

Whānau Kōtare Pānui



Kōtare Whānau Pānui: Term 2 Week 7

Kia ora whānau,

We have had to change that time of our fish and chips night to 5:30pm until 6:30pm on the 1st of July. Hopefully this isn't too much of a problem for you all and we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

This coming Thursday the 24th June the senior students will be selling ice cream outside Kōtare in order to raise money for next year's camp.

This year, we are running a Moveathon as a fundraiser for the tree top walkway and adventure playground on the bank on the morning of Wednesday 30 June.

Sponsorship cards went home last week, please encourage your child to collect pledges. Children challenge themselves to complete a number of laps of the field. They set their own goals and can choose to complete the loops in any way they like - for example run, walk, hop, skip, dance! Online payments are welcome - please put 'MOVE' and the sponsored child's name in the reference fields - bank account **12 3141 0104464 00**.

Please return the completed form and all money collected to the school office by Friday 2 July. Ask the office if you need an additional sponsorship form. There are prizes for biggest distance travelled, most raised, and best dressed!

Have a great week all
Nga mihi nui,

Julie and Derek.

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Kōtare Whānau Pānui: Term 2 Week 6

Kia ora whānau,

Julie and Derek would like to invite all our families to a Fish and Chip evening in Kōtare on the Thursday of week 9 of the term.

It will be an opportunity for all our new and older families to get together and eat, enjoy the work that our students have created and give our children the opportunity to be together outside of the normal school hours. It will be a bring your own kai event between the hours of 6pm and 7pm. So that will be Thursday the 1st of July at 6pm.

Have a great week all

Nga mihi nui,

Julie and Derek.

Kōtare Whānau Pānui: Term 2 Week 5

Kia ora whānau,

We are all aware that a number of our students have got the sniffles and are a bit tired. If you think that your child might be a bit sick, please keep them at home, it's amazing how quickly a cold or the flu passes from one child to the next and then on to the teachers and support staff. Teacher only days are coming up on Friday the 4th of June and Tuesday the 8th of June, either side of Queen's Birthday weekend, enjoy the chance to have a long...long weekend. .

We have a fruit break at around 10am each day. It is encouraged that the children take a small piece of fruit or vegetable to eat while we model an idea in writing or maths. It would be really helpful if your child came with a cut up piece of fruit rather than a whole apple for instance, because it takes them quite a long time to eat a whole large apple and this can interfere with their learning.

School photos are coming up on Wednesday the 2nd of June. Please make sure your child is wearing their 'Sunday best'...(joke).

Abby, our student teacher will be finishing her time with us at the end of the week after Queen's Birthday. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in the rest of her training and going into her career.

The students have been doing some STEM work around floating and sinking. We thought it would be a good idea to share some images with everyone. Enjoy!

Have a great week all

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Julie, Derek and Abby

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Kōtare Whānau Pānui: Term 2 Week 2

Great to see so many parents at the parent teacher meeting on Thursday. Obviously the time was very short and really just an overview of how we are seeing your child and the work they are doing in Kōtare.

As the weather is getting wetter it will be wiser that the children are hanging their bags into the corridor rather than leaving them outside. Where possible, please let your child do this on their own after you have said your goodbyes. In the mornings the corridor can get quite congested with students and teachers moving about the place and we ask that parents refrain from having conversations there.

This week starts the beginning of 'Discovery' where the students of Ridgway School are opting to explore other areas of learning by focusing on one overarching subject such as 'Monsters' and delving into how that subject can be dissected to teach a range of curriculum areas. The senior school has created a range of topics to study that the students have opted into. The Junior school has a range of ancient cultures to study and all junior students will be a part of a rotation that will allow them to explore each cultural area. Because we don't want Kōtare students to get swamped by other students in the school, Kōtare student will be doing their own

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cause of study that Julie will be taking them through on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning while Derek is teaching in the junior school.

Just a reminder that Ridgway School now has a no toys policy, which means we don't want our students coming to school with toys from home. They tend to get lost or broken and can, at times, be distracting to other students. If your child really wants to show their friends something special that they have got, consider printing them off a photograph of the toy that they can bring to school.

Nga mihi nui,

Julie, Derek and Abby

Upcoming events

Our Kids Online: An evening session for parents - May 27 Vogelmorn Hall

Kōtare Whānau Pānui: Term 2 Week 1

Kai ora whānau,

So wonderful to see you all back this week. We have five extra tamariki to welcome to the class this term and I'm sure more to come as the term progresses. Those new students had a wonderful first week catching up with old friends from play groups and making new friends here at school.

Just a reminder that we now have Abby, our student teacher here full time for the next 5 week, as one of her practical placements. She will be taking smaller groups to work with and learning the ropes of this very important job.

Both Julie and Derek are working with the Kōtare students full, now that our student numbers are getting bigger. As the weeks progress we will be looking for opportunities for both groups to be working more closely together and the children to be moving between the two classrooms more, so that both teachers and students are building strong relationships.

The winter is coming. We noticed a sudden drop in temperature the other day and we had a few under-prepared children. So please make sure your child/children have something warm to put on should it get chilly and of course please name all clothes.

Parent teacher interviews are happening next week on Thursday, We have given each interview a 10 minute limit and we ask that we all try and keep to it. We know that it is easy to talk for hours about our wonderful children, we are all guilty of it, however for the respect of the parents following, 10 minutes it is.

If there are issues or we feel that further discussion is needed, we will make a time at the earliest possible convenience for that to happen.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Have a great weekend, we're sure we are all exhausted from this first week, especially those new guys.

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