



Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Schools are busy and dynamic places - there is always something happening - in the classrooms, in the playground, with the buildings, with the staff, with the computers, with visitors, with sports, music, visits, and on the list goes on. There has been a wide range of activities over the year from environmental education, sports, cultural and academic studies.

In the current political climate where the government is forcing schools to focus on data which has a very real danger of narrowing the teaching focus of the curriculum, it is really important to keep the wider curriculum in balance.

It would be so easy, and quite understandable for schools to focus on those areas that the government requires them to report on because the stakes are becoming increasingly high. We need to think of not only the academic side of the school but also the extra curricular activities, which are just as important if we are to meet the school vision, which is centered around the word and acronym PRIDE.

We want children to develop skills that are often referred to as 21C skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, risk taking, and investigating skills - these can only be developed across all subject areas, not in one or two alone.

I do want to mention one very important achievement for Kamo which has been the achievement of the SilverEnviro school Award and I want to congratulate Mrs Norman, Mrs Thomson and all of the children who are in the Enviro team for the work they have done consistently throughout the year. The silver award was most certainly a challenge - there were many things that had to be ticked off before the Northland Regional Council representatives could make the award. So once again congratulations to the Enviro team.

Kamo has been very well served with parents on the BOT over the years and they have provided amazing support to the school. I would like to make a special mention of our Chairperson Moira Geerkins who has served on the BOT since 2008. Thank you Moira for the sterling service you have given to KPS

I would also like to thank the Home and School Association - I saw, with the work around the Gala that the H&S are still making awesome contributions to the school.

Another group who work tirelessly for the children are the Teacher Aides - their support is fantastic and very much appreciated.

We are also extremely well supported by our Caretaker Mr Gow, who is much more than a Caretaker. I can easily say that KPS is the best kept, best looking and most loved school, thanks to Russell and to the Cleaner Mr Des Palamountain.

We have 3 staff members leaving - Polly Barach, Teacher Aide and Teachers Heather Whelan and Sharyn Ollard and I want to thank them for the awesome job they have done over the 2015 year.

And of course the teachers - I can only say how impressed I have been with their dedication, their commitment and the way they always put the needs of the children first. Many thanks team for everything you have done.

On behalf of the children and the staff I want to thank everyone, parents, caregivers, families & whanau who have contributed to the various school activities and developments over the year. Coming back for these few weeks I have been impressed with the maturity, the willingness to take on many responsibilities such as Road Patrol, PALS, KPS News Crew, Librarians, Wet day monitors, PE monitors, and most importantly role models for the younger children I saw them as they arrived as 5 year olds, and now I feel honoured to wish them the best as they move on to Intermediate.

I can easily say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the few weeks I have been here. It has been fun back in the midst of a very successful school.

All the best for a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Congratulations to the Award Winners for 2015

Hanna Trophy Shauna Power

Kauri Awards

Keisha Parker
Micaela Fourie
Holly Groves
Bradley Vercoe

Gary Sherman Award

Jada Langman

Sports Award

Bree Monaghan

Young Maori Leader Award

Shauna Power

ICT Awards

Journey Lum
Jacob Kennedy

Griffin Awards

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| Rm 1 | Jada Langman | Patrick Stewart |
| Rm 2 | Bree Monaghan | Brendan Marais |
| Rm 4 | Paige Hanley | Joshua Chamberlain |
| Rm 5 | Christina Dickens | Jacob Kennedy |
| Rm 6 | Madeline Popplewell | Huia Gordon |
| Rm 8 | Kaitlyn Bramley | Cooper Duff |
| Rm 9 | Brooklyn Moa | Baylee Gorrie |
| Rm 10 | Hannah McRae | Kobe Ujdur |
| Rm 11 | Kaylie Nicholas | Ryley Wise |
| Rm 12 | Madison Ballantine | Lorenz Bristowe |
| Rm 3 | Ella Hudson | Joel Schoemaker |
| Rm 13 | Alex Jones | Maddock Williamson |
| Rm 14 | Ella Hansen | Wyatt Hitchcock |
| Rm 15 | Niachelle Steenekamp | Ryan Leyland |
| Rm 16 | Addison Elliott | Nico Van Dyk |
| Rm 17 | Azura Bramley | Ben Crump |
| Rm 18 | Stella McConachie | Henderson Parlour |
| Rm 19 | Freya Norman | Seong Kim |
| Rm 20 | Capri Ballantine | Mateio Jones |

Classes and Staff 2016

Principal Sally Wilson

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| 1 | Mrs B Trimmer | Y5/6 |
| 2 | Miss B Lewis | Y5/6 |
| 4 | Mrs W Jones | Y5/6 |
| 5 | Mr N Leathley | Y5/6 |
| 6 | Mrs J Norman | Y5/6 |
| 8 | Miss K Boyt | Y3 |
| 9 | Miss K Gentil | Y3 |
| 10 | Mr T Burke | Y3/4 |
| 11 | Mrs E Soich | Y4 |
| 12 | Mr B Soole | Y4 |
| 20 | Mrs S Bidois | NE |
| 13 | Mrs J Soole | Y0/1 |
| 15 | Mrs A Thomson/ Mrs J Gilbert | Y2 |
| 16 | Miss S Thomson | Y2 |
| 17 | Mr R Brown | Y2 |
| 18 | Mrs J Bowker | Y1 |
| 19 | Mrs P Menown | Y1/2 |
| | Mrs R Garelja | SENCO |
| | Mrs R Hamer | Reading Rec |
| | Mrs R Lowther | Part-time |
| | Mrs T Wright | Part-time |
| | Ms J Beaumont | Part-time |
| | Mrs M Burke | Part-time |
| | Mrs A McRae | Part-time |
| | Mrs S McGregor | Part-time |

