



# National Park School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 11, Friday 12th April, 2024

Kia ora e te whānau,

## News from the Principal:

The last week of Term 1 is now upon us. It is timely then to thank all of our tamariki, whanau, support staff, and kaiako for supporting me while I have navigated the 2 hats of teaching in Paretetai, and as tumuaki of National Park kura.

At the moment, we still have not appointed a kaikako (teacher) for Paretetai for Term 2, but I hope to update our whanau and community during the holidays, with where the school is at with this.

I have really enjoyed teaching Paretetai, and seeing the success with learning that every tamariki has. Sharron Hislop has done another amazing job in Nga Tohu, supporting the learners in here, and is seeing continued learning successes here too. Finally, a thank you to Lisa, Jess, Francesca, Tara, Shells, Cindy and George for working alongside both Sharron and myself. It is greatly appreciated.

Next term, our kaiako will be assessing the tamariki, and sharing with you where your tamariki are at. There will be a slight change next term too, in that Week 10 will be our whanau goal setting interviews for Term 3 and 4. The reason for this change is that Term 3 is a busy term for a lot of our whanau, and we have whanau that only attend National Park School for Term 3. As kaiako, we wanted to start from the beginning of Term 3 with our student's learning goals in mind.

Our school wide learning focus for next term is Te Whare Tapa Wha, this has a particular focus on a tamariki's hauora (health and wellbeing). As a school, we will be focusing on physical activity, but also our emotional, and social wellbeing. I look forward to sharing with you next term more insights the learning journey.

Finally, have a safe holidays, and I look forward to seeing all our tamariki return to school in Term 2.

## Bike Safety Awareness Day

On Thursday 2nd April, the Ruapehu school community police officer, Senior Constable Peter Marks will be visiting the school to teach the tamariki about bike safety.

If your child has a bike at home, I would encourage that your tamariki brings their bike and helmet to school on this day so that they can learn about how to cycle safely. We do still have couple of bikes at school for those tamariki who may not have a bike, or who may not be able to get their bike to school. If possible, please ensure your child has a helmet on this day.



## Winter Sports

Term 2 sees the start of winter sports. In Term 2 we have one hockey teams, and will have soccer (football) teams. A reminder that hockey practice takes place on a Monday from 3pm -4pm for Year 4-8 students. A thank you to Jules Stokes, who has agreed to coach the team. I hear that there has been some amazing tuakana/ teina relationships with our more experienced players helping build the skills of younger tamariki. Currently, the team as won 3/3 games.

Games are played at this point on a Wednesday night at Taumuranui College. A reminder tamariki will need shin pads and a mouth guard.

Soccer is for Year 3-8 students, and games are played at Cherry Grove in Taumuranui on a Friday. look out for details in the holidays, if you would like your child to play.

## **Teacher Only Day - June 4th**

A reminder that there is a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 4th June. This is the day after King's Birthday. The purpose of this day is to allow our kaiako to prepare for the changes to the New Zealand Curriculum that have already begun, or a due to be implemented in 2024. .

Another teacher only day will take place later this year on Tuesday 29th October.

## **Phones Away for the Day:**

You will be aware that the National government, has recently bought in a policy that student use of mobile phones, are no longer to be used in school. This includes on EOTC activities.

As the school does not have any rules on the use of mobile phones, we are required to consult with whanau. Thank you to those whanau who have responded to the google form that I sent out a couple of weeks ago. If you would like to give feedback as to how the new rules will be implemented, please click on the [following link](#).

Feedback should be given by Monday 15th April. Over the holidays, I will then share with whanau how the school will implement it's new procedures around mobile phones. These procedures will be in place from the beginning of Term 2.



## **Snow Program Update:**

Term 3 will soon be fast approaching, and with it comes our school's curriculum snow program which is part of our school's P.E program. Over the holidays, I will be sending out information to whanau, about what sessions the school will be able to offer, and possible costs for whanau. Please take the time to fill this out, as this will help shape the program.

## **Attendance Matters!**

Attendance is a hot political topic at the moment, it is expected that your child should maintain regular attendance at kura (school). Regular attendance, is defined by the Ministry of Education as 90% of time at school. If your tamariki is absent for more than 5 days in a school term, they will have not met regular attendance.

The target for school's this year is to have 75% of the school attending regularly. Currently, as of the last day of Term 1 we have 55% of our tamariki who are attending regularly. This means they have had less than 5 days off this term. Other attendance rates are below:

Term 1 at school.	% of akonga (students)
90% - 100% attendance Regular attendance	55%
80% - 90% attendance. Irregular absent	29%
70% - 80% attendance. Moderately absent	8%
less than 70% chronically absent	8%

It would be great if next term, we could get to 70% of our tamariki attending regularly.

As a school, at assembly we will be awarding certificates to those tamariki who have attended school for more than 95% of the term. For those, tamariki who have regularly attended with 90% or more attendance, they will receive a little treat. Congratulations to the following tamariki who have 95% of more attendance:

### **Paretaitonga:**

- Ashton \* Anika
- Ishan \* Zach
- JD

### **Nga Tohu:**

- Zeke \* Ayaan
- Riah
- Quinn B - 100% attendance - No days absent!

Next term, the school we are happy to support any whanau with getting their tamariki to school. If you are unsure about sending your tamariki to school, please talk to your tamariki's kaiako, or Shells in the office.

