

KAI IWI SCHOOL

NEWSFLASH!

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Week 6, Term 1

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Hi Everyone Tena Koutou Katoa

Curriculum

Teachers are currently busy with PAT testing which covers Reading Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics.

This year teachers will be placing the children's answers online to be marked, analysed and sent back to us, this happens almost simultaneously.

With the results comes information for the teachers as to each child's next learning steps. New Zealand teachers use a variety of tests to determine what level students are at, what progress they are making, and where they may need extra help. Progressive Achievement Tests, commonly known as PATs, are one of the main sets of tests schools use.

PATs are multiple-choice tests designed to help teachers determine achievement levels of students in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary, and Listening Comprehension. The test results help teachers decide what kinds of teaching materials are needed and which methods or programmes are most suitable for their students. PATs are also important because they identify the progress a student is making from year to year.

Reading comprehension assesses how well Year 4 to 10 students understand the text they are reading. Each test is organised around several extended pieces of writing which include stories, poems, reports and explanations.

Reading Vocabulary assesses Year 4 to 10 students' ability to understand the words they read. Each question is based around a key word that is embedded in a short sentence. Students are asked to choose a synonym that best represents the meaning of this word from a list of five possible alternatives.

Mathematics covers number knowledge, number strategies, algebra, geometry and measurement, and statistics. PAT: Mathematics is for Years 4 to 10, but there is an additional, slightly easier test aimed at Year 4 which some schools choose to use in Year 3.

Teacher/Student/Parent Evenings 21-22 March

Don't forget to send your preferred times in for the goal setting evenings, where you get to discuss your child's goals, your goals for your child and the teacher's expectations for your child/children.

If we can't book you in for the time you requested, don't worry we can make another time with you so we will keep you informed.

Uniforms

Please check if your child/children have their polar fleeces or jackets at home as we have at least a dozen pieces of unclaimed uniform in our lost property.

All these are unnamed but obviously belong to someone, they are not new ones.

Sausage Sizzle

Thanks to everyone who has been supporting our sausage sizzle to help raise funds to send Joshua to the Oceania Speed Skating Championships in Australia.

Joshua and his family would like to thank you all very much.

This Friday is the last sausage sizzle.

Fundraiser/ Pies

Thanks to those people who have sold pies to help raise money for the school.

All pie orders need to be in by tomorrow please.

Super Six Sport

Tomorrow we are sending some students to The Splash Centre for the Super Six Swimming Sports.

It starts at 11am but we need to be there no later than 10:45, it should finish around 1pm.

Thanks to the parents who are able to provide transport we will be leaving 10:20 sharp.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Ross Harvey Principal

REMINDER

PLEASE RETURN BY TOMORROW :



- Pie & Hot X Bun Order
- Uniform Order
- Interview form

JOUNIOR GOLF OPEN FUN DAY

Castlecliff Golf Club Sunday 24th March: 11am - 1pm Everyone welcome! For further information contact Chris Fong: email futureswhanganui@gmail.com phone 027 480 3412

Free entry



Principal's Award Wk 5: L to R - Bailey, Charlie, Megan & Jon.
Students of Week Wk 5: L to R - Emma, Te Rongopai, Jessica & Savarna.