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| Mrs Denise Batten | Office |
| Mrs Maureen Darrow | Office |
| Mrs Margaret Heape | Finance |
| Mrs Kathryn Douglas | Librarian |

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| Mrs Julie Jones | Teacher Aide |
| Mrs Maureen Darrow | Teacher Aide |
| Mrs Sharee Chamberlain | Teacher Aide |
| Mrs Terri O'Callaghan | Teacher Aide |
| Mrs Vonney Drake | Teacher Aide |
| Mrs Paula Delemare | Teacher Aide |
| Mrs Johanna Hollis | Teacher Aide |
| Miss Carlyse Vivian | Teacher Aide |
| Mr Russell Gow | Caretaker |
| Mr Ralph Dobbs | |
| Mr Des Palamountain | Cleaner |

Board of Trustees

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ENROLMENT DAY

**For all new entrants/pupils is
Friday 29th January 9.30am - 4.30pm
Please ring for an appointment 4351482**

The children will be bringing home all of their school books. If there are any that are not finished, children are most welcome to bring them back to use next year, if they are in the same syndicate.

Stationery 2016

Please go to www.officemaxmyschools to order your children's stationery, choose Kamo Primary school and then go to the correct class. Or you can go to the Officemax store in town. We will be stocking a limited amount of stationery at school if you cannot do the online ordering. School contribution fees and donations are payable at school or you can deposit the fees into the account below.

ASB : 12 3093 0156736 01

Please put child's name and a reference eg
Donation, Activities Contribution

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Red Cross
at the Kowhai Syndicate Charity Concert .
We raised approx \$170

School Fees for 2016

1 child \$60.00
Family \$90.00

**School Closes 12.00pm Tuesday 15th December
Reopens Tuesday 2nd February 2016**



GOOD LUCK TO OUR
YEAR 6 STUDENTS
MOVING ON TO
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
IN 2016

**'Be the best that you
can be'**

Discovery Time

Yesterday it was Discovery time. I went into Mrs Bowker class for Discovery. I made a Christmas cracker. It was for my sister. Do you know what was in it? In it was a Rugby player, a hair tie, a ring, a lolly, a balloon. After that I went in to Mrs Stevens class. In that class I did a bauble with sparkles on it. I had to take it home to my family to put on the Christmas tree.

Olivia Parker

Twilight Gala

I think I am going to see 100's and 100's of games and stalls at the school gala. Even I might see kids throwing a wet sponges at their teachers. I am going with my Nana and Grandad even my Aunty. This is on Friday the 20th November 2015. If I see some candy floss I will buy it. It is 3 more sleeps.

Declin Edgecombe-Lagrue

The Twilight Gala

At the twilight gala I think there will be a bouncy castle, candy floss and a water slide. It will be fun. It is on Friday and the time is 3.00pm. There will be hotdogs, hot rods and sausage sizzles. Lucky dips where you are blind and you get a prize. You need to take your blind fold off and unwrap the prize. I am definitely going to the gala.

Ruben Rozas-Booth

The Twilight Gala

the twilight gala is on Friday. We have to raise money for our Junior Playground. It will be \$80,000. There are tickets for the rides.

Ethan McLeod

The Twilight Gala

When I am going to the gala, I am going on the slide that leads to the water slide. I think the fire department might be there. I am going to meet Seong at the playground. I am going to go and have a slushy. We have to give the gala people some money because we are raising money for a new playground outside Room 16 and Room 17 on the grass. I am going to go on the bouncy castle. I can't wait until Friday.

Dane Severinsen

Doors

Hearing the doors slam
Walking through the door angry.
Coming through the door.

The Sky

Looking at the mist.
Watching the beautiful sky.

Ahipara

Ahipara beach
Hearing the waves crash to land
Jumping to high seas

Snakes

Vipers killing prey
Seeing the anaconda

Wind

Wind smashing the earth
Making a big tornado
Watching raging wind

Sonny Harris Room 8

Wintertime

Warm cup of tea, slurping
Frost covers the trees
Winter morning, whistling
Sun disappears in the dark
Rain covers the sky
Fire burns destructively
Wintertime.

By Jackson Gotz - Room 1

Yesterday the Minstrel came to school with his lovely wife. They did singing and dancing. The Minstrel said we need to wear a life jacket in the water and put the big and baby fish back in the water.

Hannah Frost Room 3 Year 1

Kids Christmas Raffle
Final day tomorrow.
Raffle will be drawn at
assembly tomorrow at
10.30 am.



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Kauri Syndicate Camp 2015



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