

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Firstly a sincere thank you and hearty congratulations to the PTA and all the volunteers for another stunning Gala yesterday.

NAG 1 Curriculum

These are our Mathematics results following a recent PAT test. The percentages in brackets are the national norms at each Stanine with Stanine 9 being the highest.

Year 4

Stanine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Percentage	2(4)	0 (19)		52 (54)			37 (19)		9 (4)
Students	2	0	0	6	14	22	15	15	7

Year 5

Stanine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Percentage	1(4)	16 (19)		47 (54)			29 (19)		7 (4)
Students	1	4	10	10	20	11	12	13	6

Year 6

Stanine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Percentage	1(4)	13 (19)		51 (54)			25 (19)		10 (4)
Students	1	4	6	9	18	13	12	8	8

In simple terms, we have fewer students than the national average at the lower end of the performance continuum and more students at the higher end.

NAG 2 Documentation and Self Review

Reports

The end of Year report template has been written and teachers are currently writing reports. These are due to me at the end of Week 5 and will go home to parents at the end of Week 7.

Attendance

Richard Bowers has analysed our attendance data from Term 3. Our absenteeism figures are below national averages (such as they are). Medical absence makes up almost 50% of all absences. 5 and 6 year old medical absences are higher than other age groups. Obligations of families eg tangi/family members in hospital have an impact. These are classified as 'justified'. Despite the fact that we are below national averages, we feel that our non-medical non-attendance rates are too high, and need to be improved.

NAG 3 Personnel

We currently have two teachers on extended sick leave. Thanks to all of those parents and students in those classes who are proving to be very accommodating of the changes. Thanks also to Miriam Collins and Emma White Robinson who have so ably taken over Rooms 23 and 17 respectively.

A reminder that if you would like to have input into your child's placement for 2012 to contact Lynne Oldham years 1, 2, 3 & 4 and Richard Bowers in years 5 & 6.

NAG 4 Finance and Property

Plans are underway to replace the northern boundary fence which runs along the bamboo shelter belt as the existing one is in disrepair. At the same time we are planning to replace the pool fence.

We are also planning a renovation of the PE shed and exploring the possibility of bringing another classroom onto the site, which would complement our Learning Support room. It will depend on Ministry funding whether this eventuates.

NAG 5 Health and Safety

All teaching staff and most support staff have upgraded their first aid certification during the last holidays.

There have been no serious accidents or injuries since the last newsletter

NAG 6 Legislation

There has been one stand-down and no suspensions or exclusions this year.

Term 3 attendance rate was 91.14%. This compares to a National average of 88.6%.

Term Dates 2012

Term	Start date	End date
1	Wednesday 1 February	Thursday 5 April
2	Monday 23 April	Friday 29 June
3	Monday 16 July	Friday 28 September
4	Monday 15 October	Tuesday 18 December

Images of Gala



Lost Property

Please encourage your children to check the lost property outside the Resource Room.



A large amount of clothing has been left behind after Gala Day. This will be donated to St Johns at the end of the year if not claimed.

Community Notices

KERIKERI STRIDERS ATHLETICS

Wednesday evenings 5-6.15pm @ Kerikeri High School Fields. Ages 5 - 13yrs. Commencing Wed 26 October.
Contact Cara Dawson 0210354038
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