



National Park School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 9, Friday 23rd June

Kia ora e te whānau,

News from the Principal:

We are now at the end of Week 9 of Term 2. Hard to believe that in 1 weeks time we will be half way through the year already. I would like to welcome Finn and his Dad Robbie, to National Park School.

Once again it has been a busy term with lots of different opportunities exploring and connecting with "Our Turangawaewae". This term has seen plenty of EOTC activities as the Year 7-8 work towards their William Pike Challenge, Paretaitonga's trip to the Army Museum and Nga Tohu's trip up to Whakapapa village.

There is a saying that it takes a village to raise a child and this is certainly true for National Park School for without the help of our hard working kaiako, amazing whanau, and beautiful community we would not be able to offer these opportunities.

I would like to thank all the whanau who have offered to help transport tamariki on class adventures, and to extra curricular sports in Taumuranui.

A special mention to Stacey, Tara and Aly who have organised and coached our sporting teams. Stacey and Tara for Friday night soccer. Aly for Wednesday night hockey.

Please keep checking emails and Seesaw regularly over the next couple of weeks, as there will be more information coming out about snow program for next term, should this be going ahead.

Strategic Planning Consultation Feedback:

As I mentioned, in my previous newsletter the Board of Trustees are seeking feedback from our whanau about the future priorities of the school. The Ministry of Education has issued new guidelines for school strategic plans. Our new strategic plan will be in place for 2024. This initial strategic plan will be in place for 2 years.

Next week, you will receive some questions, either in hard copy or via email, please fill out this and return it to school so your voice can be heard.

Next term, there will also be an opportunity for a meeting to come along and feedback to the Board of Trustees priorities for the future of National Park School.

Mountain Day

Monday 26th June is Mountain Day, tamariki are encouraged to wear clothing that reflects their mountain colour. We will also be having a whole school shared lunch as part of Matariki so please feel free to send along some shared kai.

Te Whiowhio Class Term 3 and 4:

In Term 3 and 4, we will be opening a new class with for our Year 4-5 tamariki. This will be known as Te Whiowhio. We have been lucky to find Mrs Tania Warner who will be joining National Park School with her whanau from Taranaki. Mrs Warner hopes to pop over and meet the tamariki on Friday 30th June. I am sure you will make her feel welcome. She is very much looking forward to joining the National Park Community and experiencing many of the amazing outdoor opportunities our area has to offer.

Friends of National Park School Annual Second Hand Snow Gear Sale

The annual Friends of National Park School second hand snow gear sale is taking place on Saturday 15th July. This is our big school fundraiser and we need all hands on deck. If you have any 2nd hand gear, please send it along to school.

We need help on the day, help on the days leading up to the sale with sorting gear and setting up. If you have not already got in touch, please get in touch with myself or you can contact Ryan Leong on ryanleongnz@gmail.com.

This is an opportunity to grab yourself or your tamariki some bargains for the upcoming season.



**National Park School Presents
PRE LOVED WINTER SALE**

**ENJOY WINTER WITH US & GRAB
YOURSELF A BARGAIN**

15TH JULY 2023 3PM - 6PM
NATIONAL PARK SCHOOL HALL

Ski & Snowboard Gear for Sale at Low Prices
Clothing for on & off the Mountain
Sausage Sizzle
And More...

Supported by National Park 4 Square & GAS 

Term 3 Snow Sports Program

Over two weeks ago, I sent out some information on our Term 3 snow program and permission. I am still hopeful that this will go ahead in some form, and would like to continue planning for this Term 3 opportunity.

There is still some outstanding permission.

Please click on the **following link**, if you have not given permission, and indicated if your child will be skiing or snowboarding. This will help with planning for Term 3.

A reminder that 6 sessions are part of the school's Physical Education program, and all tamariki are expected to take part.

An optional 4 sessions, are available for whanau who wish for their child to take part in, however there is a cost for this. Though this may be less, depending on the future of the mountain. If you do not sign up your child for the extra curricular sessions, then they will be expected at school as normal.

Tamariki will be issued with a school snow jacket in Term 3.

Tamariki will need the following gear:

- Helmet - will be part of skis and snowboard rental
- Goggles - a limited number of spares. Ideally children should have their own.
- 2 x pairs of gloves/mittens
- Thermal top and leggings
- Neck warmer
- Fleece layer
- Jacket - School to provide
- Snow trousers - some available from school to borrow.
- Boot socks
- Long hair tied back
- Lunch and snack in a bag
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Medication if needed
- Spare plastic bag

The 2nd hand snow gear sale is a great opportunity to purchase gloves, neck warmers and other clothing. A gear check is done before we depart for the maunga.



