

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 8 Term 4 - 7th December 2017

The expert in anything was once a beginner.

Hi there everyone,

Wow, we have had so much on these past few weeks, the term has fair romped along. Our safety focus has continued on with students from Rooms 2, 3, 4 and some from STAR completing a People

Saver's course through Red Cross which gave them basic skills in First Aid. Kelly from Kelsview Kennels was next to visit and present her Dog Safe programme. She was ably assisted by her canine companion 'Peaches' who actually spent most of the time snoring! Apart from the entertainment factor, the kids learnt a lot about safe ways to behave around dogs, especially when they are not familiar with them. The following week you may have seen the Life Education van parked up by the hall. Each class had a few lessons with the educator learning about such things as how to relate to each other well and form positive relationships, and 'What effect the food we eat has on our bodies' and 'How we get energy from food'. Mark was very impressed with how well the children got involved in the learning and how well behaved they all were.

Next up we had a visit from Jeff Keown of Keown Honda, who brought out a quad bike to teach students about the safety rules around ATVs. Many of our students were familiar with quad bikes but it was important they heard first-hand the reasons why safety guidelines are in place. Statistics tell a sad story: by October 2017 there had been 14 deaths from quad bike accidents, which was a record high for a single year. Today we will have a visit by Kane Watkins to talk to our students about firearm safety.

In the past few weeks we have had the School and Cluster athletics competitions and the annual 'Tough Kids'. From our school athletics competition the highest scoring 5 girls and 5 boys in each age

group were selected to represent our school at Cooks Gardens, competing against Ngamatapouri, Waitotara, Mosston, Faith City, Brunswick and Westmere Schools. All of our competitors did us proud and we had some real stars on the day: Toby Corcoran was placed 1st and Mason Henry 3rd in the 10-11 Year old boys; Zoë van der Wees was 2nd in the Senior girls; Cruze Christiansen came 1st and Isaac Jordan 2nd in the Senior boys. What a great day for Kai Iwi's athletes! Later in the week, Toby once again took out the honours by gaining 1st place in the Tough Kids competition. That boy's unstoppable!

Yesterday we had a special assembly attended by Tania King, the Principal of Whanganui Girls' College, who presented Alyse Harris with one of only two Academic Scholarships awarded to incoming Year 9 students. It was a very proud moment for Alyse, her Mum and all the school, and I was fit to explode with pride for Alyse. She will be attending the WGC Prize Giving on Friday where she will receive her scholarship formally. And it doesn't stop there...a **very** proud Dad informed us that his daughter, Zoë, had been awarded the Year 9 Maths Scholarship for Whanganui High School and she will also be receiving her award this Friday at the WHS Prize Giving. I just couldn't be more proud and delighted for them both as they have really earned them.

Yesterday, Room 2 had a special class day out and went to the cinema to see the movie 'Wonder' (tissues essential), to support their health lessons around the way we treat others and learning

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



Kai Iwi School is cool. I have lots of friends and Mrs Baker is my fave teacher.

Akina Hawira (Rm 1)

about empathy and conflict resolution. This was followed by lunch and a play at Kowhai Park. And a great day was had by all.

Next Wednesday, it's the Year 8 Leavers' Big Day Out in Palmerston North. We will start our day with a couple of games of Ten Pin bowling, followed by a session of bouncing around at Flip City, and then we will finish off with a yummy lunch and fun time at the Lido Aquatic Centre. It should be a fabulous day.

The following night will be our school Prize Giving where we acknowledge and award students' academic, sports, cultural and social achievement. The Year 8 Leavers will also be presented with their leaving certificates and gifts. This is a very sad time for me, but very exciting for them as they begin a

new chapter in their lives at their respective secondary schools.

And this brings me to a very important acknowledgement of a friend and colleague leaving us - Mrs Foote. After 13 years of dedicated service to our school, Jenny is moving on to Roseneath school overlooking the lovely Oriental Bay in Wellington. Whilst we are sad to lose such a vital and hardworking colleague, we are pleased she has secured a new position in a lovely school and location, and can be nearer her children. She will be leaving big boots to fill, and we sincerely appreciate all she has done for us.

From all the staff, we wish our school and community a very Happy Christmas and safe holidays.

