



# Kuratau School

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

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Country training begins Kids Lit Quiz
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Meet the New Principal and BoT information evening 6:00pm

Our school office is open from 8am – 12noon after this time you can leave a message on our answer phone – this is cleared before 2.30PM every day.

## NOTICE BOARD

“Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui”,  
Meaning

“Be strong, be steadfast, be willing”. I believe that if we all aspire to these character traits, we cannot go wrong.

Thanks to Ryan and Alex in Room 1 for helping me to set up the board.

## PRINCIPALS CORNER

Kia ora whanau and students of Kuratau School. I am excited to have joined you as Principal this week. I had a wonderful welcome from the staff, students and BOT on Monday, As I told the students, since I have lived in this area, I have heard nothing but positive things about Kuratau School, and so it is a privilege to be able to be part of such an awesome community. I will gradually get to know the students and families, and want you to know that my office door is always open Please pop in and say hello, and ask me anything related to school life. I cannot guarantee to know the answer straight away, but I will do my best to find out.

I believe that communication is the key ingredient to successful relationships, and research shows that relationships within schools are the most important factor in students learning and achievement. We all want the best for our children, and we can achieve this by modelling great communication and building positive, respectful relationships with each other through the ups and the downs of everyday school life.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the term, and warmly invite you to attend the meeting on Monday 13th May where we can get to know each other.



## KIDS LIT QUIZ

On Monday Tawhai Donaldson, Oscar Dodunski, Ava Fasher and Amaniah Moetara Room 1 are representing Kuratau School at the Kids Lit Quiz in Palmerston North.

We are very proud to have students at such a cool event, and look forward to hearing all about it when they return. Reading can lead to all sorts of exciting adventures!



## SPORTS

This weekend sees the start of the Rugby League and Netball competitions. The netball team have started the season with great success already, and we are grateful to the hard work put in by coaches Whaea Nora, Whaea Karla and Matua Brett. All the best for your games in both these codes to everyone who is in a team.

It is also very exciting to acknowledge that Cameron Billings and Tawhai Donaldson were both awarded Gold Medallions at the Jiu Jitsu Maori Nationals recently. What a fantastic achievement boys!

## SAFETY AT BUS PICK UP ZONE IN TURANGI

The Chief Fire Officer at the Turangi Fire Station contacted us this week to mention a concern that parents who are collecting students from the bus in Turangi have been parking on the forecourt of the Fire Station. They ask that this area be kept clear in case they are called out. Please park on the road when collecting your children.

Over the next three months, Taupo District Council is running a road safety campaign with the theme "Adjust your speed for rural roads". The campaign is to raise awareness that country roads are not like motorways and have many different risks.

The campaign includes multi-media messaging so you will be seeing billboards, posters/ media clips as well as hearing Greg Murphy on local radio advertising. .



Turangi Town Bus invoices for Term 2 went home with the children on Monday. Thank you to all those who have made payments or who have an automatic payment coming into the bus account.

If you have any questions regarding your bill, please contact Zoe at the school Monday to Thursdays.

## ABSENCES

Please remember if your child is sick, keep them away from school. Please also remember to ring school to report their absence.



If you have moved house or changed your phone number please either send a note to School or phone School with the correct address and phone number.

## STAFFING:

Our awesome Sports Coordinator Brett Donaldson has been appointed as Caretaker this term following the retirement of Paul Bell.

## MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL / BOT INFORMATION EVENING

Meet the new Principal and Board of Trustee information evening. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 6:00pm



## BOT ELECTIONS

A reminder that we are holding our BOT elections on June 7th, and the process is already underway for nominations. We encourage parents and caregivers to consider standing, and serving the school in this way. Being part of the Board of Trustees is a great opportunity to have an influence on the life of the school. **An information evening is being held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6:00pm at school.** Further information will be made available as the term progresses. The Returning Officer, Pieter Braun, will run this process.

## BUILDING PROJECT

After a long period of consultation and planning, work begins on the refurbishment of the School Library this week. Whaea Lena has worked hard to clear this area for us at short notice, and we look forward to having a smart and up to date facility completed to house our library and resources. This project is expected to take around three months, and there will be boundary fencing put around the work site this week, so that students will be safe. Exit via the bus gateway may be affected and the larger gateway will be used.

