

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 9 Term 3 - 20th September 2018

A Thought

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

Oscar Wilde

Hi Everyone,

Term three is all but over, and before we know it the shops will be flooded with all things Christmassy!! As I said in the previous newsletter we'd had a very busy four weeks, and this half of the term has

been no exception. The seniors did very well in the Super 6 Racquet sports, achieving 1st = place along with St Anne's school. Our kids were very excited about this achievement as they had put a lot of effort into improving their squash, badminton and tennis skills under the guidance of Ross Harvey, Graeme Feist, and Neville Hopkins. Well done, all!!

Our School Cross Country event was held on 27 August, when thankfully the field had dried out a lot and we were able to enjoy the event in lovely weather. We had some sterling efforts from our competitors as they almost blew a gasket completing the distances. Results later in the newsletter. It was lovely to see such a large group of supporters cheering on our runners. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the Cluster Cross Country competition at Westmere School was cancelled. However, just today a few of our students went off to compete at the Aranui Cross country event, and whilst we had no winners Mrs Lennox was very proud of their efforts. Look for her write-up on the event.

Recently, four teams (Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8) competed in the Whanganui Mathex competition at Whanganui Intermediate school. This competition stretches the smartest of mathematical minds as students try to solve some very challenging problems within 30 minutes. Despite lots of preparation, our teams found it tough going, but our year 7 team consisting of Rakeinohowhetu, Bailey and Yuri did extremely well to achieve 4th placing in their year group. Well done to everyone who participated and many thanks to Mrs Ryland for all the work she has done with the

students.

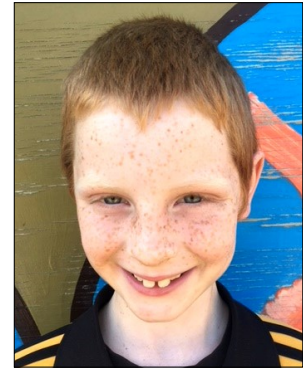
Cara, Rakeinohowhetu, Sam and Mason participated in the Police Competency Test challenge on Tuesday (4th), which involved a series of physical challenges to be completed in the fastest time. Whilst our group did not achieve a placing, they all thoroughly enjoyed the event. Many thanks to Renee for being our transport and support person.

Last week was Te Wiki o te reo Maori, so we celebrated this special week by involving our students in a range of activities in their House groups. Each afternoon, students went to a new activity and worked with other members of their House group to do the following: learn a waiata with our student teacher Keitha, and Mrs Baker, create Kia Kaha posters with Ms Willan, complete a scavenger hunt with Mrs Lennox, and create a collaborative artwork of their House bird with me. Students will be presenting their finished work, along with a performance of the waiata in assembly this Friday at 9.05am, so we hope you can be there to share this with us all.

On Monday a few students went to Westmere School to compete on a mountain bike course set up around the school, which was enjoyed by all involved. The following students did particularly well and gained placings as follows: Mac Lawrence – 1st, Joshua Valentine – 4th, Finn Lennox – 3rd, Gabby Valentine – 1st, Jack Drake – 3rd. Well done all.

Seniors are fair fizzing with excitement as the countdown to camp has got down to single figures. Yes, we're off to Taupo on Tuesday, and going by the camp parents' meeting on Monday night, the parents

*Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid*



I love Kai Iwi School because it's fun playing with other kids and learning new stuff.

Chase Wall (STAR Rm)

are just as excited: Bruce Jones had a very important question...“Do we get 5 luge rides like the kids do?”

“Yes, Bruce, the big kids can have 5, too.” So, all we need now is a continuation of the mild and fine weather we have experienced recently, and it will be brilliant!

At the end of this term we say goodbye to our student teacher, Keitha, as she returns to her studies in term 4. It has been great to have Keitha at Kai Iwi School and I know Mrs Harris and Room 2 have thor-

oughly enjoyed their time spent with her. We wish you well in the continuation of your career, Keitha, and hope you will come back and visit us.

Well, that’s all from me as I have quite a busy schedule ahead and lots of little last minute jobs to do. I hope to see you at Friday’s assembly. Enjoy the upcoming holidays and keep safe.

Trish Wakeling



PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Hi Everyone, Tena Koutou Katoa

It’s been a very busy week this week with the teachers testing the children to see how they have progressed over the term.

On Monday, some of our children attended the Mountain bike races at Westmere School. It was another fun day for all the participants and here are the results for the children who finished in the top five;

Year 1	Boys 3 rd	Jack Drake
Year 4	Girls 1 ST	Gabriella Valentine
Year 5	Boys 3 rd	Finn Lennox
Year 7	Boys 4 th	Joshua Valentine
Year 8	Boys 1 st	Mac Lawrence



Yesterday 11 children went to the Aranui School Cross Country champs and they all performed well especially Gabriella Valentine who finished 10th out of a group of more than 100 runners.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Ross Harvey, **PRINCIPAL**

PAMPER HAMPER RAFFLE RESULTS

- 1st** Kijiana Pene (ticket 120)
2nd Naomi Fletcher (ticket 83)
CONGRATULATIONS !!



