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Keep your child safe: If absent please contact the office before 9.30am

Thursday, 2nd February 2012 Term 1 Week 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
He mihi tenei kia koutou nga matua, me nga kaitiaki o a tatou tamariki. Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to 2012 at Kenakena School. I trust you all had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. I would like to extend a special welcome to the families of our 45 new students. Nau mai, mihi mai, haere mai. If you are the parent / caregiver of children who are new enrolments at Kenakena and have not yet met me, please take the opportunity to drop in and introduce yourself.

We also welcome three new staff to the Kenakena Team:

- **Mrs. Sarah Wallace** will be working in Room 8 with Mrs. Selena Sanson. Selena is undertaking her training to be a Reading Recovery tutor in 2012 and, as part of her training she will be working with children for two hours per day. Sarah will be teaching in the class while Selena is tutoring.
- **Mrs. Rebecca Chisholm** will be covering MS Julia Bevin's fortnightly management release and other professional development days when Julia is out of the classroom.
- **Mr. Peter Lambert** has been appointed to fill the cleaning position left vacant by Mr. John Flynn, who retired at the end of last year.

We're looking forward to an *exciting, motivating and positive* year in 2012 and to building on the successes of 2011.

REITERATING OUR VISION

The vision that has guided the school over the past twelve years refers to the establishment and maintenance of an *exciting, motivating and positive learning community*. The three key words; **EXCITING, MOTIVATING, POSITIVE**, if they can relate to all areas of the school's operation, will be the embodiment of a successful learning community:

EXCITING: It is Kenakena School's job to excite children to learn and achieve. Not all learning is 'exciting'; some learning requires hard work, risk-taking and perseverance and can be frustrating at times, but we want our kids to develop the attitudes, values and confidence to excite and motivate them to work hard when the learning becomes challenging or difficult. This leads to positive outcomes.

MOTIVATING: We need our staff to be motivated about working here to ensure the children are excited to learn; our students to be motivated by their learning environment; and parents to be motivated about the learning partnership they have with the school for the benefit of their children's education.

POSITIVE: Kenakena School will be a positive environment in which to work and learn. Recognition of the efforts and achievements of children, staff and parents will be part of our school culture and we will ensure the school is viewed by the wider community (including the professional community) in a positive way.

2012 TEACHING FOCUS

- For the past two years, your children's teachers have been learning about how they can effectively include **Student Voice** in our classroom programmes and across the school. We will give you examples of how this is happening throughout the year.
- Most of you will be aware that we run a Boys' Mentoring Programme for Year 6 boys. We have also been looking at how we can ensure that classroom **approaches to the teaching of boys** keep them motivated and achieving at high levels and will continue to look at this in 2012.
- Teaching staff will also be involved in a focus for the effective use of **information and communications technology** in the learning process through our continued involvement in the Otaki-Kapiti Professional Development Cluster. We have been involved in a Ministry of Education funded professional development contract with our local schools for the past five years and have negotiated a contract through to the end of 2013. The major focus of this contract is on the effective use of assessment data in the teaching and learning process. There is also a focus on the transition from primary to secondary school.
- We continue our implementation of student reporting in relation to the **National Education Standards**. In 2012 we will focus on Mathematics and ensure we continue to work hard on school-wide consistency on the assessment of Writing.
- The focus on **Rich Learning** continues with learning being based on **Deep Understandings**. Examples of this were highlighted in this newsletter in 2011 and will continue to be highlighted in 2012.
- We will also be conducting a review of how **Tikanga Maori** is included in our curriculum.

I will provide more explanatory information on these focuses as the year goes on.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The half of the school that was not repainted last summer has now been repainted, bringing our building maintenance programme up to date. The metal components of the two adventure playgrounds have been re-powder-coated, which has certainly freshened things up.

You may have noticed the construction of an exciting *Flying Fox* adjacent to the senior adventure playground. This is the result of a *student voice* project initiated and carried through by the school's Student Council. Once the project is fully completed, we will have an official opening.