## Measles in the Bay of Plenty and Lakes – Update #6

1 May 2019

Since yesterday's report we now have two confirmed cases of measles in Taupō. This brings the total number of confirmed cases across the Bay of Plenty and Lakes districts to fourteen since the start of April.

“Our team is working to identify people who may have been in contact with each case,” says Dr Phil Shoemack, Medical Officer of Health for Toi Te Ora Public Health.

If you, or someone you know, were at the following locations in Taupō at the following times, and you are younger than 50 years old and unvaccinated you are at risk of developing measles:

Location - Taupō	Date	Time
Starlight Cinema 'Shazam' movie	Tuesday 23rd April	2.45pm
EB Games	Thursday 25th April (ANZAC Day)	Early to mid-afternoon
Burger King	Thursday 25th April (ANZAC Day)	Early to mid-afternoon
Starlight Cinema 'Avengers Endgame 3D' movie	Friday 26th April	Evening showing
Dixie Browns	Friday 26th April	5.30pm – 6.30pm

“In this case, please watch for the following symptoms of measles over the next week – fever, cough, runny nose and sore red eyes, followed a few days later by a rash usually starting on the face before moving down the body.”

Dr Shoemack says it's important everyone remains vigilant and looks for the signs and symptoms of measles, not just those who were at the places specified in Taupō.

“If you think you or someone in your family/whānau may have measles, please stay at home and phone your doctor or Healthline first. Measles is one of the most infectious viruses, so it is important that we try to limit the spread,” says Dr Shoemack. The Healthline number is 0800 611 116.

### Check your immunity to measles

Measles is a very infectious viral illness that spreads easily from person to person. It can be serious with about one in ten affected people needing hospital treatment.

The MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine is very effective in preventing measles.

“It's important that parents ensure their children receive their free routine MMR immunisations on time at 15 months and 4 years of age,” says Dr Shoemack.

“If for any reason you have never had a dose of MMR vaccine now is the time to get one,” says Dr Shoemack. “After just one dose of MMR vaccine about 95% of people will be protected from measles, and 99% of people who have had two MMR doses will be protected from measles.”

People born before 1 January 1969 are considered to be immune because virtually everyone got measles prior to the vaccine being introduced that year, and so this older age group does not need the measles immunisation.

It is particularly important to check your immunity if you are planning an overseas trip. The Ministry of Health recently highlighted that since 2012, all outbreaks of measles in New Zealand were started by travellers bringing the disease from overseas. There are currently significant measles outbreaks in many countries.

**For more information:**

- Toi Te Ora Public Health website: [www.toiteora.govt.nz/measles](http://www.toiteora.govt.nz/measles)
- Immunisation Advisory Centre free phone: 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863)
- Immunisation Advisory Centre website: [www.immune.org.nz](http://www.immune.org.nz)
- Ministry of Health 2019 measles outbreak information: [www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles/2019-measles-outbreak-information](http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles/2019-measles-outbreak-information)
- Ministry of Health website: [www.health.govt.nz/measles](http://www.health.govt.nz/measles)
- Don't Assume You're Immune website: [www.getimmunised.org.nz](http://www.getimmunised.org.nz)

**LET'S GET GREEN!**

NEXT COMMUNITY PLANTING:  
5 May 2019 from 11am

JOIN US AT:  
Aratiatia



**COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY**

# 05.05.19



**GREENING TAUPO**

Kia tangi ai te tini parirau  
to hear the sound of many wings

**Everyone is welcome!**

Come along and help restore a site along the Aratiatia Track beside the Waikato River.

Borrow a bike from Kids Bike Taupo at the dam to get the kids to the planting site. Bring your gumboots and garden gloves, spades optional! Bring suitable wet weather gear if required.

Enjoy a fun morning out! Hilton Lake Taupo will provide a sausage sizzle afterwards for all planters.

**See you there!**

*For more information, visit our website and like us on Facebook.*

**JOIN US FROM**

## 11AM

park at the Aratiatia Dam - we will be 2km down the Aratiatia track.

Look for the Greening Taupo signs.

*Listen to More FM 93.6 for postponement & live updates*



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