

KAI IWI SCHOOL NEWSFLASH!

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Koutou, Hi Everyone

Parent Evening - Coming up on the 24th and 25th of March is our parent/student/teacher interviews.

This year we have extended the time for each child to 15 minutes instead of 10 minutes. Some parents may not need the full 15 minutes but other parents may do.

This year each child will be discussing their academic goals and personal goals with their parent/parents and teacher.

The teachers have also identified a group of students who need some extra assistance in either maths, reading or writing, and will be setting plans in place to assist these students so they can work towards reaching their appropriate curriculum level by the end of year.

If your child/children are one of our targets for this year you will be getting a letter or be contacted by their classroom teacher before the interviews. Times available for the interviews will be sent out soon.

Swimming - Our juniors had a fun day earlier in the week and what a great turnout of parents too. Some of children have really gained a lot of confidence in and around the water this term.



Yesterday afternoon our year 4-8 students had swimming competitions for House points.



The tennis ball race



The fastest Flutterboarder

Super Six swimming is on today at the Splash Centre, so some of our year 7- 8 students will be competing in the B grade races and A grade races too. The event starts at 11am and should be finished by 1pm.

Have a great weekend everyone.
Ross Harvey, **PRINCIPAL**

POOL KEYS

The pool is still running and available for swimming out of school hours. When you don't wish to use it any more please return your pool key and we shall refund you the \$20 bond you paid.

REMINDER !!

Have you returned your child's permission slips for Netball, Hockey, Miniball and Basketball? (Netball - green, Hockey & Basketball - blue).

Please get them back ASAP as we need to determine whether we have enough for school teams or need to try to combine with other schools to make up teams.

ASSEMBLY THIS MORNING

Seeing it was such a beautiful morning today we had assembly out on the 'grandstand'. Great to see several parents attending.

* Above right shows the Swimming Sports House winners who were Pukeko.

* Right are three Room 3 students reading their stories.

* Below is Room 1 singing the "Fish In The Sea" song.



**Wilsons HUNTING
and OUTDOORS**
Wanganui

**KIDS HUNTING
COMPETITION**
23rd – 26th April 2020
Wanganui

For more information, rules and entry form please request a copy from the school office. Entries close on 20th April.

**Property
Brokers**

**Silent Disco
at Kowhai Park**

**1pm - 3pm
Sunday
March
22
2020**



**FIND US BY THE DUBLIN ST BRIDGE,
GRAB A WIRELESS HEADSET TO HEAR THE KID FRIENDLY
MUSIC AND ENTER OUR FAMILY DANCE ZONE!**

There are no speakers, everyone listens to the music through headphones
giving the appearance of people dancing in silence.

Refreshment cart

Fun for ages 5yrs +

Facepainting

Sport Whanganui play trailer

Iceblocks

Gold coin entry

With the Coronavirus hitting the world I thought I would share this information with you:

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For our school, we are currently in the process of setting up a pandemic plan so it would be ready to be implement if needed. In the mean time we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

[Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)

[Read and watch on the Newshub website](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

Ross Harvey, Principal