Mack in the lead



Emma J

ARANUI CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday a bunch of Kai Iwi kids competed in the inter-school cross country at Aranui School. Kids from all over the Wanganui region came to fight for the title of fastest runner. There were well over one hundred kids in each race, making it an exciting but nervous day, as each of them gathered up on the start line. The course consisted of running through paddocks, up and down hills and through a big muddy puddle. The younger competitors had a challenging 1.7km to run while the older kids had to run a whopping 2.2km. Each and every student from Kai Iwi, did themselves and our school proud. They all did a great job and were absolutely exhausted as they crossed that finish line. We even had a top ten finisher; Gabriella Valentine, who came 10th.

Holly Lennox,
STAR Rm teacher



Eden, Elizabeth and Gabriella

Room 2's Day Out In Pātea

As part of our integrated topic Natural Disasters, Room Two visited Aotea Utanganui, The Museum of South Taranaki, where we attended an exhibition exploring a hypothetical eruption of Mt Taranaki. We learned:

- how volcanoes are formed
- what causes an eruption
- who would be affected
- how to prepare for and survive an eruption

While one group was at the Museum, the rest of the class were with Matua Rick at the Patea Library Plus. He led the students through some fantastic digital technology challenges that involved programming the Edison Robots to solve mazes and obstacle courses.

Programming Edison - By Emma J

Yay! I was so happy!

On the 7th of September 2018 room 2, Mrs Harris, Whaea Keitha and some of our parents went to Pātea to go to the Museum, Library and Park.

The thing I liked the best was programming Edison, it was fun because we had to try to get the orange and grey robots through the maze made with books.

We did the programming with Matua Ricki. It took ages to problem solve. I had to write the code and programme Edison 'just right', to get the robot through the maze. But I got it in the end!

I enjoyed programming Edison it was really fun.



ROOM 1

Play based learning has been embraced by the Junior Room this year. When children play they are building imagination, developing language and reading skills, enhancing self-esteem, forming friendships and social skills, learning how to think and discovering their world.

As Room 1 have made a shift towards a play based learning environment this year we have had the pleasure of Gary Wilson coming in to help us with building and creating wooden structures. The children have created some very practical and innovative simple machines with Gary's support.

We would welcome any other volunteers who could spare the occasional afternoon to support us with cooking or creative activities.

A play based learning environment provides the opportunity for children to develop skills that may not be taught in an academic based environment.

Debra Baker,
Rm 1 teacher



PET DAY - Friday, 26th October

From 9.30am - 2pm approx.

Woohoo, it's Pet Day again!! Please put this day on your calendar for a great day out. We love having our Community join in the fun.

There will be:- Young Farmer Competition, Jump Jam demonstration, stalls, fresh baking, delicious lunches available, and plenty of entertainment.

Come and watch the students proudly show off their Pets and the fabulous 'creations' they've made for the classroom competitions.

Programme:	9.30	Young Farmer Competition
	10.30	Morning tea (hot chips, etc available) Some stalls open
	11.00	Pet Judging
	12.30	Lunch, stalls, etc.
	1.30	Jump Jam competition

Community - If you'd like to sell your special arts and crafts, fruit & vegetables, etc. you can hire space for \$20 per stall. Limited number. Contact 06 3429 823 to book a stall.

PET DAY - Parents Notice:- As most of you know before every Pet Day we ask for donations of food for raffles. We normally ask for items such as non-perishable foods e.g. cans, packaged foods, etc, chocolate, and non food items e.g. laundry powder, etc. This normally happens over a few weeks but this year we are running out of time. It has been decided that each teacher will text their parents with what they would like donated the following day (if possible). These items should go to your child's classrooms and

each house will get points for them. The raffles that are made up of these items are always a huge hit on the day.

Also, just to give you a heads up, we ask parents to do baking for a stall (cakes, loaves, relish, etc). This is another good selling fundraiser. Food can be sent along on the Thursday and any non-perishables any time up until the day.

Thank you.



ASSEMBLY

TOMORROW at 9.15am in the library.

'GOOD SORT' - Week 9

GARY WILSON
for all his support in the Junior



THANK YOU

*Jane and Bruce Carson wish to thank
all you kind people from the School
Community who have showed your
support in many ways after the recent
loss of Daniel, Jane's son.*

*Your support has been very comforting
and is greatly appreciated. Thank you so
much. Jane & Bruce*