Whanau Reporting:

At National Park School, we use Seesaw to report to whanau. Next Tuesday, we will be publishing your tamariki's academic snapshot. The purpose of this is to report on which curriculum level your tamariki is working at in Reading, Writing and Maths. Please keep an eye for these. I am happy send a hard a copy home to whanau, if these are requested.

Your child should have a reading, writing and maths comment that has been posted on Seesaw about what they are learning to do, and their next learning step in Reading, Writing and Maths. Next term in Week 2, there will be an opportunity to discuss your tamariki's academic snapshot and set new goals.



Snow Helper and Year 5-8 Camp Meeting

On Thursday 29th June at 5:30pm, there will be a meeting for all those parents who have indicated that they are interested in helping out on the snow program next term or for those whanau, who are interested in more information about the snow program in Term 3. At this point, I am still planning for this to go ahead as I am still hopeful we may have some form of a program next term. This will be an opportunity to run through the program, safety and for parent helpers to tentatively sign up for days.

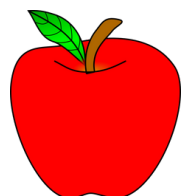
Following, this there will be a Year 5-8 camp information session. If you are interested in being a helper on the Year 5-8 camp to Waitawheta, Waihi.

Ruapehu Library Visit

A reminder that Ruapehu Library are visiting next Wednesday 28th June. Please return ensure your tamariki returns their school books.

Yummy Stickers in School Sport Promotion

A reminder to keep collecting Yummy stickers and tags from the bags. This a great way for us to raise money for sports equipment for our school.



Life Education Van Visit

On Thursday 29th June, the Life Education van will be visiting National Park School. Tamariki in Year 1-8 will get an opportunity to visit the van. The van visits our school biannually.

Sessions and themes are as follows:

Year 1 -2 - Big Emotions - It's okay to have emotions and how to manage them.

Year 3-4 - Big Emotions - Friendships and Emotions.

Year 5-6 - Body Changes and Hygiene

Year 7-8 - Body Changes and Hygiene

A special guest may also make an appearance.



Health Consultation Feedback:

Thank you to those whanau who feedback to the Board of Trustees about our Health and Physical Education curriculum. We have now developed our Health Curriculum Statement and policy. Please click on the [following link to view this](#).

If you would like to give further feedback on this please email: principal@nationalpark.school.nz

Pink Shirt Mufti Day - Friday 19th May:

Pink Shirt Mufti day was held on Friday 19th May. We raised \$55 which will be donated to the mental health foundation.

Cookie Time Orders:

A big thank you to those whanau and community and supported the school by purchasing cookies from Cookie Time. We raise over \$200 for the school. A reminder that these orders will arrive at school from the 24th July.



Term 2 - 2023 Important Dates:

Monday 26th June

- Mountain Day - Wear Mountain Colours

Tuesday 27th June

Nga Tohu trip to Star Dome, Raetihi Marae

Wednesday 28th June

- Ruapehu Library visit
- Principal's morning tea

Thursday 29th June

- Life Education visit

Friday 30th June

- Last Day of School for Term 2

Saturday 15th July

- Friends of the School 2nd hand Snow gear sale

Term 3 - 2023 Important Dates:

Monday 17th July

- Term 3 begins

Tuesday 18th July

- First School Snow Sports day - TBC

Wednesday 19th July

- NZ Ballet Dance Workshops

Monday 24th July

- Week 2 - School Snow Sports - Curricular - TBC

Tuesday 25th July

- Whanau Goal Setting Evening

Monday 31st July

- Week 3 school Snow Sports - Curricular - TBC

Tuesday 1st August

- Whanau Goal Setting Evening

Wednesday 2nd August

- Paretetaitonga - School Assembly

Monday 7th August

- Week 4 School Snow Sports - Curricular - TBC

Thursday 10th August

- BOT Meeting

Friday 11th August

- Taumuranui Interschool Tough Guy Competition

Monday 14th August

- Week 5 School Snow Sports - Curricular - TBC

Monday 21st August

- Week 7 School Snow Sports - Curricular - TBC

Wednesday 23rd August

- Kaiteke, Owango and National Park X-Country

Monday 28th August

Week 6 School Snow Sports - Extra Curricular - TBC

Friday September 1st

Taumuranui Interschool X-Country

Monday 4th September

- Week 7 Snow Sports - Extra curricular - TBC

Monday 11th September

- Week 8 Snow Sports - Extra Curricular - TBC