

Newsletter

Monday 13th March 2023

Kia ora tātou

New Zealand primary school teachers are currently planning to **strike this Thursday 16th March** for the whole day and **school will be closed for the day.**

Further on in this newsletter you will find a summary of the reasons for the strike action on Thursday.

However, if negotiations with the Ministry of Education are successful the strike may be averted and our school will operate as usual. **We will keep you informed via facebook and our school app.**

Many thanks to Libby, Jolene and Christine for their water safety instructions throughout last week with all of our classes.

David Brock, Principal – Tumuaki

Senior Swimming

Congratulations to Lylah Bain, Caitlin Kenny, Lily Roath, Mia McCaskill, Pearl Newton, Zac Whyte, Macy Donaldson, Lilly Donaldson, Josh Dennis, Alivia Takiwa and Lilly-Anne Sands-Gage who have been selected to compete at the time trials at Centennial Pool today. Qualifiers will go through to compete at the Thames Valley swimming competition on **Thursday 16th March** (if school is open).



2023 Start Date & School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 6 April
Term 2: Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June
Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

Coming up:

Thu 16 Mar Teacher strike – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thu 16 Mar Room 7 shorebird trip
Thu 16 Mar Thames Valley swimming event
Fri 17 Mar Super Smash cricket
Mon 20 Mar BoT meeting 5.30pm
Wed 22 Mar Hockey Big Days Out at Ngatea
Thu 23 Mar EPro8 Year 7&8 5.00pm
Fri 24 Mar EPro8 Year 4&5 9.30am
Mon 3 Apr Reports sent home
Wed 5 Apr First round Y7&8 immunisations
Wed 5 Apr Parent/Teacher conferences
School finishes at 12 noon
Thu 6 Apr End of Term 1

Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre Trips

This trip will go ahead this **Thursday 16th March** if the teachers do not go ahead with the proposed industrial action.

We are awaiting another suitable date for Miranda if we have to reschedule. A note will be sent home to Room 7 students by Wednesday.



Supersmash Cricket

This Friday we are taking 28 students to cricket in Paeroa. We will leave school **at 8.30am**. All students need to take a drink, food, a hat and sneakers. They will be given their sports T-Shirt on Friday, so please come to school in your normal school T-Shirt. *Mrs Saunders is still short on transport to and from Paeroa, if you can help please let the office know.*



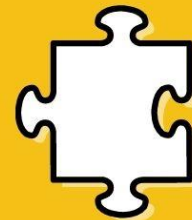
Why teachers and principals are on **STRIKE** today...



The current level of funding and staffing for our schools is insufficient to support every student's growth and success.

Our tamariki deserve a quality education!

Complex learning needs are dominating classrooms like never before, and schools do not have the resources to cope.



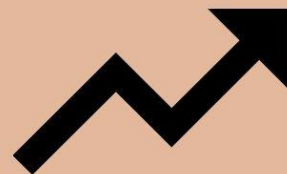
Our teachers need more time to teach!



Demands from Ministry continue to grow. Meeting all these requirements while teaching day-to-day is unachievable.

We need to attract and retain educators!

Proposed pay increases fall short of keeping up with inflation and the cost of living.



The Ministry needs to hear our concerns!

EPro8

at Parawai School

Year 7-8 Team: Thurs 23 March 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Year 5-6 Team: Fri 24 March 9.30am-12.30pm

Participants must wear covered footwear.

Parents and teachers are not allowed to talk to students during the event.



Scholastic Lucky Book Club

Brochures for issue 2 have been distributed, and orders need to be returned to our school office by **this Friday 17th March**.



Te rerenga korero:

Tangohia tō pōtae

Take off your hat.

Covid RAT Tests

We are running low on RAT tests here at school, so if you need any please visit:

<https://temahau.govt.nz/covid-19/general-advice-sector/rapid-antigen-tests>

Jump

Free Broadband

(for families with students who currently don't have broadband at home)

Ciena and Skinny Jump have teamed up to sponsor Jump for selected homes. This means your family could be eligible for free broadband for the entire school year.

Application forms with more information are available from our school office.

Menzshed

This is the second week that Byron Arnold, Cleo Challis, Boston Grey and Caspian Milner have attended Menzshed in Thames. We are grateful for the time and expertise that Tony, Ray and Trish offer our students. These students are working on the completion of the tree hut that our last year's students started.

Community News

NARNIA HOLIDAY CAMPS

at Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp

Junior: Year 3 to 6 – 11 to 14 April

Senior: Year 7 & 8 – 16 to 21 April

Visit KVCC.org.nz for information and booking.

Thames Hockey Muster

Sunday 26th March

12pm – women's teams

2pm – kid's teams

Thames Junior Rugby Club

2023 Registration Muster

Sunday 12th March at Thames Rugby Club

Sausage sizzle and games

Fees: Year 3-8 \$60/player, \$110 for 2 or more players/family

Year 0-2 \$50 rippa rugby

Register and pay fees by 1st April via sport Online or at muster and be in to win free rugby boots.

Second hand rugby gear collection – bring to muster.

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