



CORNWALL PARK DISTRICT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

Kia ora koutou. Hello Everyone.

Welcome back to all our returning families and a special welcome to all the new families who are joining us this year. I am forever hopeful that one day soon the weather may at last settle and summer will begin, however it doesn't seem today is that day; maybe tomorrow. It was great to see the children returning to school refreshed and eager to start the new school year yesterday, and within five minutes, it was business as usual in all classes.

Welcome New Staff

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Justine Cowan in Rm 25, Miss Julia Jefferd in Rm 21 and Mrs Sue McHale in Rm 24. We are lucky to have these wonderful teachers join our staff this year, and I am sure it will not take long for them to feel part of our school community. We are also lucky to have four Teacher Trainees who will be having an ongoing relationship with our school this year. So a special welcome to Mary Olsen, Marzena Simpson, Caroline Larnach and Samantha McRae.

Meet the Teachers

On Tuesday February 14th, **Kowhai** (pronounced as "core-fi" **Team** and **Rimu** ("ree-moo") **Team** will be starting the evening at 6.30pm under the canopy in the junior courtyard and then moving on to individual classrooms for about 20 mins.

Kauri ("co-ree") **Team** will start the session at 7pm in classes before meeting together under the canopy at approximately 7.30pm.

On Wednesday February 15, **Nikau** ("knee-co") **Team** will meet under the covered canopy by the pool at 6.30pm before moving to classes. Then there will be a Year 5 meeting for parents that will cover information relating to their upcoming camp.

Please check the attached organisation sheet for which team your child is in.

These evenings are to provide an opportunity to meet each other, so faces can be put to names as well as for teachers to cover some of the routines and expectations they have this year. There will be a chance to meet on an individual basis during Week 5 of Term 1 to discuss goals relating to achievement and social areas. Please keep an eye on the school calendar for more specific details relating to this and I will also be mentioning it again in upcoming newsletters.

Field

The school has invested a large amount into the improvement of the field. The aim was to have the field operational from day 1 this year, however, the weather did not cooperate with us to the degree required and therefore we need to keep the field closed for the first few weeks to allow all the grass to properly establish. I am aware that this is not ideal but the gain we will achieve long term will be worth the short term pain experienced now. If we do not protect the grass growth at this stage we run the risk of having a field that will resemble one infested by rabbits which will potentially negate the investment in both money and effort to date. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Hats

It was great to see the vast majority of students wearing their hats today. As we are a Sun Safe school we will be enforcing the hat rule during Terms 1 and 4. Children without hats will be sent to the shade area in front of the dental clinic. If your child did not have a school hat today please ensure they have one tomorrow so they are able to choose where they play during breaks.

Signing In and Out of School / Late to School

It is extremely important that we keep our students safe while they are in our care. Therefore no children will be allowed to meet parents at the gate if they need to be picked up early for appointments etc. Children must be signed in or out at the office by their parent or approved caregiver if they arrive or leave during the school day. If your child is late to arrive at school in the morning, they must go straight to the school office for a late slip to be taken to their teacher on arrival.

Change of Details

If you have moved address during the holidays or changed phone numbers / mobile phone numbers, please let the school office know as soon as possible. It is extremely important that we are able to contact someone if your child is sick etc. Please check your alternative contacts e.g. grandparents, are also up to date as we often need to try more than a few numbers before we get hold of someone. Please note that you must provide us the details of people who are able to sign your children out of the school to safeguard all parties.

Past Pupil Success

It was great to be told that one of our past pupils, Joel Bateman, has been named as Auckland Grammar's Head Boy for 2012. It is wonderful to acknowledge an example of how our pupils go on to succeed after they leave our gates.

Again, welcome back. I am looking forward to an exciting year with special projects taking place such as the construction of our new classroom block as well as the other events we have come to expect like the annual 'Fair'.

Take care and have a great fortnight.

Kind regards

Janine Irvine, Principal

Calendar Items

Check the School Calendar on Knowledge
Net for full details of the following events
www.cornwallpark.knowledge.net.nz

Term 1 2012 Dates

Feb	
6th	Waitangi Day (school will be closed)
14th	Meet the Teachers (Kowhai, Rimu and Kauri Teams)
15th	Meet the Teacher (Nikau Team)
15th	Waterwise starts TBA
28th	Hearing & Vision Testing
March	
5th	Class Photos
6th	Y6 Swimming Sports
20th-23rd	Y5 Camp - All classes
20th	Zone Swimming Sports
April	
1st	School Fair - Sunday
5th	Last day school
6th	Good Friday

2012 - Term Dates

Term 1	Wed 1 Feb - Thurs 5 Apr
Term 2	Mon 23 Apr - Fri 29 Jun
Term 3	Mon 16 Jul - Fri 28 Sep
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct - Tues 18 Dec

SCHOOL TEAM ORGANISATION - Term 1 2012

Senior Leadership Team	
Principal	Mrs Janine Irvine
Associate Principal	Mrs Alicia Whata - Curriculum / Assessment
Associate Principal	Mrs Dawn Wood - Curriculum / Pastoral Care (including Special Needs and GATE)
Associate Principal	Mrs Amanda Grimsey - Curriculum / E-Learning

Specialist Teachers	
Music	Mrs Judy Inkster
PE	Mr Paul Campbell
ESOL	Mrs Cynthia Peat
GATE	Mrs Diana Mather
Reading Recovery	Ms Lea Bond
Itinerant Music Coordinator	Mrs Linda Yu
Itinerant Music Team	Susan Fieldes, Nicole Goode, Ben Sinclair, Corey Friedlander, Irina Andreeva-Fennell, Liz Stokes

Teacher Aides	
Mrs Jan Quensell	Mrs Julia MacArthur
Ms Angela Harwood	Mrs Pam Davies
Mrs Kirsty Ellison	Mrs Jude O'Sullivan

Support Staff	
Bursar	Mrs Margaret Buchan
Principal's PA	Mrs Janet Glover
School Secretary	Mrs Sandra Olliff
Accounts Administrator	Mrs Leigh Fletcher
Librarian	Mrs Joy Howden
Property Manager	Mr Shane Moser
Caretaker	Mr George Fainu
Assistant Caretaker	Mr Grant Bennett

KOWHAI TEAM		Team Leader Frances McLaren
1	Mrs Vivienne Dallimore	
2	Mrs Debbie Oats	
28	Mrs Frances McLaren	
30	Mrs Lucille Wiltshire/Mrs Fiona Rodgers	

RIMU TEAM		Team Leader Faranak Saïdi
5	Mrs Andy Butler/Mrs Lisa Rolle	
6	Mrs Glenys Muir	
7	Miss Victoria Walsh	
8	Mrs Faranak Saïdi	

KAURI TEAM		Team Leader Karyn Sietkiewicz
9	Mrs Erin Lingard	
10	Miss Cassandra Creedy	
11	Miss Sarah Mackay	
21	Miss Julia Jefferd	
19	Miss Rachel Schryvers	
23	Mrs Karyn Sietkiewicz	
24	Mrs Sue McHale	
25	Mrs Justine Cowan	

NIKAU TEAM		Team Leader Erin Hooper
16	Mrs Colleen Morrow	
17	Mrs Lucy Wells	
18	Mrs Carmen Burns	
20	Miss Jamie Bretz	
12	Ms Erin Hooper	
13	Miss Shona Hamilton	
14	Mrs Erica MacKenzie-Browne	
15	Mrs Sue Tapene	