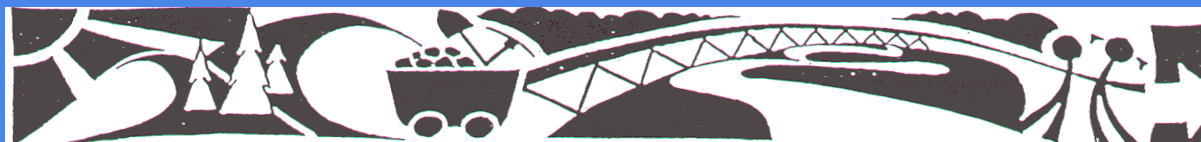


KAITANGATA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Building a Bridge to Success

2nd February 2024

Ngā mihi o te tau hou (Greetings for the new year)

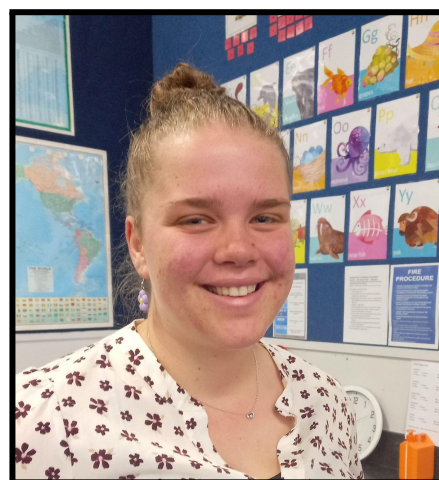
We are all happy to be back and getting classrooms up and running for the new year. It is amazing how quickly some of our students have grown.

A huge welcome to Miss Abbie McKay and Miss Sam Willers who are our new staff members. Mrs Tania Michie is also back with us but in a new class for 2024. Miss Erin Lane is continuing her work in the Tui class and Mr Robin Martin continues in his role as Deputy Principal and teacher in our senior class.



It seems hard to believe that we have already completed our first week. Many other schools started a little later than us but we all have to complete the same number of teaching days each year. We will have some possible “teacher only days” up our sleeve for later in the year.

We also welcome Amelia to the Ruru room, Hollie to the Kiwi room and Mason and Cyrus (photo next week) to the Tui room. We hope you all enjoy your time with us.



Bus vests

All children who travel on a bus must wear a ‘hi viz’ vest both morning and afternoon. This is for their own safety as being visible to drivers of vehicles is important while waiting for a bus or when returning home. This is common practice for all schools providing bus services.

School Website

Just a reminder that the school has a website with all of our current information. This includes our newsletter, bank details and term calendar. Just google Kaitangata School

<https://sites.google.com/kaitangata.school.nz/kaitangata-primary-web-page/home>

Term 1 Touch

A reminder that Term 1 touch is a non-competition module which encourages children to enjoy playing and developing their touch skills in a fun and non-competitive environment.

- Touch commences in Week 5, Thursday 29th February
- There will be no grading, no points and no prizegiving in Term 1 as this is a participation and non-competition module.
- Teeny Touch will also begin in Week 5, Thursday 29th February
- Touch and Teeny Touch will run every Thursday for 7 weeks, finishing in the last week of Term 1 on Thursday 11th April.
- There will be NO Touch in Terms 2 or 3.

Teams

Because this is a non-competition module there will only be four sections:

- Teeny Touch - Years 1&2
- Years 3&4
- Years 5&6
- Years 7&8

Teams will be placed in their appropriate sections and play as many other teams as possible over the 7 weeks.

Fees

Fees have been set at \$10 per player for Term 1. This is for all players including Teeny Touch.

Game Times

Teeny Touch teams will play at 4pm each week with the year 3 & 4 section beginning at 4pm and some possibly at 4.30pm. Sections for years 5-8 will start anywhere between 4.30 and 5.30pm. This is all number dependent and will be confirmed once we have entries.

Miss Lane is in charge of Touch entries and organisation and will send out a request for entries next week. Just a heads-up that we need a coach and manager for each team as well as referees

Stationery

All students have been issued with their stationery and invoices have been sent out this week. It would be appreciated if these were paid as soon as possible. Arrangements to 'drip feed' payments are acceptable. Our bank account for these payments is: Kaitangata School Board of Trustees 03 1734 0001963 00.

Kaitangata School Community Meeting

Wednesday 7th 4.30pm in the staff room

Everyone welcome and we welcome any new families of the school to come along

Absences

It is important that you notify the school if your child is going to be absent. This can be done by texting the school office phone 0274139338 or ringing our landline 4139783

It is also important that you notify the office if your child is going somewhere other than home after school. If we have heard nothing then the default is for us to send them home to where they usually go.

Netball Hoops

A big thankyou to our Kaitangata School Community Group for purchasing a new set of netball poles and hoops for our playground. (I would take a photo, but it's too wet at the moment)
These have already been in use by a number of students.