Cheers, Trish ☺



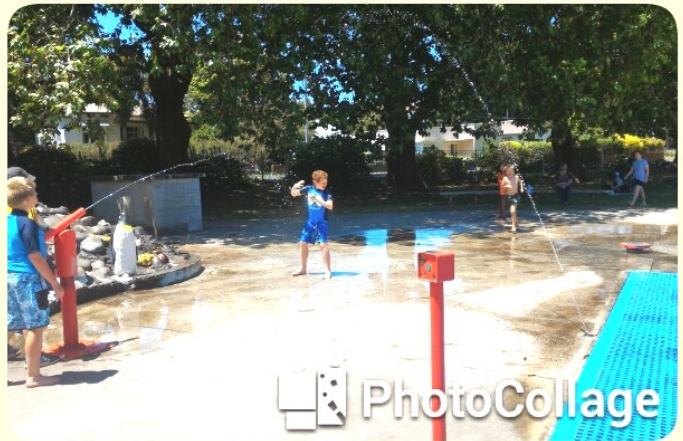
Jeff Keown from Keown Honda presenting his lesson on safety around ATVs.

*School
Prizegiving
Thurs 14th Dec
6.30pm
Children to be there by
6.15pm please.
School uniform to be worn.*

Our Super Six team Winners. Our Year 7's and 8's compete as a team in 6 different sports. We combine with the other West Country Schools and this year we came away with the win. Well done to you all.



ROOM 2 END-OF-YEAR DAY OUT



TOUCH TEAM WINNERS AND GRINNERS !!

Left: Our Year 1/2 Team came 2nd in their Division.

Right: Our Year 5/6 Team WON their division.
WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.



HATS HATS HATS !!

Have you returned your green slip regarding purchasing a school hat for your child(ren) next year? **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** If not please do so immediately as the children will not be allowed outside next year without one and I'm sure they'll be needed from Day 1.

A school hat is part of the compulsory uniform for next year. If you wish to buy your child's present hat then they are \$10 each, or new ones are \$20.

If you have returned your slip without payment please pay now. Hats will not be issued without payment being received.

New hat orders will be sent home with your uniform order when it arrives (early next week hopefully). If you have paid for a present school hat then they will be issued on Day 1 next year.

READING BOOKS

Parents, please take a look around your home for any school reading books your child(ren) may have brought home and return them before the holidays.

Thank you.

Wendy's getting into the Christmas spirit! →



SPLASH CENTRE LIFE-SAVING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

"5 Day Holiday Lifesaving Programme"

Junior Award Scheme – Rookie, Super & Ultra Classes. 8th January – 12th January 18.

To be held at the Wanganui East Aquatic Centre, Tinirau Street.

Learn safety and survival skills including basic techniques of clothed survival swimming.

Main Pool Confident. Must be able to swim 2 lengths of Freestyle & Breaststroke confidently.
½ Hour Classes - \$35.00 per child.

Phone the Splash Centre on 349 0113 to register.

AVOCADOS

We have about 4 bags left of Avocado's which need to be gone this week.

Price is \$10 / bag of 7 large avocado's.

A big thank you to Nathan Fletcher for providing the avocados as a fundraiser for the school.

PET DAY WINNING TEAM

The following children from **TUI H TEAM** achieved the most points for their team on Pet Day:
Alyse, Oliver Jenkins, Sophie, Lucas, Nick, Angus and Maddison.

As their prize Mr Harvey and Mrs Carson will take these children to Windermere for a free ice-cream on Monday at 1.30pm.

REPORTS, CLASS LISTS, ETC

School reports, class lists and Stationery requirements for 2018 will be sent home all together in an envelope next week.

The Stationery Warehouse will have lists of your child(ren)s requirements as well in case you forget to take it shopping with you. If you get the stationery from them please tell them that you wish to support Kai Iwi School and we will get points which we can use to buy their products.
Thank you.



TG McCARTHY TRUST GRANT

We are very fortunate to have received a \$1,000 grant from the TG McCarthy Trust to be used for the purchase of books or computers (hardware and software) for our library. A BIG THANK YOU to the Trust.

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to the following Farms who nominated our school for AFFCO'S 2017 Bobby Calf Cash for Schools Programme:-
Crowley Farms and Twin Forks.
Thanks again, your support is much appreciated.