

# Kaipaki News



***Dear Parents, Carers and Whānau,***

***The term is really March-ing along now with lots of exciting events crammed into the second half of Term 1. My apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter out. We've been waiting on the final pieces of the puzzle ...***

## **SWIMMING**

*Finally, we can bring you some exciting news on the swimming front. Tamahere School have kindly agreed to share their beautiful new swimming facility with us for five sessions over the next two weeks so we are better prepared for Rural School Swimming Sports on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Coutts has also organised a fantastic coach from our community (Rachel Wallis, from Swimtopia). This has taken a lot of time and energy to bring everything together – we thank you for your patience awaiting more information, and thank all those involved in bringing this opportunity to life.*

*Tamahere facility offers two heated pools – one more suited to juniors and the other a bigger deeper version. There is sufficient water for all of us so we will head to Tamahere as a whole school, via bus, on the following days, 2.00 – 2.45pm:*

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March*

*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March*

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March*

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March*

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March*

*One of the requirements of the Tamahere School pool is the compulsory use of swimming caps. We understand that these are a little tricky to source at such late notice. We have a range of caps available for purchase from the school office for \$5. We are happy to add this to your school accounts if you would like – please let us know.*

*Because of the time slot for swimming, there is potential for the school bus to run a little later than usual for the afternoon runs over the next couple weeks. We will do our best to ensure we are back at school ready for home departure by 3 o'clock.*

## Rural Schools Swimming Sports

The annual Rural Schools Swimming Sports will be held at St Peters Swimming School on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. All Kaipaki students will be involved in this event beginning at 10am on the day.

The seniors will have competitive and non-competitive options. Ruma Werī and Ruma Rau students will be involved in displays in the inside pool in the morning session and in the afternoon, an exciting tabloid rotation has been planned. We will travel by bus to and from the Swimming Sports.

A timetable will be available closer to the day, once the combined lists from all schools have been prepared. We do require some parents to assist in both Junior and Senior activities. If you are able to help out, even for an hour or so on the day, please let any of the teachers know.

## Rural Schools Triathlon

Next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March Mr Coutts and some of our Year 4 – 8 students are heading to Cambridge High School for the Rural Schools Triathlon. This is a fantastic event which challenges our competitors in the pool, on a bike, and beating the feet on a run around the school field. Information packages/permission slips have gone out to those competing directly. Please contact Mr Coutts [julian@kaipaki.school.nz](mailto:julian@kaipaki.school.nz) if you have any queries. Good luck everyone!

## Young Leaders Day

Last Friday Mr Coutts and twelve of our Year 5/6 school leaders attended the Team Energiser Leadership Day at Kaipaki Hall. We were proud of the way our learners conducted themselves and got involved in the activities. A special thank you to Anna Hayes who helped out on day with transport.



## **Playground Fun**



Kaipaki School Values:

**RESPECT. INTEGRITY. EXCELLENCE.**

**Congratulations:**

**A big Kaipaki congratulations to the following students who received certificates at our recent assemblies:**

**Friday 23rd February:**

**Ruma Weri:**

**Aurorah-Rae** - For settling in and making a great start to school

**Lily Clarkin** - For settling in and making a great start to school

**Ruma Rau:**

**Maxime Clarkin** - For becoming part of Ruma Rau again so easily and confidently

**Edward Bekkers** - For spectacular progress in reading

**Ruma Peka:**

**Harry-Jaye Bekkers** – For delving into their inquiries so well and finding out many facts

**Chase Maclarn** – For delving into their inquiries so well and finding out many facts

**Blake Kite-Ryan** – For delving into their inquiries so well and finding out many facts

**Ruma Tiwai:**

**Ashleigh Dysart** – For outstanding writing & personal motivation

**Fraser Kneebone** – For a great start to the year & stepping up for the Rangatira Role

**Friday 2nd March:**

**Ruma Weri:**

**Javaan Morris** - For sounding out his words so well

**Riley Wickham** - For being a great role model and helping out in class

**Ruma Rau:**

**Lena Darke-Kite** - For showing leadership and helpfulness to other students

**Aidan Lewis** - For wonderful reading and creative thinking

**Kody Curtin** - For being responsible for himself and his own learning

**Jemma Burke** - For being a cheerful and helpful member of Ruma Rau

**Ruma Peka:**

**Matthew Casement** – For excellent inquiry into NZ animals

**Danny Taylor** – For excellent writing about superheroes

**Kylie Andrews** – For excellent writing about superheroes

**Charlotte Grant** – For great compound sentences and use of adjectives

**Ruma Tiwai:**

**Devin Bartlett** – For amazing writing

**Jackson Edwards** – For being a good friend always looking out for others. You are a role model



**Playground Fun**



## 2018 Camp - 26th - 28th March

Mrs Marsh has been hard at work planning our whole school camp which is rapidly sneaking up on us. A big thank you to everyone who has offered to come along on camp with us. More information will follow shortly now that most of the forms have been returned, and more specific planning including timetables and dormitory arrangements can be made.

A reminder that we will be a little later returning to school after camp on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March due to the activities we are squeezing in on that day. We hope to be back by 4.30pm at the latest. Please note that the day immediately after camp (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March) is a Teacher Only Day at school. Hopefully this will give our tired campers a chance to recuperate before the Easter break, and may offer families a chance to beat the Easter traffic. New Zealand Schools are required to recognise the Tuesday immediately after Easter Monday as a school holiday. This means school will reopen on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April with 8 more school days until we break for the Term 1 holidays on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.



## Fun Friday

Fun Friday Electives kicks off this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the earlier time of 11.00 – 12.30 due to swimming arrangements. Our learners are busy deciding whether topics including cooking, conservation, remote-controlled cars, sculptures, card making, science experiments, lego or perhaps science experiments most grabs their attention. Once our choices are confirmed the groups will remain constant until the end of Term 2 to allow for continuity and the progress of projects! We will notify you of your child's elective by Wednesday this week. No electives require off-site transportation or have additional costs associated with them.

A huge thank you to Alison Worth, Grant Balsom, Bianca Crawford, and Bronny Proebstel who have generously offered to share their expertise with us as part of our electives programme this rotation. We really appreciate you – thank you!!

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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

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
30 Apr	- Start of Term 2
6 Jul	- End of Term 2
23 Jul	- Start of Term 3
28 Sept	- End of Term 3
15 Oct	- Start of Term 4
17 Dec	- Last Day of School Year