



# Kuratau School

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Ripper Rugby Tournament
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	OPC Year 7/8
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Reports Posted
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> May & Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Only Day
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School X-Country

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

X-Country training is under way. Children will need to bring a drink bottle and appropriate footwear to school every day.

Remember to label your child's clothing clearly. Have your child check the lost property bin if they are missing any items of clothing.

## COMMUNITY TRAIL RIDE 2017 – SATURDAY & SUNDAY 24/25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

### PRINCIPALS CORNER

Kiaora all, welcome to Term 2 of our school year. Lots of events and dates to consider. Another to mark on your calendar is our whole school camp at Waihi Beach 27<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December. Sadly we farewelled Bob Cockburn this week. Bob was a good friend of the school. Regarding Kapa Haka this year. We are please to have Ahurei Winitana as our tutor. Sessions begin this Friday from 11.30am – 2.15pm. Because of our large numbers, the Kapa Haka group will consist of Room 1 and 2 students only.

### COMMUNITY TRAIL RIDE 2017

Yes it is nearly that time of year. Our annual 'Bike Day' is fast approaching. This year it will be held on SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 11.30AM & SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9.30AM. We will be requiring our parents and caregivers to help out. Notices with more information will be coming out soon. A big thank you to our local farms who generously open their gates for this event each year.

### ORCHESTRA UPDATE

We met with Audrey Collins at the end of Term One. Our intention is to start sessions in Term 3. You can check out the "Nuvo Instruments" at [www.kbbusic.co.nz](http://www.kbbusic.co.nz). Audrey can be contacted at [audrey@collins-nz-com](mailto:audrey@collins-nz-com). Your commitment would be to purchase the instrument of choice. Audrey will start lessons on the first week of Term 3 during school time; the day to be confirmed.

### BUS INFORMATION

Could all town bus parents please pay or start making payments into the bus account for Term 2 bus fees. If you have not received an invoice please ring Zoe @ the school Mon – Thurs 8.30am – 1.00pm. Thankyou to all those that have paid or are making payments. ☺

### UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved home? Changed your phone number? If so please contact the school and ensure your contact information is up to date. It is imperative we have updated information to contact parents and caregivers in case of an emergency.

### UNVEILING OF WAHAROA

We will be having the unveiling and blessing of the waharoa that is at the front of our entrance, on WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY at 12.00noon at school, followed by a light lunch. We invite all our parents, caregivers, whanau and local community to join us.

### MISSING SHOES

Recently a number of children's shoes and gumboots have gone missing. Can you please check your child's items just in case they have mistakenly taken someone else's instead of their own. Please return to school if you do find items not belonging to your child. Thanks ☺

### NITS NITS NITS

Nits have raised their heads again. Some classes battle to keep these little critters at bay. PLEASE check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly. Nits can be extremely distracting and affect a child's learning.

### RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

A group of children from years 5,6,7,8 will be representing Kuratau School in Rippa Rugby on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Tongariro School. All parents & caregivers are welcome to come along and support our tamariki.

### COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

2017 Junior Season – TURANGI BADMINTON CLUB – Started Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 4.30pm at the Turangi Gymnasium. Racquets available, all players welcome. 7-10yrs 4.30pm – 6.00pm, 11-15yrs 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Cost \$2 per session. Annual Sub \$20 (Family sub also – 3 or more children) Contact Lesley or Graham 0277344643 or 0274867040.

TURANGI JUNIOR SOCCER – Trainings are every Tuesday 4pm at Tongariro School and Thursday 6-7pm at Turangi Gym. Thursday inside session requires a gold coin each week.

School X-Country is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

**Parent/Teacher interviews are on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June.**



Check out Room 4's new addition. This week we created our very own dinosaur cave over our literacy area.

Miss Bridge hung some strange looking wire things with fishing line whilst we painted big sheets of brown paper with paint and ripped up towels.

We also painted our very own cave drawing to put up inside our dinosaur cave.

Once the cave was covered in our artwork we added some streamers in the front to make our entrance way.

Inside the cave we have been working on releasing some plastic dinosaur bones from plaster.

We also learnt about different types of fossils this week.



Miss Bridge set up trays of sand and hid small plastic dinosaurs in it. We used paintbrushes brushing the sand away gently to reveal the hidden treasures.

After we found all our hidden dinosaurs we sorted them into different categories on sorting mats.

Room 4 then created data tables and bar graphs about our dinosaurs and answered questions about our findings.

Room 3 has been working on creating pictures using a variety of recycled materials.

They used paper, bottle tops and milk bottle lids.



Room 2 created a wall of remembrance for ANZAC day.

The students created poppies with information about different ANZAC events.



**Check out website calendar for all of Term 2 events 😊**

