

Koputaroa School

Nurturing Confident, Future-Focused Learners



Kia ora e te whanau

Thank you for the great turnout last week for the Parent/Teacher interviews. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly supportive of having the opportunity to have adult-to-adult conversations.

If you were unable to make a time last week, and would still like to catch up with your child's homeroom teacher, please contact the office or email the teachers directly.

Our usual staff meeting days are Mondays and Tuesdays after school.

Whānau Picnic - TOMORROW

The weather is looking a little more promising than earlier in the week - with the forecast now saying occasional rain but clearing in the afternoon, so our picnic will go ahead. If you prefer not to bring a picnic, you can **purchase some food** right here! We have our PTA cooking **bacon sandwiches** and **sausages** on the BBQ, the El Kour whānau are bringing their amazing **Moroccan food truck**, we have local **Freezing Bay Ice-creams** as well as the **Ambo Coffee Cart**. The pool will be open for swims and plenty of fun and games to play on the field and turf - check out our new nets and the latest craze of mini tennis.

Working Bee - Playground

This coming **Saturday morning** we are hoping (again weather permitting - but its looking good) to have our playground topped up with bark and to install the remainder of the playground equipment. If you can lend an hour or two, please come along from **10.30am**, wheelbarrows and rakes would also be really useful!

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BREAKFAST CLUB

Thanks to the Moxham, Lewis and Tate whānau for donations towards our breakfast club - it is much appreciated!

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WHĀNAU PICNIC

Tomorrow from 5 - 7pm
Come along and meet up with other school families and staff members

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PHOTO DAYS

11 and 12 March - The wonderful Sarah is happy for you to contact her if you have any queries (see over)



Kōwhai Pod Years 1-3

Discovery sessions Friday morning: Please send along boxes, tubes, decorations - and things that may inspire creativity for our students. Helpers always welcome!

Kylie, Sarah, Claire, Esta



Tōtara Pod Years 4-6

We still require tents and helpers for our overnight camp at school. Please return forms asap.

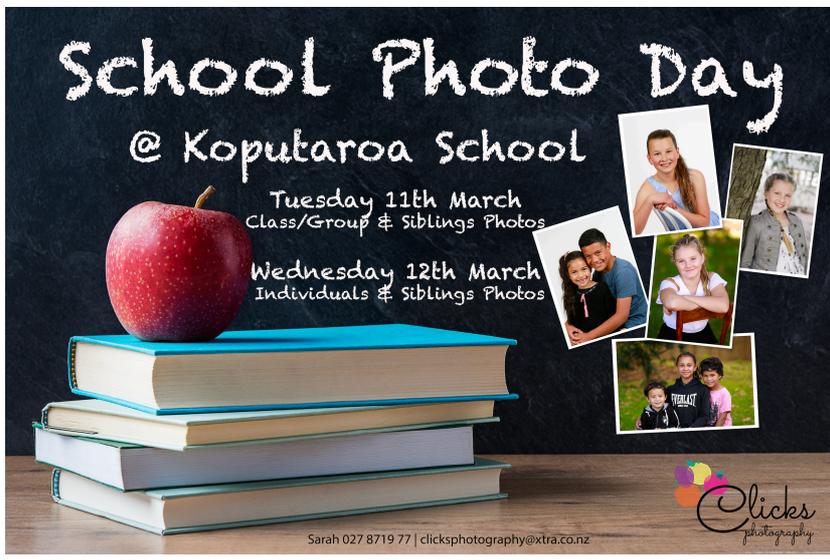
Rebecca, Rachel, Dan & Sharron



Kauri Pod Years 7 & 8

Free period products are available - contact kylie@koputaroa.school.nz for more info

Robbie, Kerry, Janine & Sarah



TERM ONE- UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE		
WEEK 4	Wed 26 Feb Fri 28 Feb	Whānau Picnic from 5pm Deadline for Term 2 Ballot
WEEK 5	3-7 March	
WEEK 6	10-14 Mar 11 Mar 12 Mar 14 Mar	Footsteps - PE Programme School Photos School Photos Ballot for Term 2
WEEK 7	Fri 21 Mar	Kauri Pod Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 8	Thur 27 Mar Fri 28 Mar	Tōtara Pod Sleepover Kōwhai Pod Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 9	All Week Fri 4 April	Life Education Trust on Site Tōtara Pod Assembly - 1.45pm
WEEK 10	Fri 11 April	Awards Assembly 1.30pm End of Term 1 - 2.30pm

Maths Extension

Following the 're'-retirement of the wonderful Mr West, we are still exploring opportunities to provide extension maths classes. We hope to have a programme up and running as soon as possible...Stay tuned.

Student Leadership Group

This week we will be announcing our new student leadership group. These senior (Kauri Pod) students will be trained in Peer Mediation and be involved in welcoming guests to our school, supporting our junior students and leading our Whānau Kura groups.

Please note the school calendar is updated with events each week (Website and Skool loop app). Some information that is relevant only to particular groups or pods will come through the Skool Loop App, Facebook or Seesaw. You may also like us on Facebook, or visit our website www.koputaroa.school.nz



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Life Education Trust - Online Safety Webinars FREE

Later this term (Week 9) we will have Harold the Giraffe and Jonny in our school for a week running different programmes for each of our Pods. In the meantime, Life Ed are offering some really great opportunities for parents. Life Ed have partnered with Netsafe and they have a couple of online safety webinars that you might like to attend. We are noticing an enormous increase of online issues impacting on friendships - and this is a great way for you to gain an understanding of how to manage these at home.

The first is titled '**Online Safety for Children under 10' (5th March)**; the second is titled '**Chatting Safely Online' and is aimed at 11-18 year olds (26th March)**. All details on both seminars can be found [HERE](#).

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School Attendance Every Day Counts!

Please note the latest information from the Ministry regarding reasons for student absences and parents/whānau obligations. [Attendance - Ministry of Education](#)

The Ministry is now collecting attendance data daily. Unjustified absences, including time off for birthdays and holidays during term time are being recorded.

Horowhenua After School Music Lessons

We give tuition for guitar, drums, keyboard, ukulele, violin or flute.
Registrations are open now.
More information is available on www.horowhenuamusic.co.nz