

KAI IWI SCHOOL NEWSFLASH!

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Week 10, Term 1

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Hi Everyone Tena Koutou Katoa,

We welcome two new students and their family to our school this week. To Emma (Rm 4) and Dallas (Rm 3) Roberts, we wish you many happy days at Kai Iwi School.

Today we had the Chronicle out to our school to take photos of our new paintings, which look amazing embedded in the fence of our entranceway. They also took some photos of our champion sailing team who, on Saturday, won the sailing cup at Lake Pauri beating other schools from around Wanganui. It was a great Team effort by Izaac Coe, Heath McKenzie and Leo Jones and well coached by Sheryl Ryland and Shawn Thomas.

Our building project is on target to finish around the school holidays, but we will have to wait and see if the classrooms will actually be ready for the children to move in on day one of Term 2 and if

they aren't Mrs Harris's Boys class may have to use the hall but it shouldn't be for long.

Please remember, any parents wanting to become Kai Iwi Board of Trustees member are most welcome to come and have a talk to me about what a board members job entails.

Next term our phonics programme resumes, which was very successful last year. We are also introducing a new small group Literacy Intervention Programme called Quick60 which is aimed at children reading between levels 1-15. If this programme is a success we may look at introducing the 16-24 level programme at a later stage.

Cluster dancing will be taking place next term at Brunswick School for years 5-8. The children will be taught the Waltz and Cha Cha and some couples will be chosen to dance in the dance-off competition at the Wanganui Memorial hall later in the term.

Ross Harvey
Principal

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Please find your school account attached if you are owing anything. We would appreciate payment by the end of next week please.

HEAD LICE

We have had reports of children with head lice. Please check your child(ren)s heads and treat if needing to. Thank you.



Senior Class Camp Fundraiser

The Pearce family have generously donated a two-night stay in their Totaranui Hut nestled in native bush up the beautiful Waitotara Valley, as a fundraiser for our senior

camp. The deal is for four people and includes the opportunity to hunt deer. There are only **100 tickets**, available at the bargain price of **\$10.00** each. Ticket numbers are available from Jane at School, so just send in your money and perhaps your first three choices of numbers and she will allocate ticket numbers accordingly. Please support our camp fundraiser and be in to win a fabulous weekend escape for four!

Kia ora

In June this year the Board of Trustees election will be held. The Board of Trustees are responsible for governing the school. Exactly what this means and what is expected of board members will be explained a little more fully in a hui at **6pm on Thursday 14th April**. We would welcome everyone to attend, not only those who are interested in becoming board members but all parents and caregivers as it is you who will be voting for your school board members. This will help you nominate and vote for the best people for the job. There is a variety of skills required on the board and many people will have something to offer. Some of the most important are to have a passion for children's education and to be able to work well as a team. It is not expected that each trustee has all of these, but a variety is essential for an effective board.

Time and Commitment

General Competencies

Visionary Leadership
Strategic thinkers
Analytical thinkers
Practical people
People who can communicate well
Team players

Job-Related competencies

Strategic expertise
Financial understanding
Legal understanding
Risk management
People management
Knowledge for the education environment

Personal qualities

Integrity
Honest
Curiosity
Courage
Interpersonal skills
Genuine interest in the school community and its students

Our current board will all have finished their term on the board except for our Principal who retains his position for the duration of his employment as Principal and one board member Leayne Huirua who was co-opted recently and whose term expires on 7th March 2017. Some of our current board members are planning to make themselves available for re-election.

Parents and caregivers who have children enrolled at Kai Iwi are eligible to nominate board members, you can nominate anybody that you think will have the necessary skills, they do not have to have children at the school. If you are a parent or caregiver of a child at Kai Iwi you may also nominate yourself.

You can get more information on www.trustee-election.co.nz There is also a booklet coming out with this newsletter that may be helpful.

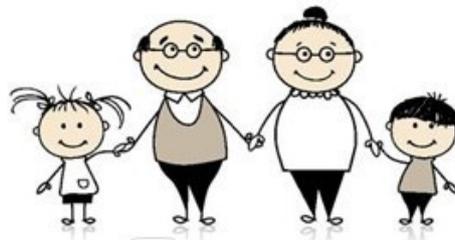
More information regarding the elections themselves will come out to you next term from our returning officer Raewyn Matthews. Please feel free to ask Ross Harvey or myself if you have any questions.