As a school we will be working with Ruapehu Attendance services, who able to support whanau with ensuring their child's tamariki regularly attend kura.

### **Absences:**

Shells is in the office Monday - Thursday from 8:30am. If your child is going to be absent, please let the office know before 9am. You can email the office or ring. If no one is present then please leave a message. Alternatively, you can let your child's kaiako know ahead of time. Please avoid using Seesaw to report a child's absence on the day as our kaiako may not check messages until later in the day.



### **Taumuranui Interschool Swimming Sports:**

On Friday 17th March, some Year 4-8 tamariki took part in the Taumuranui Interschool swimming sports. All the tamariki were amazing, and supported each other. The Year 6 -8 boys (Zach, Meshach, Cruz and Koda) took out 2nd place in the Year 8 boys relay, and the school took out 2nd place in the ultimate relay which was made up of 2 girls and 2 boys (Cruz, Koda, Hosanna and Nina). Top 3 results are as follows:

Koda - 1st - Yr 8 Boys 25m Free, Yr 8 Boys 50m breaststroke, 3rd Yr 8 Boys 50m free and 1st Boys 75m medley.

Cruz - 2nd - Yr 8 Boys 25m Free, 2nd Yr 8 Boys 25m backstroke, 1st Yr 8 Boys 50m free,

Meshach - 3rd Yr 4-6 Boys 25m free, 1st Yr 4-6 Boys 25m backstroke, 2nd Yr 4 - 6 Boys 50m free, 2nd Yr 4-6 Boys 50m backstroke, 2nd Yr 4- 6 Boys 25m breaststroke,

Nina - 2nd Yr 4-6 girls 25m breaststroke.

Levee - 2nd Yr 4-6 boys 25m free.

### **Winter Reminders:**

The temperature has dropped and the winter season is not too far away. A reminder that your child should have their fleece and a jacket at school every day. As you know, the weather can change rapidly and it is important for the children to be prepared. Gumboots can be worn to school in Term 2 and Term 3, but taken off when going into class. Tamariki are encouraged to be outside as much as possible, so please ensure your child dresses appropriately.

### **Yummy Stickers in School Sport Promotion**

A reminder to keep collecting Yummy stickers and tags from the bags. This a great way for us to raise money for sports equipment for our school. Last year, we raised \$170 worth of sports equipment.

### **Term 2 - 2024 Important Dates:**

#### **Monday 29th April-**

- 1st Day of School

#### **Tuesday 30th April**

- Year 7 - 8 Rock Climbing, Hillary Outdoors

#### **Wednesday 1st April:**

King Country Rugby Session

#### **Thursday 2nd May:**

- Bike Safety Day with Constable Marks
- Yr 7 -8 tamariki at Tech

#### **Tuesday 7th May:**

- School Powhiri for new students.
- King Country Rugby Session

#### **Saturday 11th May:**

- PTA colour run

#### **Wednesday 15th May:**

- Year 7 - 8 tamariki attending NYLD in Palmerston North

#### **Friday 16th May:**

- Pink Shirt Day
- Yr 1 - 4 Rippa Rugby Tournament, Taumuranui, TBC

#### **Tuesday 21st May**

- King Country Rugby Session

#### **Friday 24th May**

- Interschool Orienteering, Manunui Domain

#### **Saturday 1st June:**

- National Park Vintage Car Show

#### **Monday 3rd June**

- King's Birthday - no school

#### **Tuesday 4th June**

- Teacher Only Day - School Closed

#### **Thursday 13th June**

- Year 1 -4 Taumuranui Interschool Soccer, TBC
- Year 5 -6 Bush Skills Day - TBC

#### **Friday 14th June**

- Year 5 - 6 Taumuranui Interschool Soccer

#### **Tuesday 25th June**

- King Country Rugby Session

#### **Friday 28th June**

- Matariki - School Closed

#### **Friday 5th July**

- Last Day of School for Term 2

ANNUAL  
\* ALPINE \*  
VINTAGE & CLASSIC AUTOSHOW WEEKEND



NATIONAL PARK SCHOOL GROUNDS  
CORNER OF BUDD & CARROLL ST.

1 JUNE 2024 | FREE ENTRY | 7 VEHICLE CLASSES | RAFFLES

RAINDATE FOR JUDGING & MOUNTAIN CRUISE - 2 JUNE, 2024

DO or DYE

Cuts &



Colours

Barber Hair Salon Truck

## NATIONAL PARK

CAMO KAI DATES 2024

Every 6 weeks rotation

JANUARY	20th & 21st
MARCH	2nd & 3rd
APRIL	13th & 14th
MAY	25th & 26th
JULY	6th & 7th

\*These dates are Saturday and Sunday  
The opening hours are 8am Saturday till 4pm close Sunday,  
Saturday being a late night for bookings.

Please note Bookings are Recommended, we do our best to fit in Walk-ins However please note bookings take priority.  
For all bookings please txt or ph 0211339695

NATIONAL PARK SCHOOL  
IS HOLDING A COLOUR FUN DAY

**SCHOOL  
FUNRUN**



May 11 2024  
11 -2pm @ School Hall  
Sausage Sizzler  
Hot Drink Stand  
Create a memory!!

**\$5**

TICKETS  
INCLUDING  
A COLOUR  
BOMB

**REGISTER NOW**



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