



KAURI FLATS

Unrelenting curiosity for learning



Friday 15 June 2018

Kia ora parents!

It's crazy to believe we are closing in on half way through the year and passing through the shortest day of the year on 21st June – I don't think the year is long enough!

As we wind up to the end of Term 2 there are some important and exciting developments happening within the school. In week ten (last week of term) after a great deal of behind the scenes work and setting up, all parents will have access to their student/s information via the school student management system (Linc-Ed) - TREC comments, Reading Targets/goals, Writing Target/goals, Math Targets/goals, inquiry learning and learning posts from your child/ren. You will also have the ability to post and comment directly to your child/ren. The purpose of this is to give our parents the opportunity to have up to date information and allow the students to share what great learning they have produced on a regular basis. It also allows you to keep up to date with your child's progress and the goals they are working on in their base increasing the ability of helping at home to achieve these goals. With all things new we anticipate one or two teething issues and therefore early in term 3

we will host an open afternoon/workshop to support any questions or blips you may be finding.

Attached to this newsletter is a school reporting questionnaire. It is really important to hear directly from our parent community as to what you would like to see within your child's report. We realise that school reports can be very cumbersome and to be honest, full of teacher talk that can be misleading and confusing. We are wanting to redesign the way in which we report to parents and therefore your voice is key. From the surveys returned and then in discussion with our Board of Trustees we will try to create a reporting system/template that works and caters to our community's needs. Along with the real time information you will receive from Linc-Ed you should be up to date with all learning and needs of your child/ren. We ask that this is returned as soon as possible (Thursday 21 June). Thank you in advance for completing this form.

In Term 3 we welcome Michelle Lees to the staff. Michelle will be joining the middle school and we are thrilled to have her at Kauri Flats. Michelle has been working across the school throughout the year heavily involved in math and science as part of her scholarship with Auckland Uni and the Woolf Fisher Trust.

Teachers and students are currently evaluating goals that have been set, learning achievements and targets for Term 3. This information will be shared via Linc-Ed but also during our Student Conferences early in Term 3. These conferences are at the exact midpoint of the year and will have a different format to normal schools. Staff will contact parents in Years 4-8 to arrange a time to meet with you. The timeframe will be over a two-week period and this optimizes the

time and number of parents we are able to see. The format also eradicates the revolving door process of hosting two evenings in one week.

It has been pleasing to see the successes the school is having with sports. For a small school we have been placing in the top three for most sports we have entered. A special mention to Moses and Ezra Pselio. Both boys represented the school for the North Counties open weight rugby tournament. The team was a composite of students from KFS, Papakura Normal, Red Hill and Conifer Grove schools. The team had three training sessions before the tournament and did extremely well, beating Manurewa Intermediate in the final. The team, coached by Mr Feau, now move on to the Auckland Champs – Good luck!

Sports in Term 2:

Year 8 Netball zone tournament – 3rd, B Grade

Football – 1st place (played in the Auckland Champs)

Winter Sports Field Day (Year 8):

Netball – participation

Hockey – first place

As you can see, a very positive term for sports, especially as a number of our students are from Years 5 and 6 representing the school in an older grade.

Staff professional Development Day

Please remember that the school will be closed on **Friday 22 June** due to our three-year professional development working with international researchers developing a world class curriculum and assessment. This is our second year and staff spend both the Friday and Saturday collaborating with Bill Martin and John Edwards designing a School that Delivers for our community.

M Williams
Principal

Term 2 Important Dates:

Staff Only Day: Friday 22 June (*School's that Deliver Professional Learning – international researchers working in school – School Closed*)

Friday 6 July – Last Day of Term 2

Monday 23 July – Day 1 Term 3

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. Currently we have un-named near new polar fleece jerseys in lost property.

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.

Early Pick up: Please report to the office for early release of any students. You will receive a pass to give to your child's teacher. No pass, no release. If the adult collecting your child is not on our database we must have notification from the parent/caregiver of the child or your child will not be released.