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Week 1, Term 1

5th February 2020

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Koutou, Hi Everyone

Welcome back everyone to Kai iwi School for 2020. I hope you all had a great holiday and are now ready to set personal and academic goals for the year.

Pool - With the hot weather predicted for February and into March we are so lucky to have our wonderful pool available for the children to be able to swim in, so remember to bring your togs.

Families with pool keys can keep these until the pool closes when the weather finally cools down later in the term. It was pleasing to see so many people from our community enjoying the pool over the holiday period.

Curriculum - We have five classes again this year and although the roll has dropped due to 19 Year eight students leaving for secondary school, we are hopeful that it will increase during the year, which has been the trend in past.

With only one classroom having more than 20 students' teachers should be able to spend more time with each student and have smaller learning groups.

Technology for Year 7-8 students starts next Monday at Whanganui Girls College. The Year 7 students will be starting with Food tech and Science and the Year 8's with Computer coding and Hard materials.

Our annual targets for this year are Mathematics and Writing and we have been lucky enough to have been accepted in to the ALL programme (accelerated learning in literacy) which is funded by the Ministry of Education.

ALL is designed to support schools to inquire into their teaching practices and innovate to accelerate

the progress of students not meeting expectations in reading/writing.

ALL uses the expertise within the school to undertake a short-term intervention to accelerate the progress of students not meeting expectations in reading and/or writing. The intervention is in addition to effective classroom teaching so we will carry on with the strategies which were working for our learners and take on the new learnings from the programme.

End of 2019 Results -

Reading - 73 students ABOVE, 17 students AT, 19 students BELOW

Writing – 22 students ABOVE, 44 students AT, 37 BELOW

Mathematics – 26 students ABOVE, 54 students AT, 25 BELOW

The above results clearly showed us that students writing should be one of our annual targets this year and we are targeting 27 students who are starting 2020 below for writing and, as some of these students are only just below the required curriculum level for their year and with the assistance of the ALL programme, we are sure we will see some huge progress this year with their writing.

We are starting 2020 with 21 students below for mathematics and they also will be are targeted students with the goal of progressing as many of these students to reach the appropriate level for their year by the end of 2020.

Mitre10 - Thanks to Mrs Morrison nominating our school when she bought a BBQ for Christmas. We have WON a BBQ for our school. I will be visiting Mitre 10 today with three students to have

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Principal's Comment Cont'd

their photograph taken with the prize so look out for that in the Whanganui Chronicle.

DON'T FORGET <u>SCHOOL IS CLOSED</u> THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY!!

Have a good long weekend everyone. Ross Harvey, **Principal**

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS MUSIC 2020

Out of Hours Music Classes are a national scheme funded by the Ministry of Education. It exists to provide an introduction to a chosen musical instrument for children of primary and intermediate age. Tuition is given in; keyboard, kit drums, violin, acoustic guitar, ukulele, trumpet, trombone, recorder and singing.

The classes take place on Mondays at Keith Street School, Tuesdays at St Anne's School, and Wednesdays at Keith Street School, Thursdays at Tawhero School with 30minute classes between 3:30 and 5:30pm and there are Saturday morning classes between 10:00am till 2:00pm at Wanganui Intermediate.

Registration for these classes will be on, Saturday 15th February at Wanganui Intermediate School Music room 18, 10am to 12 noon. Tuesday 18th of February at St Anne's School Hall 3 to 4pm, Wednesday 19th of February at Keith Street School library, 3 to 4pm and Thursday 20th of February at Tawhero School library 3 to 4 pm.

You will need to complete a registration form and pay a one off fee of \$20 per student or \$25 for two or more children of the same family, in cash, cheque or direct banking.

Classes will start once the ministry have approved the course, 7th March and continue through the school terms, finishing at the end of term 3. You will be notified of the lesson time by email or post in early March.

We accommodate around 300 students which means that you may not get the lesson day or time you choose, though we try very hard to do so. If you need to change lessons then firstly ask the tutor at the lesson assigned to you.

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NOTE: If you would like more info regarding instruments and age levels please request a copy of the flyer from your school office.

PRIZEGIVING TROPHIES

First of all, congratulations to all those students who were awarded trophies at the Prizegiving. You obviously had an amazing year. Well done. Parents, can you now <u>please return</u> those trophies for our Trophy cabinet where they will be on display along with your child's name. Thank you.

SUMMER HOCKEY

If your child(ren) would like to play Summer Hockey please complete the attached slip and return by Monday (10th Feb).

Games begin on Thursday 20th Feb and go for 8 weeks. They will be played at the Gonville Domain. Teams are 6 aside and in Yr 3/4, Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 levels. Cost is \$40/player.

CRICKET

Kiwi cricket or smash cricket is starting next Friday at Victoria Park between 5,30-7 pm.

The cost is \$75 +gst / team (this will be divided by the number of players we get).

Again, please complete the attached form if interested.

TOUCH

We haven't had much information yet about Touch but now know it starts on Tuesday, 18th February. There will be fees involved. Again, please complete the attached form if interested.

PLEASE NOTE: A permission slip will come home with your eldest child today.

UNIFORM

We will be putting in an order at the end of Week 3 (21st February) so please have orders back by then.

If you would like 2nd hand uniform please see a rack in the foyer by Room 1. These are FREE but please remember to NAME them otherwise they could end up back there!

Please see Wendy in the office if you are interested in a 2nd hand hat (\$10) or black shorts, pants and skorts. The 2nd hand ones are free but there are some new ones we had as samples which you can make an offer on.

PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NO LONGER WISH TO GET OUR NEWSLETTERS ON EMAIL.

KAI IWI SCHOOL SPORT TERM 1

My child(ren) wish to play the following:-



SIGNED:





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NAME & YEAR:			
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