropriate use of online tools and encourage you to continue these conversations at home. It is important to keep an eye on what children are using devices for and monitor their device use. You can find a lot of excellent information at: <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

**Nga mihi nui,**

**Brent McDowell**  
**Principal**