

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 5 Term 2 - 31st May 2018

A Thought

Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners. **Laurence Sterne**

Hi Everyone,

Well, winter is finally upon us and already I'm sick of the rain, so it was nice to have a fine day today for the kids to play outside. Long may it last!!

This term our topic is Kiwiana / Kai Iwi ana in which students are learning about what makes us unique as individuals, and as New Zealanders. We are exploring what is meant by a Kiwi icon, and then researching about some of the objects, people, landmarks, food, animals, etc. that are identified as being of New Zealand. For our writing focus, students are learning to do creative retellings of Maori myths and legends, which they are really enjoying, and the work I have seen so far is excellent. At the end of the term we will have a special celebration of learning so students can share their amazing work.

Currently, the Seniors are training for Super 6 Netball, with Renee Henry very generously giving up her time to coach them each week. This competition will be held on Thursday 14 June at Laird Park. Ross has also started the kids on their Soccer training for the Super 6 competition.

Next week on Wednesday and Thursday, we will be holding three-way interviews in which students will share their goal setting with parents, explain how their PRIME Maths programme works, and read some of their writing, if time allows. Don't forget to send your booking slip back if you would like an interview.

This term we are trialling having our fortnightly assemblies on Friday mornings at 9.05am. Each assembly a different class will share some work they have done, with the Room 1 class sharing every week. Thankyou to the parents who have come along so far; the kids love to see you there.

The staff have been involved in a variety of Profes-

sional Development courses recently, so they can keep up-to-date with innovative ideas and thinking, cultural awareness in our learning programmes, and up-skill in ICT, etc. Some of the courses undertaken by staff have included: First Aid revalidation, ICT training with Lisa Hulme; Te Kooiwi Roa – Nga Rau-ru Kii Tahī, Smart Moves training, a National Library course, and Ross has attended a Rural and Teaching Principals' conference.

Rooms 1 and 2 sold a mountain of feijoas to raise money for their classroom wish lists. This was very successful so thankyou to everyone who made purchases.

Healthy school lunches have made a come-back this term with each class responsible for this on a fortnightly basis. This enables classes to buy some extra items for their rooms or programmes. Look out Room 4 – we're on in week 10. Many thanks to the Mums who have provided the food for the lunches so far – it was yummy!!

Many thanks also to everyone who bought/sold firewood raffle tickets. This was a very successful fundraiser for senior camp, and a huge thankyou to the McDougal and Thomas families for their generous donations of firewood. The winners will be notified within the next few days.

This week, the senior room said goodbye to Jazmyn whose family have moved out of the area to a dairy farm nearer to New Plymouth. Many thanks to the Room 4 families who enabled us to have a delicious shared lunch on Jazmyn's last day. Now that the weather has fared up a bit, some

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



I really like my friends and how kind my teacher, Mrs Wakeling, is.
Oliver Jenkins (Rm 4)

small handy men were seen in the construction zone, putting their carpentry tools to the test, and they are loving it!

That's about it from me folks, so enjoy the coming weekend – I hope it's fine!

Cheers,

Trish Wakeling

Jazmyn and her 'J'



Jazmyn's Farewell Lunch ↓

↑ Kai Iwi Construction Co.



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Thank you - I would like to take the time to mention these members of the community who have contributed to our school through the Fuel for Schools programme (Northfuels).

Murray Reid Marahau

McDougal Earthmoving Ltd

J W De Rose Kai Iwi Honey Limited

Lockie Farms Ltd AJ & VK Coburn Partnership

S & V & J Ford

Iain Lourie

We are very close to receiving a large amount of sporting gear.

School uniform - Remember plain black shorts or black longs are to be worn with our uniform. If you don't have the correct uniform we have some second hand and new uniform available at the office.

Fundraising - Unfortunately, because schools don't receive adequate funding from the Government, fundraising is always an important part of everyday life at schools around New Zealand.

This weekend - On Monday (Queens Birthday) we have the chance to raise money by serving in the kitchen or bar at the school hall for the local pig hunt.

We are still looking for any mums or dads that can help out. We have enough helpers up until 1pm but from 1pm onwards, if you can spare some time, please let the office or myself know. It would be much appreciated.

Quiz night - This is on the 22nd of June so get in quick to support our school and secure a table. It should be a fun night and a chance for you to gather some friends together and warm up your brain. If you would like to come, but don't have the numbers, let the office know and we will find a team for you. We still need donations for our auction or raffles on the night please.

Parent/Teacher Evenings - Next Wednesday and Thursday we are having set times for parents to come to school in the evening with their child and see and listen to their child's goals for the year. It is very important for the children to be able to share their goals and a great chance for parents to show their interest in their child's learning. If you haven't filled out your preferred time please do so and send it back to the office by first thing tomorrow. Appointment times will be sent home tomorrow.

Ross Harvey, **PRINCIPAL**

STAR ROOM WRITING

We are exploring our stories from Aotearoa. We have listened to the same stories retold by different people in books and in pop-up big books. We have retold the stories in our own words out loud. We have acted the stories out and we have written them in our own words. Here are some of our awesome STAR Room retells...

PEKETUA'S EGG

Retold by Billy Jean Mackenzie

Peketua found some smooth clay so he rubbed it into a gorgeous egg and then he said "See! I have made it into a little egg". His brothers laughed "Nothing will come out of that egg". Tāne, the God of the Forest, said "I'll breathe on Peketua's egg and it will be alive". And then it cracked open and there was a red tongue and then...out came a tuatara. And that was how the first tuatara came to Aotearoa!

