

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 4 Term 1 - 28th February 2019

*With your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet,
You're too smart to go down any not-so-good street. Dr Seuss*

Hi there Everyone,

Welcome back to Kai Iwi School for 2019, and we extend a special welcome to all our new families, and hope you really enjoy your time at our school.

Although it is only Week 4, we have been very busy already.

Our term topic is Ko Wai Au? Who am I, and where am I from? Students are investigating where their families/ancestors originated from, and learning about tāonga (things that are special) to their families. They will be getting to know other students in their classes by completing and sharing their Pepeha and an 'All About Me' presentation.

The Year 7s have begun their technology lessons at Gonville School and at present are designing their paddle boats. Mr Monteba has said what a great start they have made to the term's programme.

On Monday of Week 2, Sarah Williams from Horizons visited Room 4 students to talk about all the factors that affect the health of our waterways, and what we could do to improve our stream health. This lesson was supported by an interactive display showing typical land features and human use of the land that can introduce the problems affecting our waterways. Then on Thursday of Week 2, the whole school visited Kai Iwi Beach to learn about the health of the



Mowhanau Stream, and to have lots of fun doing a variety of activities, which included beach games, hut building and sand sculptures. Our children were so well behaved and had lots of fun completing challenges that required them to work as a team, co-operate, be creative, explore, problem solve, and make discoveries. But this fun morning would not have been possible without the large team of parents who very kindly made themselves available to help with transport and supervision. So a huge thank you to you all, from all of us.

The following day another Sarah (Thompson) visited Room 4 to teach the class about animation. Sarah has worked in the film industry both here and in England, and has been wanting to share her knowledge of how animations are created. The class was amazed to discover just how many hours it could take to produce less than a minute of animated film. The class had a great time using their mathematical skills to build Zoetropes (pre-film animation device), and when viewing a series of their drawings through slits whilst rotating the cylinder, it gave the impression of progressive motion, hence animation. We also got to check out some praxinoscopes, which were the successor to the zoetrope, and make short animated movie clips. This was a great day full of creativity and hands-on work, an



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I enjoy the swimming pool and
I like spelling.

Gabriella Valentine (Rm 3)

eye opener for the class and me regarding animation, and we will now have a much better appreciation of film animation – no wonder it can take 4 years to produce one animated movie!

Last Friday night we had a most enjoyable BBQ and Kai Iwi families get-together at school. Aside from the weather being a little changeable, the kids had loads of fun in the pool and especially playing softball with the parents involved. Thanks to all those who attended and joined in the fun.

With the amazing weather we have had this summer it has been wonderful to have our pool available all through the holidays, and for students to be enjoying lessons in warmish water. The seniors are currently practising and honing their skills to prepare for selection into the Super 6 Swim team. The Super 6 Swimming Sports will be held on March 15 from 11am-1pm, at the Splash Centre. We will let you know more nearer the time. The Super 6 Softball competition will be held towards the end of the term.

For the next four Tuesdays, the Year 8s will be sailing on Pauri Lake and will be preparing for the Intermediate Sailing Competition. Many thanks to the parents who offered to help with transport. I

will be in touch with you regarding this, but at this stage I think we need just one more car.

Keeping on the topic of sport, we have a Super Star in our midst. During the holidays, the Valentine family were busy competing in speed skating competitions to try to qualify for the Oceania Games team. Well, not only did Joshua qualify, but he now holds the National record for his age group. As you can imagine he's very excited about his achievements and the up-coming Oceania Games in April. Thank you in anticipation of your support for our sausage sizzles over the next few Fridays to help Joshua with the expenses of travelling to Australia for this event.

Well, that's all from me, but just before I close, on behalf of Kai Iwi School I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to all of Ray Stevens' family for your loss. Ray was an absolute Whanganui icon, a real character, a caring and dedicated Whanganui and rural community advocate, and I just can't imagine not seeing his face at the garage. You will be really missed, Ray.

Cheers,
Trish Wakeling



BBQ / Picnic evening.



