



The KPS Weekly

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3 February 2021

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back to Kapiti Primary School for 2021. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year. Our staff have been working hard to prepare for a good start and ensure that our classrooms are looking great. If you haven't had the chance to already, please pop in over the next few days and say hello. We always love having you on-site.

I would like to wish a warm welcome to our new members of staff and new students. Welcome, Betty, Deja and Roz to our whanau. A full staff list is further down this newsletter. We will be having a Mihi Whakatau for all our new families next Wednesday at 10:30 am. We would love to see you all there.

Please have a look at our dates for Term One. There are some important events coming up that you will need to make note of. In particular, we have our annual BBQ coming up next Friday. Looking forward to seeing you all and enjoying a good evening of fun games and good food. Look out for more information and a family sausage ticket that will be coming your way.

Vision

We are excited to be rolling out our new school vision and direction this term. At Kapiti Primary School, we will grow CONFIDENT, CONNECTED, EXPLORERS. This will be done through five pathways which we are calling our drivers. More information will be shared with you over the course of the term. This term, our teachers and students will be focusing on **Collaborative Communication**. We will be teaching our students how to work together, how to ask each other questions to further develop our thinking, and how to listen to others carefully. We will also be focussing on developing language skills so our students are confident to share their ideas to help build stronger connections with the world around them.

Structure of the day

We have made some slight changes to the structure of our school day. School still starts and finishes at the same time. During our first learning session between 9am and 11am, students will have a short fruit break. Morning tea will commence with students being able to go out to play and then at 11.20 they will come back in to eat a snack. Lunchtime will begin with eating at 12:50, followed by play until 1:40. After both playtime and lunchtime, teachers and students will have 10 minutes to connect as a class. This time will be used to support students so they are ready for learning.

9.00 Learning time
11.00 Playtime
11.20 Eat time/Connect Time
12.50 Eat time
1.00 Playtime
1.40 Connect time
1.50 Learning time
3pm Hometime

Staff Only Day

We will be utilising a staff only day on Friday 19 March. This will mean that the school is closed for students on this day. The purpose of this day will be for staff to continue developing our school curriculum to ensure that our tamariki are getting the best learning we can provide.

Dates TERM 1

February

3	School starts
8	Public Holiday - Waitangi Day
10	Mihi whakatau 10.30 a.m.
10	Swimming begins
12	Assembly 9.15am
12	School Picnic 5-7pm
15	BOT Meeting 6pm
18	Hearing and Vision Technician
18	Parent Info session 3.30pm Keeping Ourselves Safe
26	Assembly 9.15am

March

6	Assembly 9.15am
17&18	Student Led Conferences
19	Staff Only Day
26	Assembly 9.15am

April

2	Easter Friday
5	Easter Monday
6	School Holiday
9	Assembly 9.15am
16	Last Day Term 1

Term One Learning

Inquiry Learning

Across the school we will focus on developing our collaborative skills over these first few weeks. Then we will be moving to a Health focus. Students will be learning about what they need for their own wellbeing, as well as our wellbeing as a community. This will include completing 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. This is a unit supported by the Police and Sue Bush, our Community Constable will be working with teachers to provide this programme. Please come to meet with Sue on 18 February, to find out about this programme and have any questions answered. As part of our learning about wellbeing, we will be doing some work around sustainability, and our seniors will be completing a first aid course.

Te Reo Māori

- Te whare tapa wha model of well being

Maths

- Algebra, Measurement - length and area, Geometry - Shape

PE

- Ball Skills, Swimming

Communication

Communicating with our community is extremely important. Both our newsletter and Facebook page will give you important information about events happening at school. Please take the time to read the newsletter and check our Facebook page. From time to time, you may need to contact us to talk through issues or concerns about your children. The first point of contact is your child's teacher. You can contact them via email or pop in to set up an appointment. Teachers may take between one and two days to reply to your email depending on their workload. If you need to seek further assistance, please email Carol in the office or you are welcome to email me.

Hats

Our tamariki need to be wearing a wide-brimmed hat during this term to protect them from the sun. It is great to see so many of them wearing them today. Please ensure each of our children are protected. Sunscreen is available in the classroom. Thanks.



Staff

Principal

Brent McDowell

Deputy Principal

Liz Williamson

Leader of Learning

Jillian Jenness

Te Motu

Pīwakawaka/Tūi

Jillian Jenness

Years 1-2

Kōkako

Deja Harrison

Years 2-3

Kererū

Casey Hazelton

Years 3-4

Te Moana

Ika nui

Tina Ainslie

Years 5-8

Te Pāua

Betty Brown

Years 5-8

Aihe

Pamela Slee

Years 5-8

Ranginui

Te Ra

Debby Fruean

Years 1-4

Te Marama

Liz Williamson

Years 5-8

Teacher Aides

Adelle Wood

Amy Lowe

Sheryl Sale

Louise Sale

Junko Taguchi

Part-time teacher

Roz Walls

Caretaker

Kevin Bartley

Office Manager

Carol Segal

Ordered Lunches - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Mike from Beach Bakery has agreed to continue to take our student orders this year (thanks Mike). There is no price change so it is extremely good value for money. We will only have lunch orders on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday due to lack of demand on the other two days. Orders need to be in at the office by 9am on the day. You can get a price list from outside the school office.

