



# Kuratau School

Kimihia Te Matauranga Kia U Ki Te Pono  
Through Seeking Knowledge Comes Truth

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

1-5 <sup>th</sup> August	Olympic Games - Rio
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> August	School Snow Day
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Clubs due to start
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Mini Olympics Day
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	MID TERM BREAK
EVERY WEDNESDAY	Snow Squad

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

**NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

*Label your child's clothing – make sure they have layers of warm clothing for these cold winter mornings.*

*Please return your library books every week.*

*All children should get into the habit of reading every night.*

*Important Reminder:*  
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## PRINCIPALS CORNER

Kia ora whanau sadly we are not going to be able to participate in the Tuwharetoa Festival this year however, our tamariki will not miss out completely as Whaea Lena will be taking Kapa Haka on Fridays after lunch, for a start working with the junior classes first then the seniors. If you know of anyone who maybe interested in taking our school for Kapa Haka next year please let us know.

A great day was had on the mountain by our ski squad on Wednesday, which now numbers 37, when all on board. These children are making amazing progress. Thanks to parents who give their time to make this happen. 😊

## WHOLE SCHOOL SNOW DAY

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August is our school Snow Day up at Whakapapa, Happy Valley Ski Field. Bus is \$6 per child. Permission Forms went home this week. Please ensure you fill it in and return it signed. Each child **MUST** have a signed form even if they are going with a parent. Snow Squad members will continue with Snow Squad that day. This event is weather permitting. Postponement date is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

## TUWHARETOA FM – KAI FOR KIDS

Tuwharetoa FM will be at Kuratau School on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August. They are providing a BBQ lunch for all our kids under a campaign call "KAI FOR KIDS." Remember to bring your snacks for playtimes. Due to this event we **will not** be holding our own school BBQ fundraiser on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Please ensure your children come to school with their lunch on Tuesday.

## KURATAU SCHOOL MINI OLYMPICS

This term our topic for weeks 3-5 is the Rio Olympics 2016. Our children will be learning about Brazil and gaining an insight into what the Olympics are all about. It's rich history, symbols, mascots, and the competing sports. They will be following the NZ team on its quest for Gold, Silver or Bronze medals. "GO NEW ZEALAND" Kuratau School will be holding our own Mini-Olympics on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Come along and join our kids for a fun filled day!

## CLUBS UPDATE

Sadly we have had no responses this year to our request for parent helpers to run some clubs in week 5. Without our parents support we will not be able to run any clubs this year. Our kids really enjoyed their experiences last year and have continuously asked staff to have clubs again. If we still have no responses at the end of next week unfortunately we will have to cancel clubs 😞 Come on parents lets do this for our tamarki!

## ROOM 3 & 4 CHILDREN

We have purchased tickets for all Room 3 and 4 children to go to the Gruffalo performance in Taupo on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Notices will go home next week with more information. Each child's cost is \$22. If you wish to deposit that money into the school account you can with the reference Gruffalo.

**\*Please note this event is for only Room 3 & 4 students.**

## LUCKY BOOK ORDERS

Lucky book orders are due into school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have not yet received our order of school photos. Hopefully these will not be too far away. Once we received them they will be sent home with your child.

# The Hell Reading Challenge at Kuratau School

Get 7 stamps/signatures on your Hell Pizza card and you can get a FREE 333 kids pizza.



## Room 3 & 4

✓ Home Reading – 5 signatures a week = 1 part of the pizza stamped/signed. This must be signed each day/night.

## Room 2

✓ Home Reading – on Homework sheet, completed and signed.  
✓ SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) – being prepared with a book to read, and not having to find a book, or get up in the middle of SSR

## Room 1

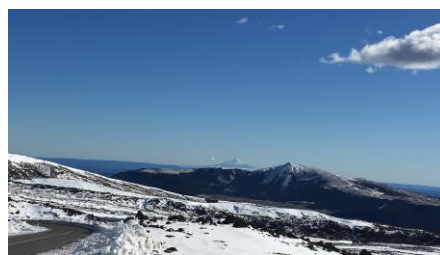
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✓ Edmodo weekly assignment completed.

## FIRST SNOW SQUAD DAY OF THE YEAR – REPORT

On Wednesday our Snow Squad went up the mountain for their first day of the season, and what a spectacular day it was to start us off. We had 34 kids and 10 adults on the day. This year we had a large group of beginners, both in snow boarding and skiing, who began in Happy Valley with lessons. All our beginners made great progress throughout the day picking it up very quickly and having a great time.

Our more advanced students who went up into the Rock Garden, Waterfall and out West enjoyed a fun day with great snow and perfect skiing and boarding conditions. Notices have gone home today with information for next weeks. Please check your child's bag. We look forward to another stunning day next Wednesday. Fingers crossed.

**CHECK OUT THESE AWESOME PICTURES OF OUR FIRST DAY ON THE SNOW ☺**



What a great day we had. Lots of awesome snow, a beautiful clear sunny day, fantastic kids and fabulous parent helpers. It was so much fun! We can't wait till next week. ☺