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Hi Everyone, Tena Koutou Katoa

BBQ - Great to see such a good turnout for the school BBQ get together last Friday, even though the weather wasn't that great.

And thank you to FOKIS for purchasing a BBQ for these type of occasions. We will be using it again for the next 3 weeks for the Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for Joshua, so it will get plenty of use.

Pool - We will be keeping our eye on the weather as to when the pool will be closed, usually around April.

Sport - Super Six Years 7-8 swimming is coming up

on the 15th of March at the Splash Centre so we will be picking a team to represent West Country Schools soon. The other Super Six sport for this term is Softball on April 11th.

Board of Trustees - Remember if you are interested in being on the Board of Trustees come and have a talk with me or another board member about what is required of a board member and how to become one.

Next Board of Trustees meeting is on Monday 4th March at 4pm.

Ross Harvey,
PRINCIPAL



TOWN BUS - NEXT TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Due to Jane having a funeral to attend, the Town Bus will not be running next Tuesday afternoon. It will run as normal in the morning but you will need to make arrangements for your child(ren) to be collected from school at 3pm.

Apologies for the inconvenience but our relief driver is unavailable on this day as well.

REMINDERS -

- **BUS MESSAGES** - Please remember that you need to phone the school (landline or Cellphone) **before 2.45pm** to ensure your message gets to the drivers in time.
- **CUTLERY FOR LUNCHES** - If your child needs a spoon/fork etc to eat their lunch, please put one in their lunchboxes. The staff cutlery is not for their use.
- **SCHOOL ACCOUNTS** - These went out last week. Thanks to those who have already paid.
- **FOKIS PIE ORDERS** - Remember to phone/visit friends and whanau to get some pie and Hot X bun orders. The funds raised benefit ALL our children.

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Above: Students inside the hut they built on their beach visit.

Below: Ryan is learning the violin and performed for his Room 4 classmates. ↓



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS - Week 3

L to R - Taylah-Marie White,
Hadlee Belton, Eden Winton &
Rakeinohowhetu Hawira.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - Week 3

Joe Belton (Rm 3), Kace Allen (Rm 2),
Gemma Rogerson-Kearse (Rm 4),
Cauis Atkinson (Rm 1) absent.



HEAD LICE

There have been more sightings of head lice reported to us. Can all parents please check their child(ren)s heads and treat if necessary. Our school policy states that if they're seen on heads at school then parents will be phoned to collect their child and treat before they can return. Thank you.

UNIFORM ORDER

I shall be putting in another uniform order at the end of Week 6 so please check whether your child has enough. Cooler days will be here soon so they will need a nice warm Polar fleece.

LOST UNIFORM

Size 6 Polar Fleece (new) with a 'Cooper Blair' label inside.

Size 6 Polo Shirt (used condition) named with 'Hannah Butler' inside.

Please check your child hasn't swapped uniform somehow and if these are found please return to the school office. With children all getting changed for swimming at the moment mix-ups do happen.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES INFORMATION EVENING

There is a hui at Whanganui Girls College on Monday 1st April at 6 pm that NZ School Trustees Assn is holding to give information about the role of board members. It could be really good for anyone who might be interested in coming on the school board to attend. Even if you don't end up standing it will still give you a good insight as to who could make a good trustee for their children's school.



A BIG THANK YOU to the following people/businesses who support our school through **Northfuels - Fuel for Schools Promotion**. We have just been informed that we have raised enough through your sponsorship for either a Technology or a Sports Package to the value of \$1,000. Awesome news, so thank you very much.

Murray Reid Marahau
J W De Rose
Lockie Farms Ltd
Iain Lourie

McDougal Earthmoving Ltd
Kai Iwi Honey Limited
S & V & J Ford



WEETBIX TRYATHLON **Palmerston North** **Tuesday, 19th March**

This Tryathlon is for children aged 7-15yrs. If your child would be interested in being in a school team or enter individually please contact Danielle Willan (Rm 2 teacher) for more information dwillan@welearn.school.nz You would need to take your own child and there are costs involved.