Term One Assembly

Week	Assembly
2	Te Marama
4	Kereru
6	Ika nui
8	Te Ra
10	Te Paua

Hearing and Vision Technician Visit - 18 February

Lyn will be coming to our school to

- screen our 5 year old new entrant students who have not previously had a B4 School Check
- screen new immigrants to New Zealand and other children not previously screened
- All Year 7 students vision plus some Year 8s who were absent on testing day last year

If you have a new concern about your child's hearing or vision please let Carol know and she will make sure they are screened on the day.

Year 7 Vision Screening - Information for parents

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students.

- **Vision** – pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- **Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.**

Non-consent – please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

Swimming

Swimming starts next week for some classes. Information and timetables will be sent home by the class teacher.

General Consent Form for 2021

We will be sending this home tomorrow (on gold paper so it stands out). This form will give permission for your child to participate in activities in and outside the school between 9am and 3pm on a school day. Please ask your child for it or check their bag so that you can read it and return it hopefully the next day (Friday). We have swimming beginning for some classes next Wednesday so we will need to get these back before then.

Nga 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! MSD approved, WINZ subsidies for eligible families, sibling discounts, drop-offs to after school activities (no extra cost!). 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:

We love teaching kids at **Crawshaw Music School**. We provide high quality one-on-one private lessons from our new premises at 6a Sheffield Street (just off Te Roto Drive). We follow our student's interests while teaching important skills. All our teachers are experienced musicians in modern music and are skilled at communicating their knowledge," Book now before all our spaces are filled up, the first lesson is free. The instruments we currently offer: guitar, keyboards/piano, singing, drums, ukulele, bass, flute, band classes. Email aj@crawshawmusicschool.co.nz or Ph (04) 905 9317 to book a free trial lesson.

Exciting News!! CLASSES START AT BIGAIR GYM KAPITI ON 1st FEB!!

Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip and now we are offering these classes at a state-of-the-art gym facility near you!! **Bigair Gym Kapiti is now offering GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, RECREATIONAL & COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING & FREE RUNNING (Parkour) Classes for Term 1!** Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus determination and self-confidence as they achieve new skills! These 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, and kid friendly place for children to feel supported, guided, and happy to learn! Our experienced coaches run structured amazingly fun gym classes. To find out more or to book online for Term 1 classes, go to www.bigairgym.co.nz or email kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz. Please pop in and see the gym at 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti! Leanne Davenport, Director, BIGAIR GYMSPORTS

Do you know anyone born overseas who wants to improve their English?

Talk to us now about classes. We offer ...

- One-to-one help anywhere in Kapiti (1-2 hours a week)
- Classes in Paraparaumu (2 hours a week)
- Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing
- All levels (beginners to advanced)

Our tuition is ...

- For new arrivals and also those who have lived in New Zealand for years
- FREE for permanent residents (for other visa holders charges apply)

To contact **English Language Partners** phone 0800 NEW KIWI or 0800 639 5494

horowhenua-kapiti@englishlanguage.org.nz

Kia ora all! :) Experienced singing/performance teacher available for individual lessons. 35min \$35
60min \$50. Casual for fun or competitive training, great for confidence/self esteem/personal
development. Based in Te Aro, Wellington in a lovely comfortable space. Weekdays or
Weekend slots avail. Jazz/pop/musical theatre. All ages but specialises in youth. Open to have
a korero about payment options. 0220976101 jacquiefee@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/Jacquiefeesinging>

SCIENCE CLUB IS BACK at the Raumati Technology Centre (RTC): Dr Sarah Kenworthy (a teacher at
RTC) will be running Science Club Term 1 for Years 5 to 8. Starting on Thursday 18th February for 8
weeks. It will be at RTC (135 Hillcrest Road, Raumati) from 4.45 to 6.00 pm. The cost will be \$120. We
will be doing exciting, hands on experiments each week with interesting stuff to bring home. Please
contact Sarah Kenworthy on sarahthescientist@xtra.co.nz or 021 022 29002 to book a place or for more
information.

ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR KAPITI MUSIC CENTRE

We offer affordable music lessons with top musicians and music teachers and we also offer cheap
instrument hire. Please check out our website www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz for all our details.

Or you can email Shereilyn Langerveld at admin@kapitimusiccentre.org.nz and she will be happy to
answer any of your questions. All enrolments are done online and a music teacher will get in contact
with you once they've received it. Our lessons for 2021 commence on the week of February 22nd at Te
Raukura Centre, which is attached to Kapiti College in Raumati.