



# Kuratau School

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

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School Office Hours are: 8am – 12noon

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queens Birthday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid Term Break
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Cross Country
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Inter School Cross Country

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

Curiosity, the wick in the candle of learning

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Thanks to those who attended the meeting on Monday evening to meet me and discuss roles on the BOT. We have some great candidates, but are still looking for more, so please give this your consideration. Please let the school office know if you have not yet received your nomination forms, as they were posted out last week. There is some further information from the BOT attached.

Assessment continues next week, please ensure your child is at school, or let us know if there is a necessary absence. Teachers put a lot of effort into these assessments which form an important part of our reporting later in the term, so it is disheartening to have students absent and to have to catch them up.

Our sign board this week features these words “Curiosity, the wick in the candle of learning”. Thanks to Nate, Kaylen, Libbie, Amaniah, and Ebony for their help as we managed to amend and squeeze this saying onto our board, it was a learning experience for all of us! We discussed what a wick is, and what “curiosity” means in relation to learning as we were working together to fit it all on. Next time I will have to choose a shorter saying!



### HEALTH:

**Strep Throats** are rife at school at the moment, so please watch out for sore throats and take action if you are concerned about your child. This is very contagious.

**Head Lice** - please keep a close eye out for these guys and treat your child to avoid the spread.



## DEVICES ON THE BUS AND AT SCHOOL

Thank you for your support of our decision around devices not being brought to school.



## SPORTS

We have begun training for the **Cross Country** event at school this week. The course is challenging but very interesting, and the students are enthusiastic.

Thanks to Mrs Pyman for all the work she is putting in to organising **Snow Squad** this year. It is a very time-consuming job, and we are fortunate that she is so passionate about getting the best opportunities for our students. Thanks to the parents who are supporting her too.

**KidsBike Taupo** are visiting Rooms 3 and 4 again on Friday 24th May

## ABSENCES

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



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Strike Action Information

**A message from Lorraine Kerr, a member of our Board of Trustees, and also President of the New Zealand School Trustees Association.**

“As you have heard, teachers have voted to take Strike Action on Wed 29<sup>th</sup>. This strike action is a plea to the government to help teachers – like parents teachers are also real people. They have mortgages, they have rent to pay, and they have the most responsible job in the world – they do everything they can to turn our children into well rounded global citizens”.

**A letter from the BOT on Monday advising of the closure of the school on this day is attached to this newsletter.**



15th May 2019.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**The Board of Trustees cannot provide teaching for students during the upcoming strike**  
The NZEI has advised the Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday May 29th

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike.

It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike. The school will need to close during this strike. I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please contact myself if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair Board of Trustees.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEE INFORMATION

### BOT Positions

- Meetings are monthly, but with School Holiday dates excluded, usually only 7-8 meetings a year.
- No previous experience or training is required, training is freely available through NZ School Trustees Association.
- BOT members are entitled to a small payment called an “honorarium” to help with expenses involved in attending meetings.
- BOT membership can be a good thing to have on your CV!
- And of course, contributing in this way to the life of your local school is a great way to role model leadership and community service to your children!

The work the BOT undertakes covers these key areas

- development and ongoing review of the school charter.
- monitoring and reviewing your school's progress.
- putting in place a policy framework.
- employing the principal.
- managing assets.
- ensuring your school's legal compliance.
- implementing the National Education Guidelines.