

# KAI IWI SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter



*Week 9 Term 4 - 8th December 2016*

### A Thought

Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall. *Larry Wilde*

Hi Everyone,

It is now just over a week until school's out for summer, and Christmas is almost upon us. As you know we have had a very action-

packed and exciting year at Kai Iwi School which is probably why it feels like it's whizzed by.

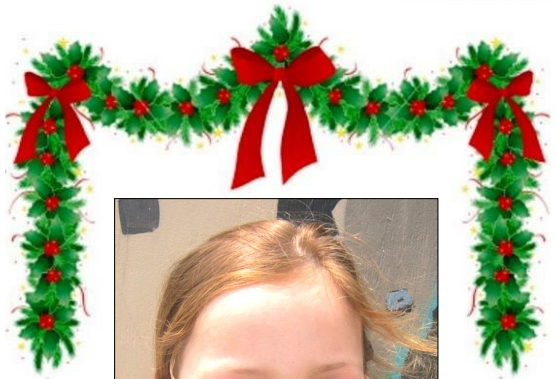
Since week 4 of this term we have had a number of activities and events as part of our learning programmes. In week 6 we had the Life Education van visit to support our learning about our bodies' functions. The lessons were great and we all learnt so much about the brain, and our sensory and other organs. For some it was their last encounter with Harold the giraffe, and while Year 8s don't want to admit it, I think they felt a little bit sad.

You may remember in the last community newsletter I explained about the wonderful team win Nelie, Heath, Isabelle, and Izaac had against other Wanganui schools at the PCT Challenge (Police Physical Competency Test), and how Heath had come second in the individual event. This meant that Heath, along with three others, would travel to Porirua to represent Wanganui at the national competition. The Wanganui team didn't win but Heath had an amazing time with all the fun events, competitions and food that was laid on. Well done, Heath on making it to the nationals!

Our school athletics event was held in week 7 to determine the pentathletes we would send to the West Cluster Athletics competition at Cooks Gardens in week 8. We had a great day and everyone competed valiantly to try and earn their points from placings. It was exciting watching them sprint their hearts out and see the determined expressions on some of their faces as they tried so hard to jump further and

higher. Then it was off to 'Cooks' the following week with a team of 30 competitors who I couldn't have been prouder of. Everyone gave it their best shot throughout the day's events, with the very exciting relays to complete the day. We came a very respectable second in the Senior relay, our teams came first and second in the Intermediate relay, and I think we came home in third place in the Junior relay. We also had some wonderful results from individual competitors: in the 10-11 year boys age group, Cruze Christiansen took out first place overall and second place went to Mason Henry; in the 9 and under age group, Traedyn Christiansen came third overall, as did Zoë van der Wees in the 10-11 girls. Well done to you all!

A couple of days later, around 70 of our students went to Cooks Gardens to join hundreds and hundreds of students from other schools in the Wanganui region to compete in the Mitre 10 Tough Kids challenge. This is quite a gruelling competition physically, but they do their best to disguise it as fun by subjecting kids to running, climbing, slithering, crawling, and sliding often in mud, and / or water, which could be a fireman's hose or a giant water slide. It was fabulous and our students competed with great spirit. Towards the end of the day, this had to be repeated all over again as a team challenge in which each of the four competitors had to hold hands and help each other around the course. Well done, Kai Iwi, on your courageous attitude and wonderful sportsmanship. The last event was the adults race in which schools could enter competitors. This year



Everyone is so friendly and I love my teacher.

***Charlotte Osborn (Rm 3)***



our fearless competitors were Bretton Hoyte, Bridget Kemp, Anna Jones, and Holly Lennox. You did a very impressive job of tackling all those challenges so thank you very much.

Today (Wednesday) the senior class had a surprise visit from Marie and Jean Bernard, a lovely French couple who are on holiday in New Zealand. Jean Bernard is an Apiarist and had made contact with the Valentine family, which is why they were spending time in the Kai Iwi area. Marie is a teacher and was delighted to be able to give our class a French lesson, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Nothing beats listening to that wonderful accent, and what an amazing opportunity for our students.

On Wednesday of next week I will be taking my Year 8 leavers for a treat day out in Palmerston North. Our fun day consists of ten pin bowling, followed by a session at Flip City, and finishing with lunch and a swim at the Lido. It should be great fun!

Congratulations to all students who took part in the AIA Healthy Kids Challenge and maintained the effort right to the end. Room 2 did our school proud and won a Tablet for their consistently high number of steps over the five weeks. Awesome effort!!



Next Thursday evening (6.30pm) is our Prize Giving night in the hall. This is an exciting time as children and parents wait to see who is going to receive trophies, cups and certificates, and it gives us the opportunity to recognise and celebrate effort and achievement. (More about this later in the newsletter).

The year will close with a school picnic and swim at Wanganui East baths, so make sure you pack up a picnic, sunscreen and togs, and join us for a great day out.

Well, I'm almost finished for another year, but I still have something very important to say. On behalf of the staff I would like to sincerely thank all the parents and community members for the support you have given us over the year. This has enabled us to do a lot of things that we rely on parent help for. Please know you are appreciated by the staff, and I know the children love having you involved, too. Thankyou.

