



## 2021 Parent / Whānau Information

Tēnā koutou katoa, Malo e lelei, Welcome

I extend a warm welcome to you all for 2021 and share a range of important information about our college in this newsletter.

A special welcome to our Year 7 students and their families/whānau. We also welcome a number of new students to other Year levels and four new staff. Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child/children. We take this responsibility very seriously and encourage the formation of strong partnerships between home and school. I assure you our staff at Katikati College will be supporting all students to achieve their potential across a range of endeavors so that they can make their MARK in the world.

This year we all need to be COVID ready, although this does not mean we will not be making plans or encouraging our students, staff and community to be living their best life! What it means is we want to encourage you to adjust your mindset and become more *'comfortable, being uncomfortable'*. Our goal is to support our learning community to have as 'normal' a year as possible, to continue to do the things we love and to not let the uncertainty or fear of the unknown prevent us planning for the future. It is important for us all to remember that the future can not be predicted in a way it used to be. So Katikati Community, we encourage you to all work alongside us so we can *'Keep Calm and Carry On'* to support our students/rangatahi to achieve personal success.

This newsletter will inform you of all the opportunities and improvements Katikati College offers your child/children in 2021. We will always be looking for ways to improve our learning environment, the services we provide to our learning community and staying true to our motto, *'ever trying, ever onward, Whaia te matauranga ake tonu atu'*.

Finally, this year we have a number of new teaching and support staff joining us. We are excited to welcome those staff listed below to our team.

### New or Returning Teaching Staff

Teacher	Code	Faculty	Teaching	Location
Stacey Walden	WLD	Maths	Maths	M Block
Sybil Paterson	PAS	Science / Social Science	Innovative Hort Social Studies	Various
Kay James	JAM	Year 7 & 8	Year 7 & 8 Release	Various
Shannon Dean	DEA	Arts	Performing Arts/ English	Drama Room
Liam Kortegast	KOL	Year 7 & 8	Year 7	C1
Tim Hyslop	HYS	Social Science	Social Studies/History	A2

## Our New Support Staff

Name	Position	Other Details	Location
Colette Lemon	Librarian		Library
Kirsten Carson	Attendance / Office / Sick Bay	9am - 1pm (replacing Marg Bansgrove)	Office

## Our 2021 Pastoral Team

Name	Year Level Dean	Office Location	SLT Person
Lindsay Gowans	7	Deans/SLT Area	Simon Finnimore
Linda Hammonds	8		
Stu Pratt	9	Deans/SLT Area	Lou Buckley
Anneke by de Ley	10	Deans /SLT Area	Lou Buckley
Ruth Flanagan	11	Deans /SLT Area	Ian Nicholson
Graeme Vallely	12 (Also School Service Coordinator)	Deans /SLT Area	Ian Nicholson
Sarah Quilty	13	Deans /SLT Area	Ian Nicholson
Poumatua Joe Manukau	Whānau Pumanawa	D Block Office	Carolyn Pentecost
Lisa Corbett (School Counsellor)	All Levels	Upstairs in Admin	Lou Buckley
Sue Bryson (Attendance)	All Levels	Admin/Student Office	Ian Nicholson

\*Please note: Our Pouwhare (House Leader) positions will be confirmed later in the Term

## Vision, Values and Strategic Plan

Our Katikati College vision has been '**An innovative learning community to maximise people potential**'. However following our experiences, learning and the challenges and opportunities that 2020 and the COVID Pandemic have created, we believe it is timely to re-look at our college vision statement. Following our Staff Planning Day, reviewing our data and collaborating over our next steps, we have produced several possible vision statements which we are now presenting to our learning community, including students/rangatahi, parents and whānau to vote on. It is important to us to be all in this together, '*He waka eke noa*' and to build on our positive learning partnerships. Please use this form to vote on our vision please <https://forms.gle/KFoPR1g3qvfL3DUd6>

Our school values are Manaakitanga, Ako, Rangatiratanga, Kotahitanga and we encourage students to '**Make your MARK**'. We have decided to continue into 2021 with our theme of '**Kia Tika**'. This links directly to our college culture and tikanga. The practices, behaviour and values of Katikati College learning community.

## KIA TIKA

“We do the right thing”

The meaning of Kia Tika is, we hold each other to high standards, are trusted by and trusted of others. We do what we say we will do, and show courage to do what’s right rather than what’s easy. We take responsibility and think of others. All our other school Values of MARK (manaakitanga, ako, rangatiratanga, kotahitanga) sit under the concept of Kia Tika.