The area behind Rooms 16-19 was tidied up and replanted towards the end of last year. Our property manager Martin Rosedale has begun working on a major beautification project on the bank adjacent to the Arnold Grove car-park. The project literally 'speaks for itself'. Have a look.

Another student-led project completed at the end of last year was the repainting of two seating benches to beautify the library courtyard and provide somewhere for children to sit outside and read. The following photo shows the beautification project in action.



SAFETY IN THE SUN

Now that summer is here, it is important that you give consideration to keeping your children safe in the sun. At school we will schedule most outdoor activities for the morning, ensure your children wear their school-issue sun hats and we will keep an emergency supply of sun-block on hand. We need you to play your part in the sun smart partnership by sun-blocking your children before they leave for school and provide sensible clothing that covers their shoulders.

- The school owns monogrammed sun hats for all students.
- The hats are numbered so we know which hat has been issued to which child.

- They are all of the same design and have been issued to your children this week.
- The sun-smart design shades their face, neck and ears and children must wear them during Term's one and four.
- The hats are individually stored in classrooms and must not be taken home. The school will organise for the hats to be washed.
- Hats will be collected at the end of Term 1 and re-issued at the beginning of Term 4.

NEW CYBERSAFETY USE AGREEMENT FORMS

Your children will bring home an updated version of the old Internet Agreement for you to sign. Please read these forms carefully as they cover more areas than just internet use. There are slightly different forms for years 1-4 and years 5-8.

Please discuss these forms with your children, keep the top page for your future reference, fill in the 3rd page, sign it and return it to school as soon as possible.

SETTING THE TONE

At the beginning of the year we concentrate on establishing our school wide expectations for good behaviour and appropriate manners. Our focus will be on a "Catch Me Being Good" approach. You can help us by ensuring the school's expectations for appropriate behaviour are understood.

If you have misplaced your copy of *Catch Me Being Good* and would like to replace it, see Lynda at the School Office.

OVERSEAS HOLIDAYS

If you are planning an overseas holiday with your children during the school year (excluding school holidays) please write a letter of request to The Principal. A record of principal permission must be granted to comply with new Ministry of Education attendance regulations.

I understand that, for some parents, annual leave may be confined to times when children are at school and, as such, my attitude towards requests is reasonable.

We look forward to a fantastic year.

Bruce McDonald

Principal

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE DURING THE HOLIDAY?

Please let us know via email, phone, in person or your child's communication book if you have any changes to your contact details or additional information. It is very important that the office is informed of any cell phone number changes in particular. It can be very upsetting to a sick or injured child if no one answers calls to their listed caregivers.

You may also want to update the additional emergency contacts in your child's file. It is desirable to have at least two people other than parents that can be called upon in an emergency if you are not able to be reached.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

For your information the school account number is **030732 0286788 00** for making payments by internet banking.

Kauri Year 7/8 Makahika Camp details

- **Dates:** Camp 1- Monday March 19- Friday March 23. Rooms 16, 19 and 21
Camp 2- Monday March 26-Friday March 30 Rooms 11, 23 and 14
- **Transport**-we will be asking for parents to transport us up there and back and will need some vans and trailers for gear.
- **Cost: \$280 per student.** This includes all meals starting with lunch on the first day. It is not too late to contact the school office to set up automatic payments. We will require payment by Wednesday March 14.
- **Need more information**-have a look on the camp website www.makahika.co.nz
- **Parent helpers:** These will be decided on in week 2.
- **Fundraising:** Details of a fundraising activity will sent home once we have discussed ideas with the students.

Year 8 Kapiti Island Trips

Tuesday February 28 for Rooms 16 and 19 and Thursday March 1 for rooms 11, 14 and 23

SCHOOL LUNCHES

FRIDAY LUNCHES START FEBRUARY 10th

Last year we raised an amazing \$8,600 for our school. Thank you to the students and parents who support this fundraiser and a big thank you to the volunteers that make it all happen.

