

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 10 Term 1 - 5th April 2018

A Thought

To educate a man in mind and not in morals
is to educate a menace to society. Theodore Roosevelt

Hi Everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and the continuation of very mild weather. We have only a week and a half of the term left and then it's school holidays. This term has been an

extremely busy one with sports events, sailing lessons, technology classes, Maxwell Kindergarten visit, and even a trip on the Waimarie.

Recently, Raylene was able to return to work after being laid up following a nasty fall which resulted in a broken ankle. She has not yet fully recovered and will need on-going treatment, but is managing very well with her mobility aid which helps her get around. We are all very glad to see her back, but none more so than her Room 2 students who were very excited to see her!

Despite the fact that our school swimming lessons got off to a late start with the fibre-glassing of the pool taking longer to complete than expected, we have enjoyed using the pool much longer than usual due to the wonderful weather. Our new pool cover has also been a great asset as it helps to keep the pool a few degrees warmer. Many town schools no longer have a pool so we are very fortunate to have this wonderful asset for our school and community.

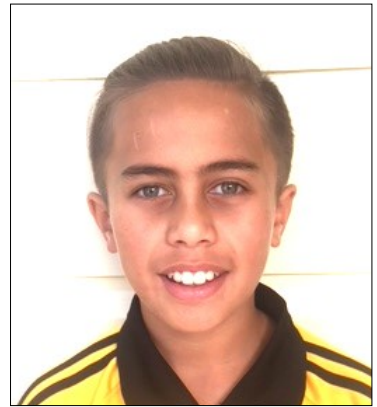
As mentioned in the previous community newsletter we had two swimming competitions coming up. The first was the Super 6 Intermediate Swimming Sports in which our school competed against Westmere, Faith City, St Anne's, St Marcellin and St Mary's schools. Kai Iwi was the only school to field competitors for our West Country team as Waitotara, Ngamatapouri and Brunswick students were unavailable. Our swimmers performed admirably, earning some very good placings and we achieved 4th placing overall, so well done everyone who competed. Our next Super 6 event is softball which will be held on Thurs-

day 12th April. Our seniors have been out practising their pitching and catching skills for the past few weeks in their spare time, and we have had some great games, too. We are just loving our softball!! Our kids know Westmere wants that Super 6 shield back this year, but they are determined to give them and the other schools a run for their money!!

Another swimming event held this term was the West Cluster swimming sports which is a competition between Kai Iwi, Brunswick, Ngamatapouri, Waitotara, Mosston, Faith City and Westmere schools. We achieved top 3 placings in many events and were only just beaten for first place overall by Westmere. Mac Lawrence and Summitt Storr both achieved 2nd placing in the competition for the senior boys' and senior girls' trophies, with Mac only missing out on first place by 0.3seconds. I was very proud of all our swimmers who swam for all they were worth. It is wonderful to see such spirit and enthusiasm for sport. (Placings will be further on in the newsletter). Many thanks to Mr Harvey for running such a great event. The kids enjoyed the free swim at the end, too.

Sailing has been very successful again this year with all students giving it a go, and many showing real confidence, understanding and ability in mastering the skills of sailing. We have one last lesson this week for the more capable sailors from which we will pick our Kai Iwi team for the Intermediate Sailing competition to be held at Pauri Lake on April 7th. Our team will compete against 7 or 8 other schools for the trophy. I would like to acknowledge Sheryl Ryland, Bob Davies and the rest of the team from Sailing

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



I like Kai Iwi School because of
the kind people and teachers.

Tamauiira Hawira-Harrison (Rm 2)

Whanganui and say what a wonderful group of people they are to volunteer their time every week to help our kids learn to sail. We really do appreciate your dedication in providing such an awesome opportunity.

Last week, 15 of our students, Mr Harvey and I were fortunate to be invited, along with other schools, for a trip up the river on the Waimarie. This was generously offered by the Waimarie Trust as a way of teaching our students some of the history of early Whanganui, and the paddle steamer, Waimarie, that plies its waters. We learned many fascinating facts that day and here are just a few: The Waimarie was first built in Britain in 1899 then shipped to New Zealand in 62 packing crates like a giant kitset and rebuilt in Whanganui in 1900 to become part of Alexander Hatrick's fleet of 15 riverboats in 1902. The Waimarie is the only coal-fired paddle steamer in operation in New Zealand. The kids were amazed to learn that back before roads were properly developed, a trip from Wellington to Auckland involved a trip by horse and cart up the coastline from Wellington to Whanganui, then a ride on a paddle steamer from Whanganui to Taumaranui, at which point you could board a train to Auckland! In the museum we learned that when the Opera House floor was replaced, the old boards were used to making flooring and fittings in the rebuild of the Waimarie, which had spent 40 years submerged in the river after an accident. We all came away with a better appreciation for just how

important the paddle steamers were in the development of Whanganui and settlements up the river, and what a delightful way to learn about such a grand boat.