### Celebrating Success

Our College continues our trend of achieving outstanding NCEA Results. 2020 results are:

- Level 1 91.3% Merit Endorsement 31.3%, Excellence Endorsement 12.2%
- Level 2 88.8% Merit Endorsement 14.7%, Excellence Endorsement 9.5%
- Level 3 66.3% Merit Endorsement 24.6%, Excellence Endorsement 17.5%
- University Entrance 47.7%

In addition our students were successful in gaining **four NZQA Scholarship awards**:

- *Scholarship Health and PE* - Caitlin Thorburn
- *Scholarship English, Statistics and Physics* - Rory Robertson

### Comparison NCEA Achievement Data over the last few years

#### Level 1 NCEA - usually completed in Year 11

	KKC Total %	Total National Average %	KKC Male %	Male National Average %	KKC Female %	Female National Average %	KKC Māori %	Māori National Average %	KKC Pasifika %	Pasifika National Average %
<b>2020</b>	91.3	70.2	89.4	68.0	93.3	72.6	92.6	58.2	80.0	66.2
<b>2019</b>	82.9	70.6	83.1	66.5	82.8	74.9	58.6	57.7	63.6	61.8
<b>2018</b>	74.8	72.4	66.7	68.2	82.4	76.8	43.5	58.4	44.4	62.8

#### Level 2 NCEA - usually completed in Year 12

	KKC Total %	Total National Average %	KKC Male %	Male National Average %	KKC Female %	Female National Average %	KKC Māori %	Māori National Average %	KKC Pasifika %	Pasifika National Average %
<b>2020</b>	88.8	79.1	88.7	76.7	88.9	81.5	81.0	70.5	83.3	75.7
<b>2019</b>	86.5	77.5	84.2	74.7	88.9	80.2	64.7	68.9	66.7	71.3
<b>2018</b>	76.7	77.6	67.8	74.2	86.0	81.0	53.6	68.6	37.5	72.1

## College Calendar Term 1 Key Dates

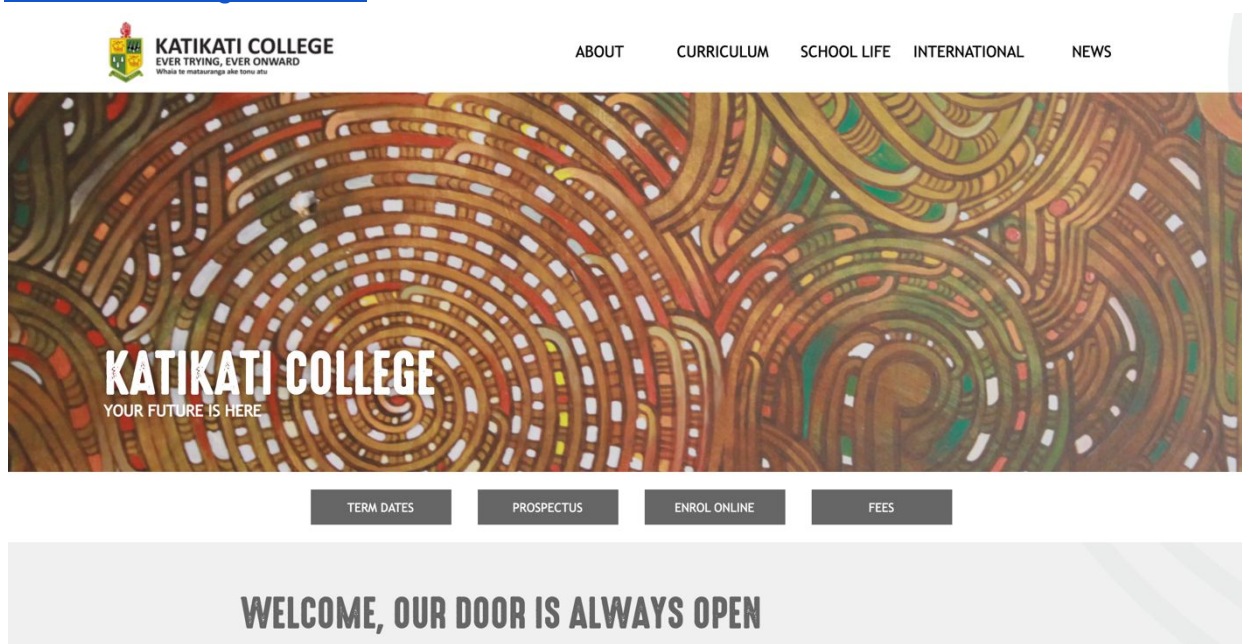
\*Please note that we plan to continue to run the college year as normal as possible. This may mean we need to all be flexible and adapt at short notice as we move between Alert Levels. At the time this newsletter was shared with our Community we were at Alert Level 2 <https://bit.ly/3qilxA8>