Once again we are appealing for your help. We had to say goodbye to some of our team at the end of the year and need some new helpers so that we can continue to offer Friday Lunches.

If you are able to help once or twice a term between 9.00 to 10.00am or 12.00 to 12.45pm on a Friday morning please call Andrea 905 8044.

[**Kenakena Four Square**](#) has advised us of 2 changes to the Monday-Thursday lunch menu.

Yoghurts have increased in price to \$1.50

Plain Chicken Rolls have been added at a cost of \$2.00.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS AT THE END OF 2011

Sometimes the end of year awards miss being published in the newsletter because of timing. For your interest here are the following results:

Year 7/8 Speech Competition

This is going to be re-introduced as an annual event.

1st – Krystal Wright

2nd – Ballad Woodley-Hanan

3rd – Samantha Lovelady-Smith

Year 8 Graduation Evening Awards

LITERACY AWARD: Konor Coan, Jordan Taylor, Jaime Eaton, Nick Marshall, Emma Bean, Krystal Wright, Grace Lindsay, Jasmine Roylance, Renee Cameron -Bennett

Lesley Duncan Prize for English: Madie Davy, Alysha Ngwele

NUMERACY AWARD: Billie van den Oever, Harris Sciascia, Konor Coan, Rhiannon Beck, Cameron Simpson, Ballad Woodley-Hanan, Emma Bean, Grace Lindsay, Jasmine Roylance, Josiah Bautista, Kyle Amptmeyer, Ozzman Symes-Hull

PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR –STUDENT’S CHOICE: Harris Sciascia and Emma Jones. The girl’s runner up was Emma McHowell.

Swimming Cup - Boy: Ballad Woodley Hanan

Swimming Cup - Girl: Emily Malaulau

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR CUP - Ballad Woodley-Hanan

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE-(CUP) - Harris Sciascia

Michael Markman Memorial Cup for achieving Success through character and Perseverance-(cup) - Billie van den Oever

Ara mai he teeteekura (new cup in 2009) - Devon Silbery

‘Kenakena’s Got SO Much Talent 2011 Results

Year 1 & 2 Winner: Lena Ormsby and Nikita Cameron-Bennett

Yr 3 &4 Winner: Sacha Hibberd and Taylah-Jayde McLeod

Yr 5 & 6 Winner: Ashley West

Runner-Up: Jake Thomson

Year 7&8 Winner: Krystal Wright



Runner-Up: Cameron Simpson

Best Group Act: Toni Mahu and Maddie Feaunati

Audience Vote: The Me Group (Evana Sage, Ruby Moloney, Cameryn Cowley, Paris Manning, Jemma Rands) and Krystal Wright

Overall Winner: Krystal Wright

Wellington Long Course swimming champs were held in January 2012. 42 clubs attended from as far away as Auckland to Queenstown. This is an excerpt from their newsletter about some of our students:

Boston Hunt (year 8) – Won gold in the 50 Breaststroke breaking his current club record. Boston also narrowly missing out on another Gold in the 50 Freestyle. He was ranked 5th overall in his age group for this championship. Currently Boston is ranked the Number 1, 11 year old for the 50m Breaststroke and 3rd for Freestyle in New Zealand. He will compete in the NZ Junior Championships in Wellington later this month.

Matanoko Mc Donald (year 7) – Competed in the Freestyle and Backstroke and achieving great personal best times improving on her times from the Wellington Short Course Championships earlier this year. Matanoko was only 1 second off to qualify for the NZ Junior Championships in one of her events. Nationals. Matanoko is a very promising swimmer with ample of potential to achieve higher honours in 2012.

Zachariah Hunt (year 6) – Was the youngest Raumatī swimmer. Qualifying for all the finals in all the events he competed in and ending up 12th in his age group overall. Zachariah also achieved many personal best times and will look to build on these results in 2012.

