



Kaipaki News



Dear Parents, Carers and Whānau,

Happy New school Year everyone. We hope you had a wonderful Summer break.

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students, and their families, who have joined the Kaipaki Whanau this year:

Oliver Wakeling

Ruma Weri

Nina Balsom

Ruma Rau

Alayna Roux

Ruma Peka

Georgia Paynter

Ruma Peka

Jarnd Visser

Ruma Peka

*Yesterday we began our school year with a powhiri.
Matua Mark and Whaea Dana led this special occasion for us.
What a beautiful way to start our year of learning together.*



Meet the Teacher:

Our Meet the Teacher afternoon/evening will be held on Tuesday 13 February - just over a week away. The format will be individualised this year to allow opportunity for you to connect with classroom teachers to share information and goals for the year. Bookings can be made through the School Interviews website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code 3wuyx.



Some Important Dates:

Waitangi Day:

Waitangi falls a little awkwardly this year, with celebrations falling on Tuesday 6th February. School will be open on Monday 5th February, closed on Tuesday 6th February, and reopen on Wednesday 7th February. Please accept my apologies about the late notice regarding this one - it kind of crept up on me a bit!

Camp:

This year our annual whole school camp will be held in Waitomo from Monday 26th March - Wednesday 28th March. School will be closed the following day, Thursday 29th March for a Teacher Only Day which slides nicely into the Easter break from Friday 30th March. Schools recognise Tuesday 3rd April as a holiday as well, so school will resume on Wednesday 4th April. End of Term 1 follows ten days later, with the last day of school on Friday 13th April.

More information around timetables, costs, health and safety aspects, and parent helpers will follow shortly. Our Teaching Team is really excited after spending the day there recently checking out our fantastic accomodation and the cool activities we have lined up. It's going to be an awesome camp.

Electives

Towards the middle of this term we are hoping to get an electives programme up and running every second Friday afternoon (electives and assemblies alternating - although this may not be set in concrete with different school calendar events inevitably affecting this).

We will be offering students opportunity to pursue interests in a variety of areas including such things as dance, cooking, gardening, photography, building - the list is limitless. We would absolutely love to have our community involved in this. If you have a special interest or skill that you could share with a small group of students, and have time available on a Friday afternoon (1.30 - 3.00) please let me know as soon as possible (principal@kaipaki.school.nz).

We are hoping to have a list of options for students to select from by Friday 23rd February. It will take us a wee while to organise the logistics of this programme, so we will probably look to extend this into Term 2 as well, and hopefully look to have another round offering different options for Term 3 and 4.

Learning:

This year we are really excited to have an umbrella concept of Difference underpinning our learning. This focus offers opportunity to explore in a variety of contexts including making a difference in our environment; using difference to solve mathematical problems; celebrating differences and recognising the different places we belong; and looking at things differently in solving problems and investigating innovation. One of the first things we are starting in relation to this concept is a display in the foyer which captures our place of birth - students, teachers and

families. We invite you to pop in anytime to design your marker and place it on the New Zealand or World maps to mark your birthplace. Each class will have their own inquiries linked to Difference which teachers will share with you in their class newsletters, through classroom displays and using See-Saw.





New Sign In/Out

Santa delivered a new toy for the office this year - we have a new sign in/sign out tablet system. If you are dropping your child off after the school bell, or picking them up early, please make sure you use the tablet to record it for Health and Safety purposes.



Stationery

We have become aware of the following warning issued by Netsafe - www.google.co.nz

Netsafe Advisory School Stationery Scam Advisory Jan 2018. We're aware of a scam targeting parents during the beginning of school year period. If you receive contact about problems with online school stationery orders, be wary.

Please be assured Mandy has organised all our stationery supplies and teachers will issue these to students over the next couple of days. This will be added to your school account. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this.

Cricket:

If your child played cricket last year, hopefully by now you will have been contacted by the Cambridge Cricket Association regarding registration for this season. Both hard-ball and soft-ball game options are available on Friday evenings for Term 1 commencing on Friday 16th February. If you have any queries regarding cricket, or would like some advice about the different leagues, please feel free to contact Mr Julian Coutts (julian@kaipaki.school.nz). If anyone would like to try cricket for the first time I know Mr Coutts would love to hear from you too!

Cyber Safety

In week 4 we are lucky enough to have John Parsons in Cambridge sharing his cyber safety / cyber citizenship messages. He will work with Kaipaki students on Monday 19th February, and our teachers will attend a professional learning meeting the same afternoon. Each night John Parsons will be delivering a presentation for families at different school venues across our community. These meetings are open to anyone from any school - you are welcome to attend whichever one works with your diary that week. Check out the advertisement included in this newsletter which will also feature in community newspapers this week.

Keep your children safe online

Cambridge Principals' Association presents...

John Parsons



Renowned Internet Risk and Safety Expert

John will give **you** the **skills** and **knowledge** necessary to keep your child or teen **safe** in their digital world.

Monday 19 February Goodwood School Hall
Tuesday 20 February Cambridge East School Hall
Wednesday 21 February Cambridge Middle School Hall
Thursday 22 February Leamington School Hall

All presentations start at **7.00 pm** and last approx one hour.
All parents are welcome to attend any session.
 Free of charge – gold coin donation welcome
 *content of parent evenings not suitable for children under 13



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Communication with School

Maintaining communication with our families is a key aspect of school. We use a variety of electronic and paper methods to keep in touch.

Our school office is manned from 9.00am-2:30pm Mon-Fri.

Facebook is a useful way of keeping track of the wider aspects of school life. We update this regularly and send notifications of important/urgent matters such as issues with the bus.

Emails are another way we keep in touch, with newsletters e-mailed every 2 weeks (usually!) on Thursday/Friday. Please inform us of any changes in email address so we make sure they arrive in your inbox.

You can now also contact the office, classroom teachers and the school bus using the following mobile numbers. **Please call or text them directly in the first instance if you have a question or query relating to your child/en.**

Ruma Tiwai (Mrs Garvitch)

022 042 2309

Ruma Peka (Mrs Marsh)

022 042 2318

Ruma Rau (Mrs Coutts)

022 042 2317

Ruma Weri (Mrs Ellis)

022 096 6589

School Office (Mandy)

022 690 5174

School Bus (Bianca)

027 918 6288

What's Happening Soon: Kaipaki Diary

2018

6 Feb	- Waitangi Day
10 Feb	- Weetbix Triathlon
12 Feb	- Tech/Arts starts Y7 & 8 only
13 Feb	- Meet the Teacher
19-23 Feb	- John Parsons visiting Cambridge
12 Mar	- Rural Schools Triathlon
19 Mar	- Rural Schools Swimming Sports
26-28 Mar	- Whole School Camp to Waitomo
29 Mar	- Teacher Only Day
30 Mar	- Good Friday
2-3 April	- Easter Monday & Tuesday
13 Apr	- Last day of term