- ❑ Monday 15 February - Y7&8 Information Evening 5.30pm **Postponed, new date TBC**
- ❑ Tuesday 16 February - Competitive Swimming Sports **Postponed, new date TBC**
- ❑ Friday 19 February - Fun Swimming Sports Y7-9 Period 1 - Interval. Y10 - 13 Period 3 - 5
- ❑ Tuesday 23 February - Y13 Camp to Thursday
- ❑ Wednesday 3 March - KKC Triathlon
- ❑ *Tuesday 9 March - Athletics Sports*
- ❑ Monday 15 March - Y7&8 Camp Week
- ❑ Monday 22 March - Summer Tournament Week
- ❑ Friday 2 April - Easter Weekend Begins
- ❑ Tuesday 13 April - Y7-13 Parent and Teacher Interviews 2.00pm - 6.20pm
- ❑ Friday 16 April - End of Term 1

## Communicating with our Learning Community

We are delighted to have launched our new website, which has a fresh new look and is easy to navigate. Our Parents and Whanau are now able to find all the information they need at their fingertips -

[www.katikaticollege.school.nz](http://www.katikaticollege.school.nz)



**Please be reminded to check daily either our Facebook page, our Website front page (under 'Current News Update), or the contact email address the college has for you.** These are our main methods of communicating with our learning community. Clear and timely communication between home and school will be essential as we continue to navigate the complex challenges the COVID situation has created. Special thanks to our dedicated Senior Leadership Team and staff at Katikati College, and our Board or Trustees for their solution focused approach and commitment to supporting our college and community with the uncertain times. Wellbeing and connecting with our students and families/whānau is our key priority, along with continuing to support our community and our people '*He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata*'. We will make sure our college values of Manaakitanga (caring), Ako (learning together), Rangatiratanga (learning leadership) and Kotahitanga (unity) are central to all we do.

## **Friends of Katikati College (FKKC)**

Friends of KKC are a committee of staff dedicated to making **Education Accessible for Everyone**. They are a fundraising group that has been set up by the College to help our students and their families meet the increasing financial pressure of education. Our overall goal is to support students reach their full potential by helping to remove money as a barrier where education takes place outside of the classroom (EOTC) - eg: Year group camps; sports and cultural trips; or any other event that takes place outside of the school that has a financial component.

To meet this goal we need the support of our community. We are asking for individuals and/or groups that wish to make a donation to the College to do so through the Friends of Katikati College initiative. All money donated to the Friends of KKC will go directly to our students. If you choose to make a donation it can be in any form and any amount you wish. For example you could donate to an individual or a chosen group. Your donation can be anonymous and unspecified, or it can be public and targeted to a specific activity or event. It is completely up to you.

Donations can be made in two ways - either online directly to our school bank account (see details below) or in person through the schools main office.

### Online donation details

- School bank account: 02-0340-0019461-001
  - Particulars: Friends KKC
  - Code: unspecified or targeted
  - Reference: Individual/group name or blank

Katikati College would like to thank you for your support in helping us to improve the educational outcomes for all of our students.

## **Missing Textbook and School Resources**

Please can we encourage you all to have a good look at home for any college textbooks, library books or equipment that belongs to the college . We issued a large number of these in 2020 to support student learning during lockdown and a number have not been returned.

## **2021 Katikati College Student Expectations**

When students choose to attend Katikati College we expect them to behave in a way that meets our College expectations. If students do not meet expectations or display behaviour that is disrespectful or threatens the safety of themselves or others, there will be consequences. In 2021 we continue to have high expectations for student behaviour, presentation and effort.

Please take time to read and be familiar with the [2021 Katikati College Student Expectations](#). These are also available on the website and on Facebook. We want to make sure everyone is aware of our expectations for 2021. A couple of new changes to be aware of:

- Students can wear one necklace, one ring and earrings in their ears - earrings should be sleepers or studs.
- Roman Sandals can be black or brown - we are moving towards black sandals.
- Shoes and sandals should be flat (no brand signs or symbols). Sandals should have a buckle and do not need to have a back strap.
- Katikati College black caps and beanies are allowed.
- Facial piercings should have a clear, plastic spacer.

If students wish to change any of these expectations they should write a formal request to the Student Leadership Team, and include supporting evidence e.g. signatures from a petition. Student Leaders will make a recommendation and our Student BOT Representative will take the recommendations to the BOT. We will change the expectation or consequence as appropriate.