Former Kenakena student Emily Malaulau (now year 9 at Paraparaumu College) was one of the top swimmers for the Raumatī Club at this recent event ranked 3rd in her age group and we also wish her all the very best for the NZ Junior Championships.

Elliott Ramoo gained 100% in his **Grade II Theory of Music Exam** passing with distinction.

Kayla Walker was the first year 7 girl in 1000m at the **Regional Athletics Competition** in Newtown at the end of last year.

As this is a school community newsletter, please let the school office know of any successes that your child/children may have had outside the school. We are only too happy to share their achievements.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPORT

Waikanae Football (Soccer) Registration Day, Sunday 26th February 2012, Jim Cooke Park, 11am – 3pm, Sausage sizzle, Fun Skills for the kids, Club socks, clothing & merchandise, Will be available for purchase. Jnr enquires ph 04 298 7992/ 0275612400

Girls Football (Soccer) - This is to provide a fun based football environment for girls. Aged 8 – 16 Years

These sessions will be taken by a top qualified coaches and ref. The aim is to improve your football skills also to practice and play with other girls. The girls play in the local Horowhenua League during the season as an all-girls team. Also we aim to compete in the Taupo Tournament later in the year.

So if you are keen then come along starting Sunday 12th February, Mathews Park Raumati, 9 - 10.30pm.

Bring: A Friend, Shin Pads, Drink, and Boots/Sand Shoes

Any enquires please contact soccer1@clear.net.nz or ph Steve 021 427985

Raumati swimming Club - Has spaces on its Tuesday Night programme at Raumati pool at 5pm.

From ages 4 to 13, for swimmers and non swimmers, those who have lessons to complete beginners, for children at little, tyre or big pool level something for all abilities and levels.

Olympian and RSC head coach Jon winter and coach Val Payne at every session.

Every Tuesday Night term time. \$75

Squad Swimming

For those swimmers who can swim and are looking for fun, fitness and beginning competition in a club environment. From ages 7 up. Check out the Raumati swimming Club website. Week Nights.

or email Amanda hanwood@paradise.net.nz

All Star Cheerleading starts this term, offering American style cheerleading. Learn and have fun with tumble, jumps, pyramid building and dance. Classes to suit ALL abilities and ages. Girls and boys welcome. For more information contact Julie on 0276526021, 044773107 or jabcmcleod@xtra.co.nz.

Beginner classes in Aikido, the Japanese martial art, start on Saturday 11 February at the Waikanae Wrestling Club on Park Ave.

Juniors (10 - 13 yr) 9AM- 10AM. Seniors 10AM - 11AM. For further

details: www.aikidokapiti.webs.com, aikidokapiti@gmail.com or contact Blair (04-904 3396).

FOR SALE

Fed up with ironing, call The Iron lady, Let me take the hassle of ironing away from you, I offer a personal ironing service from as little as \$1.70 per clothing item. Pick up and delivery available, Call Dawn on **04 298 7992** or visit www.theironlady.co.nz for more information.

Every order that mentions this newsletter a 10% donation will be made to the school

TUITION

[The Kapiti Music Centre](#) is open for enrolments in guitar, flute, violin, percussion, trumpet, cello, ukulele, recorder, saxophone and clarinet 9th and 11th of February 4.30 - 6.00 pm at St Patrick Primary School on Tongariro St. Costs from \$150 p/a.

[If you're looking for Drum lessons, Guitar lessons or Bass lessons enrol with Kick Start Music Studios!](#) Our teachers are all professional performing musicians who have a passion for teaching. If you'd like to be in a band, or already are and need some help, then we also offer Band Mentoring. Get in quick to secure a spot! Contact Dave on 0275459181 or check out our website at <http://www.kickstartmusicstudios.co.nz/>"

[Classes in Speech, Drama, Public Speaking and Voice Skills](#) - *Suitable for children needing confidence or extension.*

- Small groups / individual sessions
 - Individualised programmes
 - Individual attention
 - Qualified teacher registered with NZ Speech and Communication Association
- For enrolments or enquiries please contact:***[Margaret Bailey BA LSB RTSCA Ph: 2993300](#)

[Learn to Play Fiddle This Year!](#) - Canadian fiddle phenomenon Gillian Boucher is not only an outstanding traditional performer; she's also a highly successful fiddle teacher

with 15 years experience! Now, she's bringing her acclaimed fiddle instruction method to the web.

Now's The Time! This is a great time to learn to play the fiddle and Gillian has made it easy! The first series, for absolute beginners, is now available at www.gillian-boucher.com/instruction

Check it out and sign up for this fun new instructional series from a master of the Celtic fiddle. It's the most cost-effective way to get the best, personal instruction on the web!

EVENTS

[Kapiti Miniature Railway](#) is holding our annual OPEN WEEKEND on February Sat 18th & Sun 19th of February at the track in Marine Gardens, Raumati Beach.

A lot of visiting locomotives have been invited and we look forward to a large attendance of children and Carers.

We operate from 10am till 4 pm both days, weather permitting.

[Kapiti Women's Triathlon](#) – 19th February. New this year. Fun run/walk

We have added a 4km Fun run/walk to the Triathlon Duathlon run/bike swim/bike for the 2012 Kapiti Women and Girls Triathlon.

All women and girls can be part of one of New Zealand's biggest, friendliest and longest running events for women. In our 29th year, the Kapiti Women's triathlon and duathlon is on Sunday 19th February 2012 with a choice of events that allows anyone to have a go. NEW for 2012 is our 4km fun run or walk, this might be your first step to becoming a triathlete or duathlete or just something to set a goal to achieve over summer.

There are of course the usual triathlon (400m swim, 12km cycle & 4km run/walk), duathlon, swim run & swim bike events but you can also enter as a team for any event or do a 1/2 distance for any event.

We added the fun run/walk for those not yet ready to do the Triathlon/Duathlon and while it is open to all ages we especially invite girls under 12 to participate. We have an age restriction of 12yrs for cycling on the road. you younger girls can enter the 'have a go' fun run/walk or teams events. Grab some friends or set an individual challenge and we'll see you on the start line. Remember "we consider every entrant that gets to the start line a winner".

For a fun day, lots of spot prizes and a goodie bag for each entrant check out www.kwt.org.nz. or email admin@kwt.org.nz Paper entry forms available from the school office or local pools, libraries and sport shops."

Dates To Remember

Monday, 6th February

Monday, 20th February

Tuesday, 21st February

5.30-7.30pm

Wednesday, 22nd February

Monday, 27th February

Tuesday, 28th February

Thursday, 1st March

Friday, 2nd March

Tuesday, 6th March

Friday, 9th March

Tuesday, 13th March

Monday, 19th March

Monday, 26th March

Friday, 30th March

Tuesday, 3rd April

Wednesday, 4th April

Thursday, 5th April

Monday, 23rd April

Wednesday, 25th April

Tuesday, 8th May

Friday, 18th May

Monday, 4th June

Friday, 22nd June

Friday, 29th June

Friday, 29th June

Monday, 16th July

Tuesday, 17th July

Monday, 23rd July

Waitangi Day Holiday

Bike to School Week

Meet the Teacher BBQ/Picnic, Otaihanga Domain

Sailing – Selected Kauri Students (3 days)