On the same day as Super 6 Softball (Thursday April 12th), students in Years 1-3 will be participating in our West Cluster Tabloid sports at Cooks Gardens. All are welcome to attend to watch our littlies enjoy a fun sports event.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the FOKIS pie order fundraiser, and to the staff and parents involved in organising it. FOKIS is our school fundraising group which provides many of the wonderful assets our children enjoy, and so they depend on the support of our parents and community to help raise funds and make our school a wonderful environment in which our children can thrive. FOKIS looks forward to your continued support and involvement in their up-coming fundraising projects throughout the year.

Next term we have decided to move our assembly time to fortnightly on Friday mornings at 9.05am, and they will be held in the school library. The first assembly will be in week 2 of term 2. Everyone is welcome to attend and hopefully we will be able to hear our students a lot better in a smaller, quieter space.

Well, that's it from me for now, so enjoy the rest of the 😊 term and the holidays to come.
Cheers,



WAIMARIE TRIP





READY, SET, GO !!

Our swimmers line up for their races at the West Country Swimming Sports.



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

As you can see, Trish has done a great job of telling you all about what's been happening recently at our school, so there really isn't anything for me to say!!

Our children have been enjoying their sports and activities, made even better by the wonderful weather we've been experiencing. From all accounts, our Touch teams are enjoying their Tues-

day afternoon games too. After the holidays our Netball teams and Hockey teams will start their games for the winter months.

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and now there's only one more week until the school holidays.

Have a great week everyone,
Ross Harvey, **PRINCIPAL**

ROOM 1 VISITORS

It was a pleasure to have the Maxwell Kindergarten visit Room 1 last week. Hannah, Isobel, Thomas and Cooper along with their teacher, Courtney, all enjoyed joining in with the Room 1 activities, and playing in the playground. We look forward to seeing them at school soon.

Debra Baker

REMINDER - PIE ORDERS

Please remember to pick up your pie orders from school next Thursday (12th). Orders will not be allowed on the buses so please pick them up between 1pm - 4pm. Thank you.

LOST UNIFORM

Jayde Bell has lost her NEW school jacket. It is either a Size 6 or 8 and has her name inside. Parents, please check your children's uniforms and if found return to Jayde (STAR Rm) or the school office or ring

KINDLING FOR SALE

Mitchell is still cutting and selling kindling. Winter's nearly here!! Please place your order with his Mum, Lisa, on 027 3040 725.

KINDLING:-

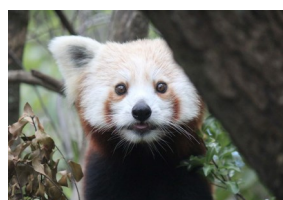
Small bag	\$5	Medium bag	\$10
Large bag	\$20		

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



"Looking for a School Holiday Day Trip Treat? Why not take the children to visit **Mellonsfolly Ranch** on Saturday the 28 April 2018; an authentic old west town in the heart of the Ruatiti Valley. This is a magical place to bring

the family and will create special memories for years to come. Please phone or text Angela on 027 702 3158 to find out more. Spaces are limited so get in quick." www.oldwesttown.co.nz



Tranzit Wanganui Travel Club is heading to the Wellington Zoo these April school holidays! Kids grab mum, dad, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends and join us for a fun day out visiting our cuddly friends down at the zoo. For further information and bookings contact Donna 06 345 7100 option 2 or wagtours@tranzit.co.nz

Wanganui Kids Hunt 2018

April 19th - 22nd 2018

\$5000 worth of Prizes up for grabs

For further information head to

Wilson's Hunting and Outdoors,

Victoria Ave Wanganui

or find us on Facebook

Wilsons Hunting and Outdoors Kids Hunt

Weigh in 22nd April 2018

@ Land Guard Bluff Camp,

Wanganui Athletic Football Club

Junior/Youth 2018

Opening Day - The season will start on Saturday May 5th

Costs: Fun Football Membership

Born on or after 01/01/2011 \$55.00

Mini Football Membership

Born on or after 01/01/2009 \$55.00

Born on or after 01/01/2007 \$55.00

Youth Membership

Born on or after 01/01/2005 \$60.00

For further information contact:

garyjohnston@churton.school.nz 0211443345

Kids Fishing Competition Sunday April 22 1pm-3pm

Free fun afternoon for the kids down at the town wharf behind
Property Brokers COOL AS PRIZES to be won. Prize giving at 3pm

**Bring the kids down to the
TOWN WHARF for a spot of
fishing and fun, age up to 13**

Please all children need to be supervised by a responsible adult

No Alcohol please. Sunscreen will be provided but if raining bring coat

Prizes for Big fish

Spot prizes too

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4 X 4 STAMPEDE

(NZ 4WD National Final)

14th April, Starts at 8.30am

Glencairn Road, Turakina



\$20 Family, \$10 Adult, \$5 Child (under 5 free) Cash only.