



# KAURI FLATS

*Unrelenting curiosity for learning*



# Friday 3 November 2017

Kia Ora parents/caregivers

With a little over 7 weeks left of the school year it is hard to believe that by January 8 we will be setting up the new school ready for opening in another building, our permanent home ready for our second year on February 7 2018. As we all know, it has been a long road but one that is now finally coming to an end which has consumed many hours, days, weeks and months to ensure the school is built to a high specification and not rushed to completion. As always, a huge thank you for your support and dedication to the school and what we are achieving here at Kauri Flats.

## Important Dates:

- 27/11: School photos
- 12/12 Year 4-8 End of Year reports conference
- 13/12: Year 4-8 End of Year reports conference
- 15/12: Have a go day
- 19/12: Prize Giving (11:30am)
- 20/12: Last Day of Term

## Whanau Point Winners

- Week 1:** nil
- Week 2:** Earth
- Week 3:** Fire

Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way

*Edward de Bono*

Term four has started with testing of students to highlight the progress they have made throughout the year. It is really pleasing to see both the social and academic progress all of our students have made this year and as our UC4L (Unrelenting Curiosity for Learning) Curriculum continue to develop so will this progress.

As you will have seen from the very long, drawn out election our new coalition government are now reviewing National Standards with the intention of removing them. However, we are still unsure as to what will replace standards and how this looks. It is rumoured that primary schools will report against curriculum levels, which we are already doing. Hopefully, this change should allow for all schools to now explore the curriculum and open students minds and curiosity to curriculum areas other than reading, writing and math and not be National Standards driven – again, something we are already doing!

The final weeks ahead see a number of activities and events for the students with end of year trips/visits, end of year reporting for our year 4-8 students (this will be a student conference with parents/caregivers), class photos, Base fun day, have a go day/mini athletics day and finally Prize Giving. So a lot to enjoy as we farewell our foundation year.

On the following page are a few reminders as we are now in Term Four.

Nga mihi nui

M Williams  
Principal

### **Entrance/Exit:**

Can all parents please remember that the school road is one way. The entrance is not an exit from the school. We understand there has been some disruption due to flooding and building works, however, if the exit is closed off for any reason, parents/caregivers will be informed and we will be directing traffic. Currently using the same entrance and exit is becoming dangerous for oncoming traffic and students – parents will be stopped and asked to use the appropriate exit. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who are using the correct entrance and exit to the school.

### **Hats:**

Now the weather is starting to settle and the sun is beginning to shine, hats must now be worn from Monday 6 November – next Monday. If your child has lost their school hat given by the school on enrolment, a new one can be purchased for \$10 from the office.

### **Footwear:**

A reminder that footwear is to be plain black. As we are also in term 4, black sandals can be worn to school for the remainder of term 4 as students in the senior school will not be working with hard materials until next year. Please be aware that jandals are not acceptable footwear at school.

### **Disruption on Walters Road:**

It seems as though the disruption outside the school with traffic restrictions will continue for a further few weeks. Unfortunately, we have not been told anything or updated on progress. I have recently complained to the council regarding poor communication and dangers this can cause during the day when a car leaves via the school exit with traffic restrictions



**The following students/Staff members are having/had a birthday in October and November.**

### **October:**

Kerasya Naidoo	3 October
Emma-Lee Vahaakolo	7 October
Mrs Bond	10 October
Mason Elliott	20 October
Mrs Sizer	20 October
Micky Grover	24 October

### **November:**

Ciara Dryfhout	2 November
Noor Kaur	4 November
Aadya Thathai	8 November
Olivia Blake	13 November
Mrs Linton	14 November
Abraham Pselio	20 November

**General Reminders:**

**Name it:** We make every effort to ensure our students belongings are kept safe. To help us to do this, please make sure all items of clothing, lunch boxes etc. are named.

**Uniform:** It's great to see so many students wearing the correct uniform. If for any reason any item of incorrect uniform is worn (e.g. track pants, black jeans, the wrong school jumpers, incorrect shoes) please ensure you write a short note/email to your child's teacher.

**Updated information:** Please be reminded that any updated personal information (phone number, address etc.) should be changed at the school office. This is so we can update our student management system.

**Absence:** Should your child be absent from school, please ensure the office is notified by 8:45am.

**Lateness:** If your child arrives at school after 8:30am. Please ensure they report to the office to receive a late pass.

**Medication:** No medication should be kept in children's bags. Please leave this with the office so we can keep it safe and administer during the day.

**Lunches:** Please be aware that we are a water/milk only school and only one treat item is allowed. It's great to see so many healthy lunches – thank you all for being on to it.

**Cell Phones:** If for any reason a cell phone is brought into school, this is to be left at the office where it will be locked away and looked after until the end of the day.

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By returning this slip, I acknowledge receipt of the school newsletter and have read it and by doing so, have earned my child/ren 5 whanau points!

**Name of child/ren:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed (parent/caregiver):** \_\_\_\_\_

Water	Earth	Fire	Air
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