

IRIDGE oaring high

Kia Hokahoka Kahurangi

Dates to Remember...

BOT Meeting Wednesday March 17 at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

Celebration Assemblies Fridays from 8:45am

Feb 26 Whole School March 12 Team Toroa March 26 Team Kāhu Team Kōtuku April 9

Swimming Sports Tuesday Feb 23

Night School Thursday Feb 25

Duathlon Tuesday March 23 **Top Schools** Thursday March 18 Mihi Whakatau Friday March 19 9am

Term 1 Learner Conferences Thursday April 1 Term 3 Learner Conferences Friday August 27

2021 Term Dates Term 1: Feb -April 16 Term 2: May 3-July 9 Term 3: July 26- October 1 Term 4: Oct 18 -Dec 14

EASTER BREAK Good Friday Friday April 2 Easter Monday Monday April 5 Easter Tuesday Tuesday April 6

Queens Birthday Monday June 7

LABOUR DAY Monday October 25

Teacher Only Days Friday May 28 Friday September 3 Friday October 26





Term 1, Week 3 February 19, 2021 - Update #1

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to another great year of learning and growing great kids on the ridge together. We've had a fabulous couple of weeks setting classes up for success, welcoming lots of new learners getting out and about and having a fair bit of fun! Lots on this term so please take note of all the dates to remember.

We're sad to start the year with a farewell but excited that our associate principal, Kris Metcalfe is achieving his goals and has won a position at Te Okuroa Drive School, a brand new primary school in Papamoa, opening next year. Kris takes up his position at the beginning of next term. Kris began his teacher training in 2000 at the Hamilton campus of Waikato University. After a year in the Waikato, Kris realised living inland was not for him, and that he needed to be back by the sea, so he returned to Tauranga to finish the last two years of his degree. In 2003, Kris was fortunate enough to win a position at Pillans Point Primary as a beginning teacher. During his time at Pillans Point, Kris taught across a range of levels from years 2 - 6. After just over seven years, Kris and his wife (Kelly) got itchy feet and decided it was time to head to distant shores. They both won positions at Discovery Bay International School in Hong Kong, so off they went in 2010. They enjoyed busy times in Hong Kong, with an exciting and high paced way of life and plenty of travel thrown into the mix. In 2012, after receiving the exciting news that they were expecting their first child, Kris and Kelly decided it was time to return home to Aotearoa. On their return, Kris had a short stint at Arataki Primary before heading to Selwyn Ridge as a vertical team leader and year 6 teacher in 2013. He remained in this position until 2017, before taking a year's sabbatical to complete his Masters in Educational Leadership. On return to SRP in 2018, Kris started a new role as Associate Principal with particular leadership responsibilities in the senior school, Team Kotuku, curriculum development and mathematics. Kris will be sorely missed around this place but we wish him all the very best and know he will soar high as he achieves his aspirations in a new and exciting context.



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Check out the SRP Website, Facebook Page and Radio Station!



Bits and Pieces

New Boys

We welcome two new faces to our fabulous team of teaching assistants. One of them a bit of an "old boy." Callum Owen was a kid on the ridge from 2007-2012 and then attended Tauranga Intermediate and Tauranga Boys College. A keen squash player, he's been advancing through the ranks at Countdown since he left school but has decided to have a gap year before he pursues his next goal of joining the police force. He's already adding lots of learning value to tamariki in the senior school and getting fitter with endless games of lunchtime touch rugby. Welcome aboard Callum!



Welcome also to Kirwan Te Hiini. A behaviour support worker for the Ministry of Education, KIrwan's worked in many schools across the BOP and says he loves the calm and positive feel at our place. A keen rugby player, Kirwan is a member of the BOP development squad and the Rangiuru premier side. In his spare time he loves to hunt and has recently become proud "dad" to an 8 week old "Maketu" breed puppy which he plans to train as a hunting companion. Great to have you on the team Kirwan.





We would love to see you.

Thursday February 25 5.30pm - 7pm

A Fabulous Fundraiser

The Sharing Shed



The Sharing Shed was created to share what we have with our school whānau

- What is in the shed? - Good quality books, uniform, and fresh produce.
- Donations Donations can be taken to the little room
- connected to room 21
- Parents, please see Hayley Anderson in room 21 if you can spare a few minutes each week to sort items.

Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga

A huge thank you to parent Emily Searle who's organised an innovative and exciting fundraising opportunity for us that reflects our Enviroschools kaupapa beautifully.

"Join Nicola Turner from Mainstream Green, for an evening of inspiration and tips on how to live a life with less stuff, less waste, and less impact.

She will share how, as a family of four, they have simplified their life, freed up time, and significantly reduced their impact on the planet.

A passionate advocate for keeping it real, Nic will show you how living more sustainably is about making simple changes that don't have to take any more time or effort.

The event will cover lots of do-able ideas and practical hacks to help you simplify your life and reduce your impact. You will leave the event inspired and with lots of tools to help you and those around you create change.

Topics covered include: food, beauty and fashion, kids, getting around, inspiring others About Nicola:

Author of the new book "Living Lightly - The busy person's guide to mindful consumption', Nic is on a mission to make sustainability easy, normal, and feel good. A renowned speaker, she helps kickstart and inspire everyday people on their sustainability iournev.

This event is thanks to support from Tauranga City Council, Books A Plenty, and The ReMaker Space.

All ticket sales are a fundraiser for Selwyn Ridge Primary School.

Please note that these events are suitable for adults and children aged 12 plus." Tickets from: events.humanitix.com/living-lightly-tauranga



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