Kerry Terrey 027 667 4163

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

1.30pm THURSDAY 14TH APRIL IN THE HALL

This is our Celebration of Learning for this term. We welcome all grandparents and parents to celebrate who we are and where we come from. Children's work will be displayed around the walls of the hall. Class certificates will be given out and the choir will perform an item. There will be an opportunity to share grandparent memories, pepeha and a walk-around of the displays. We hope you can join us.



Sailing Success

What a fantastic effort from our Kai Iwi boys - they are the 2016 Intermediate Sailing Champions.

The weather on Saturday morning was dismal, persistent rain and little wind. Not ideal for a sailing regatta, however our boys' spirits were high and a little rain wouldn't stop them.

Izaak, Heath and Leo were eager to get started. A short practice first, then racing was under way. The boats were lined up along the shore at Pauri Lake, colour coded for each school. Our boys chose red, everyone knows red boats go faster!

Kai Iwi was in the first heat, "On your marks get set GO!" called the starter. Izaak, Heath and Leo pushed their boats out as far as they could and leapt in, pushed their rudders and centreboards down, tightened their sails and picked up the wind. Izaak shot into the lead immediately, his boat having gained momentum from the huge shove he gave it as he leapt in. He was in the clear, away from all the other boats and led the whole way around the course, extending his lead all the time. He came in first, one whole leg ahead of the next sailor. What an amazing race and a wonderful result. Heath and Leo got caught up in a group of other boats near the start and had a little difficulty getting away from them. Heath eventually managed to break away and began to pick up the pace and pass other boats, finishing in fifth place. Also a fabulous effort.

Unfortunately for Leo he got pushed into the calm area near the edge of the lake where there was no wind and took some time to get free. He continued on with determination, completing the course alongside one other boat, coming in at the end of the fleet. I was so impressed with Leo's sportsmanship - although he was disappointed with his race, he came up

and congratulated Izaak on his excellent win. I told Leo to never give up, every race is different.

Our boys were second equal on team points and were into the final, a little advice to keep away from the other boats at the start and head more into the centre of the lake where there was more wind, paid off handsomely. Leo made an amazing comeback and led nearly all the way with Heath and Izaak close behind. Coming up to the finish line Heath inched ahead of Leo to take line honours, squeezing out Brunswick's Caleb Squires into third place, with Izaak hot on his tail. First, second and a very close fourth, we were the clear winners overall.

What an exciting race, almost a photo finish. Anna, Kelly and I were screaming our lungs out and waving our Kai Iwi banner - there was no mistake who the champions were! The boys did our school proud, with huge grins on their faces as they received their cup, they fully deserved their win.

Congratulations boys from two very proud coaches.

Shawn Thomas and Sheryl Ryland



REMINDERS

- ◆ **Hockey Permissions** - if your child wishes to play hockey this season then please return the blue slip that was attached to your newsflash last week as soon as possible or they may miss out. We are needing players in the Yr 3-4 team especially.
- ◆ **School Reading Books** - please have a hunt through your house for any school reading books that should be returned. Thank you.
- ◆ **Pie Orders** - to be collected from the Hall next Thursday, 14th April.

CRICKET - TOMORROW (Last game)

Kai Iwi Gold vs Hunterville Field 15

Kai Iwi Black vs Brunswick Field 12

Please Note: **EARLY START** - 5pm

(be there by 4.45)

"OSCAR" School Holiday Programmes

Join us for our "OSCAR" School Holiday programmes in Wanganui OR Palmerston. Week 1 runs from 18-22 April. Week 2 runs from 26-29 April.

OSCAR Programmes are available for students aged 5-13 years. Your kids will go on trips, play games and have an amazing time! Places are strictly limited so book now

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WINDOWS FOR SALE

We have 3 white aluminium sliding windows (including frames) for sale.

Approximate sizes:-

2 @ 1500h x 2500w

1 @ 1300h x 2500w

Bring your tape measure and a good offer !