PEKETUA'S EGG

Retold by Felicity Terrey

Peketua found some clay. He shaped it like a sleek egg shape. His brothers said "That is not an egg. Don't be silly. Nothing will come out of that egg!". Tane said "See...with my magical breath!" Tāne breathed on the egg and it started to crack loudly and a tuatara came out and that's how the tuatara came to Aotearoa.

PEKETUA'S EGG

Retold by Vinnie Atkinson

Peketua found some clay. He thought I'm going to mush it up into an oval shaped egg. Peketua said "Āe I made an egg with clay". The people laughed. "Nothing will come out of that egg!". Peketua cried "I am sad". Someone came out of the forest. It was the God of the Forest - Tāne. He said "I will make the egg come alive". And that is how the first tuatara came to Aotearoa.

HOW MĀUI SLOWED THE SUN

Retold by Lucy Drake

Once Māui said to his big brothers "Come on slow coaches, let's go and catch some fish" But Te Rā raced across the sky because he wanted to get to his pit and have a sleep. Māui said "I've got a plan. We have to get some flax and weave it into the strongest ropes or a net. Let's also make a wall so Te Rā doesn't see us". They threw the ropes at Te Rā and they went up like a snake moving through the sky. They caught Te Rā and he struggled. Then Te Rā said "I will let you go, if you go across the sky slowly". And the next day Te Rā came up and moved slowly. That's how Te Rā learnt his lesson. The End.

HOW MĀUI SLOWED THE SUN

Retold by Ruby Hughes

Once Māui and his big brothers woke up and they had some kai. "Come on slow coaches, let's go fishing!" Māui said. As soon as they got to the waka, it was pitch black so they had to go back to sleep. In the morning, Māui had a cunning plan "Let's go and teach that Te Rā a lesson! When he races across the sky, we can weave ropes with flax and use them to catch him". They could only travel at night. If Māui and his big brothers travelled in the hot day, Te Rā would be rushing around the sky and he'd see them. So they made a flax net and got ready and they then left the marae. When the spectacular stars and Te Marama came out, they began to build a clay wall. When the sun woke up, they threw the rope net and it snaked through the air! "Aaaaaahhhhhhhhhh! Let me go, it hurts" Te Rā cried. "Only if you promise to go slowly so we can go fishing" said Māui. "Ok, just let me go" whined Te Rā. And that is how Māui slowed Te Rā!

Jimmy and Aidan
discovering the
universe!



GREAT NEWS EVERYONE -

Your Facebook votes for us have paid off !! We have been advised this morning that we are one of eight schools in the

Wanganui region to receive free balls in the TRS Tyre & Wheel Promotion, BALLS FOR SCHOOLS, and they will be delivering 30 free balls to us by the end of June. Woohoo!!

Thank you **TRS Tyre & Wheels Ltd**

HOCKEY

Kai Iwi Black (Yr 7/8) report - On Tuesday the kids played Brunswick in the cold rain. We were clearly a better skilled team as the Brunswick players are new to hockey, which gave our kids a chance to practice on the turf with what little knowledge I had learned about the game on YouTube haha. Their angles and passes were just on point and it was awesome to see great team work from ALL players. Also great to hear them encouraging each other. In the end despite the rain and cold temperature the team were victorious with a 6-1 win over Brunswick. Player of the Day went to Seth Wall who slipped over a few times trying to attack and defend the ball but resulted in Seth scoring his very first goal. Well done Seth, the smile on your face after that goal was priceless 😊.

Renee Henry, Manager

Your draw next Tuesday (4th June) :-

3.45pm vs Fordell Blue Sticks Gonville H1

NETBALL

Yr 7/8 Netball - Another win for our Combined team (Westmere, Kai Iwi, Waitotara) last Saturday against WIS. The score was 16 - 2. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the game so only have the final score to report on.

No netball this Saturday due to it being Queen's Birthday weekend.

Louise Hartell

FOKIS FUNDRAISING - PIG HUNT

The Kai Iwi Pig Hunt is on this **MONDAY**. Helpers required to help with food and the bar please! Phone Louise on her **NEW CELL-PHONE NO.:** 027 525 6069. Thank you. Many thanks in advance to those who have already been in touch.

FOKIS QUIZ NIGHT



Gather a group of 6-8 friends/whanau for a fun night out. \$15/head. Teams need to be in by Friday, 1st June please.

As this Newsletter won't reach our **Community** until early next week, if interested, please ring the school office ASAP.

Donations for our auction would be much appreciated.

Please advise Debra (Rm 1), Louise Hartell (027 525 6069), or the school office when you get a team together so we can reserve you a table.



FOKIS SUGGESTION BOX

This is on the counter in the Office foyer.

If you have any suggestions for things you want to see at our school (resources/events/etc) please jot a note on the paper above the box and then put it in the box. Thank you.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD - Week 4

Charlie McCracken, Jazmyn Hoyte, and Billy Jean Mackenzie.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - Week 4

L to R: Jade King (Rm 1), Vinnie Atkinson (STAR Rm), Angus Jenkins (Rm 3), Mitchell Thomas (Rm 2) and Oscar Deighton (Rm 4)