BOT Meeting

Year 8 Kapiti Island Trip – Rms 16 & 19

Year 8 Kapiti Island Trip – Rms 11,23 & 14

Kowhai Parent Assembly

Interschool Swimming

Interschool Swimming postponement day

Year 7/8 Triathlon

5 Day Makahika Camp for Rms 16, 19 & 21

5 Day Makahika Camp for Rms 11, 23 & 14

Kowhai Parent Assembly

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 1 Ends

Term 2 Starts

Anzac Day Holiday

Interschool Cross-Country

Kowhai Parent Assembly

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Kowhai Parent Assembly

Sample Folders go home

Term 2 Ends

Term 3 Starts

School Photos

Maori Language Week

Tuesday, 24 th July	Junior Winter Tournament
Thursday, 26 th July	Junior Winter Tournament postponement date
Friday, 10 th August	Kowhai Parent Assembly
Tuesday, 14 th August	Senior Winter Tournament
Thursday, 16 th August	Senior Winter Tournament postponement date
Friday, 14 th September	Kowhai Parent Assembly
Tuesday, 25 th September	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 26 th September	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday, 28th September	Term 3 Ends
Monday, 15th October	Term 4 Starts
Wednesday, 17 th October	Nude Food Day
Monday, 22nd October	Labour Day Holiday
Thursday, 25 th October	Melbourne Exchange Students to CJC
Friday, 26 th October	Kowhai Parent Assembly
Wednesday, 7 th November	CJC Exchange Students Arrive
Thursday, 15 th November	CJC Students go home
Friday, 16 th November	Kowhai Parent Assembly
Friday, 30 th November	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Tuesday, 18th December	Term 4 Ends Midday

2012 Term Dates

Term 1 Starts	Wednesday 1st February 2012
Term 1 Ends	Thursday 5th April 2012
Term 2 Starts	Monday 23rd April 2012
Term 2 Ends	Friday 29th June 2012
Term 3 Starts	Monday 16th July 2012
Term 3 Ends	Friday 28th September 2012
Term 4 Starts	Monday 15th October 2012
Term 4 Ends	Tuesday 18th December 2012

PARENT NETWORK FRIDAY ONLY LUNCH MENU

Order forms and money should be put in a sealed envelope and taken to the administration foyer before 9 am. (These orders go into the Blue Post Box) Any offers of help (1hour, once a Term) can be directed to Andrea 9058044.

Change of \$10.00 and over will now be left at the Office for your child to collect.

Quarter of Pizza: Meat Lovers, Cheeselovers or Hawaiian - \$3.00. Gluten Free Cheese Pizza - \$3.50

3 Chicken Nuggets and chips	\$3.50	Hot Chips	\$1.50
Fish and chips	\$3.50		
Chicken Chow Mein	\$4.50	Chicken Fried Rice	\$4.50
4 Piece Pk Chicken or Tuna Sushi	\$5.00	6 Piece Pk Chicken /Tuna	\$7.00
Juicie-Wildberry or Lemonade (Tropical when Lemonade not available) \$1.00 (available all year now)			

A special "Thank You" to our suppliers -

Kapiti Pak 'N Save - Domino's Pizzas - Sun Long Chinese Restaurant & Fast Food.

Kenakena School Monday to Thursday Lunch Menu			
Rolls	Price	Fruit	

Ham Roll	\$1.50	Apple	\$0.60
Egg Roll	\$1.50	Banana	\$0.60
Chicken Roll	\$2.00		
Sandwiches (2 per pack)		Orange	\$0.80
Egg Sandwich	\$2.20		
Ham & Egg	\$3.00		
Corned Beef and Pickle	\$3.00	Yoghurt (Fresh'n Fruity)	
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00	Strawberry	\$1.50
Tuna Lettuce	\$3.00	Fruit of the Forest	\$1.50
Cheese & Onion	\$3.00	Natural	\$1.50
Ham Salad	\$3.70		
Chicken Salad	\$3.70		
BLT (Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato)	\$3.70	Hot Food (Metro Heart Tick Pies)	
		Mince Pie	\$2.50
Scones & Muffins		Mince and Cheese Pie	\$2.50
Cheese Scones	\$1.30	Steak and Cheese Pie	\$2.50
Date Scones	\$1.30	Chicken Pie	\$2.50
		Drinks	
Goodtime Muffins Blueberry - Small	\$1.30	Just Juice Orange and Mango	\$1.80
Goodtime Muffins Choc Chip - Small	\$1.30	Pump Mini	\$1.80

