



National Park School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 5, Thursday 29th February
Kia ora e te whānau,

News from the Principal:

Wow! What a busy few weeks, and we are now into Week 5 of Term 1. All our staff have been impressed with the way the tamariki have settled into school life. It was great to see the tamariki practicing their length swimming at the Taumuranui Indoor pool, last Friday. There was lots of tamariki showing whanaungatanga, and supporting the crew.

Whanaungatanga was evident once again with cheering on of each other at the Iron Kidz Triathlon in Tāupo. This is a great event for any tamariki to give a triathlon a go. National Park School once again won the highest percentage of tamariki participating from a school in both categories, earning \$600 for the school.

A special welcome is extended to our new tamariki who have started this term to the Marsters whanau, with Ayaan starting, to the White whanau, with Miryah starting, and to the Anderson whanau, with Ollie, Mason and Zoe starting.



Cellphones in School - Away for the Day

You may be aware that the government has bought in new legislation that cellphones are put away for the day in schools.

As this is a new rule for the school, the Ministry of Education requires the Board of Trustees to consult and seek feedback with whanau on how this rule is to be implemented, before it becomes school policy in Term 2. Please keep an eye out for a google form.

Whanau and Kaiako Learning Hui

Our whanau and kaiako learning hui's are taking place this week. It has been wonderful to see the number of whanau, who are making appointments.

This is an opportunity to meet as a whanau with your tamariki's kaiako to share important information about them as a learner, highlight strengths and share any other important information.

It will also be an opportunity to set a writing goal that your tamariki will work on till the end of Term 2.

We strongly recommend that all whanau make a time to meet with your tamariki's kaiako. If you are unable to make one of the available times, please get in touch with your tamariki's kaiako.

Ruapehu Library Visits

Sadly, Ruapehu District Library has made the decision to no longer visit the school's in this area.

This is down to a couple of reasons. I was deeply saddened to learn of this, as I know most of the tamariki looked forward to visiting the library. I have spoken with the librarians, and whanau are able to make requests for books from the library for drop off/ collection at the school. The library is happy to have books dropped back off at school, where Ruapehu Library will from.

Children will also be able to read books from the school library.



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.

Mountain Swimming Sports

Mountain Swimming Sports is taking place on Friday 8th March. Tamariki in Year 3 - 8. Tamariki in Year 3-4 will be given the option to participate in either width events or length races. Paretetaitonga students will all be attending, as Ms B will be going. Tamariki in Year 5- 8 can choose to compete in width events or length races. Whanau are welcome to join us.

Students competing in length races, may then be selected to compete in the Inter- School Swimming sports taking place in Taumuranui Friday 15th March. Whanau support will be needed for this.

Home Learning:

Home learning at National Park School is not compulsory, however we are aware that some whanau appreciate home learning for their child. Below are the different ways kaiako may support your tamariki with home learning.

Ngā Tohu - Sound Cards with vowels or consonants

- Decodable book/ School
- Spelling Words/ Spelling activities
- Please ensure that your child's book bag is at school each day.

Paretetaitonga - School journal/novel

- Spelling words/ spelling activities
- Mathletics and Prototec.

Friends of National Park School - News

National Park School PTA- What has been happening!

The PTA is a fun group of parents leading the way to help, support & fundraise for National Park School Kids.

We are keen to have a spot in the newsletter to keep you updated with our ideas

Our fundraising efforts so far.....

December 2023

- Candy Floss & Popcorn stand at the Raetihi Xmas parade
- Burger stand Christmas Market day at NPS

Jan 2024

- Catering for the Tussock Challenge one night - Dinner for 10 people
- Gear checks for the Tussock Challenge

The Tussock Traverse was cancelled at the last minute, cancelled event & fundraising

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What's coming up?

Meet and greet days - 7th May / 30th July / 27th Oct

Candy Floss stand at the Owhango market (First Sunday of the month)

Colour Run

Roller skating evening

Vintage Car show

We Need You!

We would love a few more adults to join our PTA...

What to expect - We meet once a term to plan, after that we communicate via a group chat to support ideas.

As we are a small committee, we like tackling fundraising opportunities with fun in mind for the children & adults. These generally do not involve too much effort and the ideas need to be viable.

If you would like to find out more, a hand out flyer will be available at the reception desk at the school.

PTA AGM

5th March 5.30pm at the National Park School
Agenda

Find out what we are all about

Help support ideas for fundraising

Appoint positions- we have people in mind already - so don't be afraid on attending

Ryan - Chairman

Andrea - Secretary

Nalini - Treasurer