Arrival At School

We do not expect to see any students at school before 8 o'clock in the morning please as we can not ensure supervision. If you have a special circumstance where a child needs to come early, you need to contact the school and make arrangements.



Scooters

We have noticed that a number of the student's scooters have metal handlebars that are bare metal without rubber grips over the end. This is a health and safety issue as we have had a case where a bare metal handle bar caught a student in the neck. Luckily no major damage was done but it left quite a substantial mark and bruising.

You can purchase new handle grips from the bike shop or pad the handle ends with insulation tape or similar.

If we notice scooters at school that have bare metal, we will ask that they be taken home and remain there until things are sorted.

Hoverboards

We ask that these are only used by students in Year 5 and above and they can not be shared with others.

School Lunches

Just a reminder that children are expected to at least have a try of our school lunches. We encourage them to eat the parts that they like. One of the goals of the healthy eating programme is to introduce children to new and healthy foods. The lunch scheme is an "opt out" scheme where parents need to inform the school in writing if they do not want their child to take part. This means a total "opt out" and does not mean that students can then eat lunches or parts of lunches on the days that they feel like it.

We need to place an order with our supplier, "Crescent Bar n Grill" for the number of lunches needed for participating students.

Uniforms

Thankyou for your efforts to ensure that students have begun school looking great in the correct uniform. They are looking wonderful!!

If parents are unable to finance the purchase of shoes, please contact us at school as we can hook into a grant to cover this. We would appreciate a note when students are unable to wear the correct uniform.

The uniform policy is available on our school website if you are unsure.

School Boiler

We are still waiting for a start on the replacement of our school boiler. When work begins, we ask that parents do not do pick-ups and drop-offs on the Wangaloa Road entrance.

Ngā mihi na (Warm Regards)

Anneta Payne

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29	30	31	1 Feb	2
2	5	6 Waitangi Day	7	8 HPV Info Talk	9 Tech
3	12 BOT 7pm	13	14	15	16 Assembly Sports Activator
4	19	20	21	22	23 Tech
5	26 Kai Athletics	27 Maths PLD Sports Activator	28	29	1 March Assembly
6	4- SOPSSA Athletics Zero Waste Prog→	5	6	7 Science in a Van	8 Tech
7	11	12 S/W Triathlon	13 Duffy Theatre 1:30	14	15 Assembly
8	18	19	20	21 Sports Activator	22 Tech
9	25 Anniversary Day	26 Parent Interviews	27	28	29 Easter
10	1 April Easter	1 Easter	3 Yr 5/ 6 Netball	4 Year 7 /8 Netball	5 Tech
11	8 Swimming →	9	10	11	12 Assembly

On behalf of South Otago Junior Cricket please see the upcoming term 1 opportunities South Otago for all ages.

- **Starting this weekend - Saturday 3 February : (see attached flyer) Year 4-8 Children**

This weekend we are holding a session for any children at the Milton Showgrounds prior to a senior cricket game. This will be Smash Play games from 11:30pm – 12:30, finishing with a game of Cricket. All about fun and having a go, any Year 4-8 children welcome, it'll be a blast. See attached flyer.

- **Hardball Cricket:**

Year 5-8 Teams of eight

6 Weeks – Saturday 10:00am 17 Feb to Saturday 23 March

Teams will play on a home and away basis. South Otago Junior Cricket really wants to promote school teams registering . We encourage schools to coordinate with other schools in their area in the first instance and failing that we will take individual registrations.

Register here - <https://forms.office.com/r/zJPE4LNQV3>

- **Summer Smash, Girls Smash and Smash Play:** Wednesday's in Balclutha (see attached flyer) Run By Otago Cricket

Smash Play – Years 0-3, Six weeks

Summer Smash – Year 3-6, Five weeks

Girls Smash – Years 3-6, Five weeks

Please see the attached flyer using the QR code or this link for further info and rego details -

https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/org/dunedin-cricket-association/240616e3/register?fbclid=IwAR1ENYQ5w3F2_Pw6ngkKbDTSBHYFWnsXTHoQt3rBLZ0LQKr5KdKRI1MVwq0

Girls Smash Year 7-8 (teams of six) in Balclutha, please register here -

<https://forms.office.com/r/tFXf2V3B3g>

- **Smash Play/Cricket in the regions:**

Following this we are also looking at holding Smash Play options for Year 0-6 children in Owaka and Milton from the week of the 26th of February for four weeks. More details out about this soon and open to any feedback from those of you in those areas on that.

- **Smash Play Course: (see attached flyer) Wednesday 21 Feb at 5:15pm**

Learn Smash Play games and philosophy. For school teachers, activators and interested parents. This is a great resource and covers a great range of games that can be used in any sport. It really focuses on utilising fundamental skills and inclusiveness. I attended a similar course on this last night and can't recommend 'Smash Play' highly enough for something that can be used for a range of sport/movement etc.

Any queries please get in touch or get on the 'South Otago Junior Cricket Facebook page for updates.'

Regards,

Craig