In 2019 we began a five year journey to become a restorative school with a culture of inclusion and learning. Our staff have been working with Margaret Ross, a behaviour consultant. The goal is to get our students *'to the right place at the right time, doing the right thing'* because they **want to**, not because they **have to**. We are committed to addressing all barriers which might stand in their way.. As a consequence we have seen a significant shift in student behaviour and a more positive, predictable, consistent and safe learning environment.

### Comparison Standdown/Suspension data 2014 - 2020

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	113	81	83	89	81	69	31

### School Uniform

It is great to see a significant number of our students in the new uniform and we hope you are enjoying the convenience of being able to purchase uniforms 'on site'. The shop opening hours for Term 1 are:

- Monday 8:00 - 8:55am
- Tuesday 8:00 - 8:55am
- Wednesday 1:30 - 2:15pm
- Thursday 8:00 - 8:55am

More information about our uniform can be accessed from the Uniform Groups Website <https://ushops.uniformgroup.co.nz/page/kat-information.aspx> . Please refer to [2021 Katikati College Student Expectations](#). for a comprehensive explanation of the College's Uniform requirements and expectations.

When students are not meeting college uniform expectations or have nose rings and jewellery, facial hair etc this will be addressed by Deputy Principal, Louise Buckley [lbuckley@katikaticollege.school.nz](mailto:lbuckley@katikaticollege.school.nz) or the student's Dean. Refer to our website for your child's Dean's email address.

### School Service

School Service is a consequence for student choices that do not meet our college expectations. Mr Graeme Vallely supports these students after school or at lunchtime, where students will work towards cleaning up and maintaining our College grounds. This is supervised by Deans, Senior Leaders and duty staff.

All students who are stood down for not meeting school expectations will be expected to complete School Service after school. The hours of School Service allocated will reflect the amount of time our staff had to invest in dealing with the student's choice of behaviour. This decision will be included as part of the restorative conversation.

## **Learning Queries**

We strongly encourage our whānau, parents and caregivers to work in partnership with our College to support the learning of our students.

To further support parents/whānau to have Learning Queries conversations the flow chart (<https://goo.gl/K3mvWR>) to show where Learning Queries should be happening and who you should be talking to should help.

In addition, an information sheet about who to go to when parents/whānau have questions about their child's learning has been produced and shared. Information for all our parents wanting to make learning queries is available using this link <https://goo.gl/fMvD9L>, for our whānau / parents with students in our Whānau Pūmanawa class more information is available using this link <https://goo.gl/o8HGEj>, and our AIGA and Pasifika students should use this link <https://goo.gl/hKTKLY>.

## **Formal Complaints**

Katikati College leadership and the Board of Trustees are committed to ensuring that all complaints are dealt with promptly, openly and without prejudice, so that the issue can be addressed effectively and in accordance with the principles of natural justice. If you wish to make a formal complaint please refer to the Katikati College [Concerns and Complaints Policy](#) and Procedures. Following this please complete the [Formal Complaints Form](#) and send to [principal@katikaticollege.school.nz](mailto:principal@katikaticollege.school.nz) or drop a hard copy into the School Office.

## **Itinerant Music Lessons for 2021**

Katikati College offers students the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments with our itinerant music programme. We have a number of specialist teachers come into the school weekly to teach and there is a hireage programme in place for students. We have a concert band up and running and are looking at ways we can get more small groups performing. This is a wonderful opportunity for our learners to extend themselves and gives them the opportunity to be involved in our Performing Arts Programme.

Lessons are available for piano, brass, woodwind, string and rhythm instruments. Music lesson forms are available at the office and any queries please don't hesitate to contact our music teacher Ms Sonia Bullo at [sbullo@katikaticollege.school.nz](mailto:sbullo@katikaticollege.school.nz)

Please note there is a waiting list currently for guitar, bass and drums due to high demand.

## **Breakfast Club**

Once again we are operating our Breakfast Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. This is run by our team of fabulous volunteers and they are serving cereal, toast and milo at the Food Tech room on Tuesday mornings from 7:45 - 8:30am and on Thursday mornings from 7:45 - 9am. **Thank you to Apata Group Ltd for continuing to support this initiative by providing sponsorship per year.**

## **Community Suggestions**

There is a '[Community Suggestion Box](#)' available on our Website for our school community to have their say and communicate their ideas and feedback to the college. These comments will be addressed each month through the Principal's Comment of each Newsletter.

I wish you all the best for 2021, may it be filled with lots of laughter, adventure and learning!

**Carolyn Pentecost**  
**TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL**