

# KAI IWI SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter



*Week 4 Term 3 - 17th August 2017*

### A Thought

The human capacity for burden is like bamboo - far more flexible than you'd ever believe at first glance.

Jodi Picoult

Hi Everyone,

We are now four weeks into another action-packed term at school, with our integrated technology topic focusing on 'How Things

Work', which introduces children to the world of inventors and their inventions. We launched this topic by giving school House teams the challenge of creating the best flying machine using straws, paper and tape. After a half hour of inventiveness, children got to compete in the hall to see who had built the machine that flew the greatest distance. There were many dismal fails, lots of laughs, and a final winner whose machine flew the full length of the hall, out the door and most of the way along the walkway!! That awesome machine was built by Oscar Deighton. Well done!

Since then students have been busy with all sorts of technology challenges that have tested their thinking and problem solving skills, not to mention their ability to work as a team. This term the seniors are attending weekly technology classes at Gonville school where they are learning culinary skills and creating wondrous things with a range of hard materials. They are also busy trying to design their own returning boomerangs, so I am looking forward to seeing how they progress with them.

Early in the term the seniors worked with Horizons to plant natives along the Mowhanau stream on the McDougal's property. This planting will help to filter run-off to the stream and improve the quality of the water. Everyone was very impressed with the kids' efforts as they worked like machines, and with the help of a few adults managed to complete 800 plantings in two hours!! I was so proud of them!! Later in the newsletter there is a poem that captures the event very cleverly, and was written by a few of

our seniors. Many thanks to Mark Corcoran and Anna Jones for helping out so readily.

We were very privileged to have Kayla Whitelock, a four time Olympian visit our school last week to talk about her experiences as captain of the NZ Black Sticks team, and her journey to get there. Kayla is a brilliant ambassador for sport and had students captivated as she talked about her sporting background and challenges, and gave a slide show of her Olympic experiences. A thoroughly worthwhile visit!

Our school has a number of upcoming sporting events, the first of which is the Senior Super 6 Racquet Sports competition today. If we are fortunate enough to have fine weather, the tennis competition will go ahead, otherwise it will be left to our badminton team to battle it out for the win. Our West Country team is currently in first place, but St Anne's (in 2nd place), is determined to knock us off our perch. Best of luck to our competitors!

Our School's annual Cross Country competition is only a week away, followed by the Cluster schools' competition at Westmere. The weather has not been conducive to consistent training so it will be a tough competition this year. There will be further competitions at Aranui and Collegiate for those who do well at Westmere.

Senior students received their camp booklets this week and were very excited to get their hands on them. For those who don't know, our camp this year is at Vertical Horizons in Inglewood, and is an outdoors adventure type camp. We have been busy fundraising for this over the year, and recently held a

Proud to be a  
Kai Iwi Kid



I like my teacher Mrs Baker and playing on the trampolines.

*Caleb Valentine (Rm 1)*

Book Fair, which despite drawing less visitors than we would have liked, still netted us a healthy sum towards camp. I would like to acknowledge our grateful thanks to everyone in the school and community who donated books and other items, and the parents and senior students who helped with organisation, helped run the Book Fair, provided buns and muffins, and those absolutely delicious hot soups. But, I must acknowledge Heather Osborn individually in recognition of all the hours and effort she put into organising and running the Book Fair. Anyone who attended would have been delighted with the welcoming café style atmosphere, the delicious home made soups, and the fabulous books at bargain

prices. You really did an amazing job, Heather, so thank you very much.

This year we received two very unexpected, incredibly generous donations for our senior camp from John Medlicott and an anonymous donor. We were totally blown away by your generosity and support of our senior camp and we are very grateful to you both. Thank you!!

Well, that's about it from me for this edition of our community newsletter. Don't forget we have assembly this week so come along and join us if you can.

Cheers,

Trish Wakeling



*Kayla Whitelock with some of our students.*



*Luka & Mason proudly showing off Kayla's Olympic medals.*



## ***PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT***

Tena Koutou Katoa, Hello everyone

Well it has been an extremely busy week for me and therefore I haven't had time to write much for this Newsletter but am sure Trish has filled you in on what's been happening at our school. I am away again today, firstly at a West Country Cluster meeting and then I'm taking the Seniors for the Super 6 Racquet Sports in town. Good luck Kai Iwi kids!

We currently have 106 students attending our school with several more New Entrants due in before the end of the year, so we have easily met our numbers

to retain our 5th teacher which is great news.

An order form went out at the beginning of this week for a **FOKIS Pie Fundraiser**. We are hoping the students will be out getting orders from family, friends and Community. The profits from this are tagged for new classroom resources.

Have an enjoyable safe weekend.