Have a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays, wherever you may be.

Cheers,

**Trish Wakeling**



Photos courtesy Tina Chambers.



### **TOUGH KIDS**

**Above:-** Isaac

**Top Right:-** Mum, Anna Jones.

**Right:-** Isabelle, Izaac, Heath & Emma





## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Hi Everyone Tena Koutou Katoa

Well this is our last Community Newsletter for 2016 and I would like to thank Mrs Wakeling for the great job she does collating all the information and writing the Community Newsletter, sharing all the interesting and amazing things we get up to at Kai Iwi School.

We have our **ERO report** and I would like to share a few of the comments they made:-

**How well placed is the school to accelerate the achievement of all children who need it?**

Leaders and teachers;

- Know the children whose learning and achievement need to be accelerated
- Respond effectively to the strengths, needs and interests of each child
- Regularly evaluate how well teaching is working for these children
- Act on what they know works well for each child
- Build teacher capability effectively to achieve equitable outcomes for all children
- Are well placed to achieve and sustain equitable and excellent outcomes for all children.

Don't forget we have our **Prizegiving** next Thursday at 6.30pm in the hall. The following day there will be an outing to the Wanganui East Pool so would be great to have any parents that are able to make it bring along their picnics for a families day out.

There will be a notice to come regarding transport arrangements for this day.

All **town bus fees and school accounts** should be cleared up by the end of the school term unless otherwise arranged with myself. Please find attached school accounts if you are owing anything.

Are there any local parents willing to run the **school pool** over the holidays? You could be trained up on what is needed. If no-one can help with this then the pool will stay closed for the school holidays.

As this is our last Community Newsletter for the year I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Community a Happy and Safe Holiday, and a wonderful Christmas.

Ross Harvey, **PRINCIPAL**

### **TOUCH**

It was finals this week and we had an awesome game against Westmere winning 6-3. Players of the day went to Te Awanui and Oliver, who got his first ever try! We have had a wicked term of Touch and you have all improved so much! So proud of all of you. Well done team.

**Racheal Mackenzie**

**PS** We are still waiting on payment from some of the players - **\$10 each** please. Thanks to those who have paid.



Te Awanui and Oliver  
Our 2016 Touch Team



### THANK YOU

A big thank you to the following people who nominated our school when selling through Wallace Corporation and Affco NZ Ltd:-

Kavanagh & Co, Crowley Farms and Twin Forks. We received \$83 from your sponsorship so thank you so much. Your support is very much appreciated.



### CRICKET - Tomorrow

Kai Iwi 1 vs St Johns Firebirds	7
Kai Iwi 2 vs WIS Girls	7

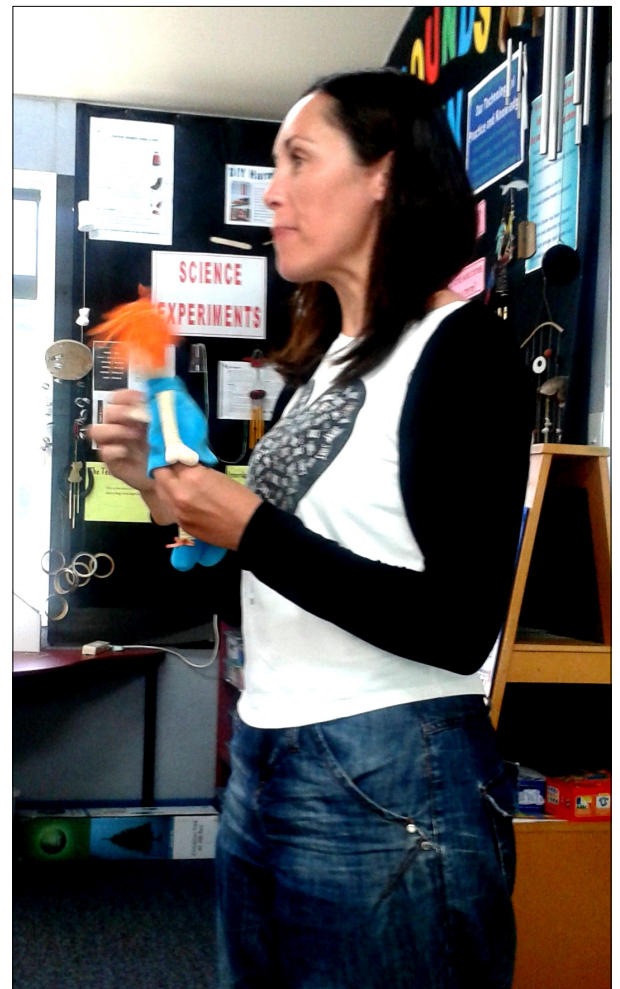
### RAFFLES

Have you bought tickets in the **Ladies and Mens Raffle?**

These are in the school foyer and are only \$2/ticket. Great Christmas gift if you win!!



Room 4 in the Life Education caravan



Marie Bernard giving a French lesson to Room 4 students

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