Ross Harvey, **PRINCIPAL**



## Room 4's experience of tree planting at the McDougal's farm.

Finally the bus is here,  
Carrying 31 kids in farming gear.  
Mrs Carson proudly declares  
"The bus won't get stuck!"  
A few minutes later she's lost her luck,  
The wheels are now submerged in the ground,  
HAZA!! A solution is found.  
After a lot of fuss,  
The paddock is now rid of the bus.  
We head off on a lengthy walk,  
To hear our demonstrator talk.  
The instructions are now fully shown,  
As she digs and disturbs the worm's humble home.  
We all speed off at an excited pace,  
Sunscreen smothered all over our face.  
One hole, two hole, three hole, four,  
We just keep planting more and more.  
"When will this ever end?  
How much time will we spend?"  
To be honest it is quite fun,  
At least we don't have to do the cross country run.  
Our exciting adventures continue,  
As mud monsters block Mrs Wakeling's view.  
Dirt tumbles down the hill,  
Along with Lexie against her will.  
The trees are silent yet they speak,  
As Jazmyn plummets into the creek,  
Oscar swings from a vine,  
Lands head first "He'll be fine."  
With little help the task is done,  
Shovels in hand they weigh a tonne!  
The planting of 800 trees is complete,  
We all head back for something to eat.  
Sweet treats are given to us,  
As we trudge back to the bus.  
Finally we're on the road,  
Resilience is definitely what we showed.  
"I'm very proud of my Room 4 crew!"  
Mrs Wakeling said with a big grin too.



**Jazmyn got amongst the mud !**



**Room 4 girls working away.**

*By Zoë van der Wees, Isabelle McKenzie  
and Emma Ogilwy. Yr8*



**Two of our lovely Mums, Anna and Helen, serving soup & buns at the Book Sale.**

### PARENT SURVEY

Parents, please find included with this Newsletter a Survey we would like you to complete. It is about how well you think our school supports students to feel they belong at school and can learn. It does not need to be signed so is completely anonymous if you wish.

***Please return by next Friday, 25th August***



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

These are to be taken on Thursday, 7th September, starting at 1.30pm. Full school uniform to be worn. Sports teams should bring along their sports uniform and footwear that they wear for games. It would be great if we could get our sports coaches & managers in the photos too, and to have a Board of Trustees one taken. We are still waiting on order forms to arrive but as soon as they do we shall send them home. Please get your orders back ASAP.



### SPORTS DRAWS

#### Netball:-

9.45am Kai Iwi B vs St Anne's Court 10  
10.30am Kai Iwi A vs St Anne's Court 3

Last week there was an error with Player of the Day - in fact it was Zoë (sorry, Zoë). Last Saturday we had an amazing game against WIS 8B - we were down by 5 at the last quarter and came back to draw. Well done girls. Mia had an outstanding game and was Player of the Day. Good one Mia!

#### Hockey:-

Unsure whether you have a game next Wednesday team. If you do it will be the last for the season.



## 2017 Palmerston North Brick Show

### Barber Hall

Waldergrave Street  
Palmerston North

Sat 16th September  
9am - 5pm

Sun 17th September  
9am - 4pm

Over 7000 people visited last year's show, and this year will be even bigger! We will have over 40 exhibitors from all-around New Zealand showing a variety of LEGO displays, from sets new and old to amazing custom creations. Fun for young and old, there will even be a huge pile of LEGO bricks for everyone to play with.

The show will be raising money for Just Zilch, Palmerston North's food recovery store. This show is run by the Palmerston North branch of the Wellington LEGO users group and is proudly sponsored by Toyworld.

**\$2**  
Entry  
(cash only)

### ELECTION DAY WORK

Election day is fast approaching – just over 6 wks to go! We are now in full swing with our recruitment processes and hope to have all positions filled by the end of August.

If parents or wider district community would like to work at Kai Iwi School on Election day could you please apply as soon as possible. The easiest option is to apply online at [elections.org.nz](http://elections.org.nz). or to follow the link below.

If paper applications are required please contact us here at Headquarters and we will post you some out.

Kind Regards,

**Lynne Morris** | Returning Officer - Whanganui  
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### WORK WANTED

Waterblasting  
Interior/Exterior Painting  
Gardening  
Cleaning  
Decluttering/organising

Window Cleaning  
Child Minding  
Document typing  
Farm Work  
Cleaning gutters

**\$20 per hour**

**Contact Melanie Scott (nee Brown):  
027 734 5547**

References available.  
Bushy Park Rd resident.  
**Also my husband Zane  
Scott is available to do  
hoof trimming, fix horse  
issues etc Ph 027 458 5677**



### HOUSE WANTED TO BUY



4 bedroom house on lifestyle block. Sunny and warm, with plenty of sheds and garaging. Genuine cash buyers. We have sold and are just waiting to find the right place. Kai Iwi, Maxwell, Brunswick areas. Please phone Heather on 3429777 or 027 5440688.

### FOR SALE



Giant Water Snail babies (approx 4 months old). These are a cross between Giant Golden Apple Snails and the smaller Black Apple snails.

Super easy pet for kids and entertaining - can be handfed. Just need to be in a fish tank with a lid and fed miniscule amount of fresh veggies. Suitable to live with goldfish. \$2.00 each. Please phone Heather on 3429777 or 027 5440688.