

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 5 Term 1 2017

A Thought

Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.
Dennis P. Kimbro

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to a new year at Kai Iwi School, and a very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families. Special welcome

goes to Felicity Turner who started as a New Entrant today.

I hope you were able to make the best of the very dismal summer weather and enjoy the holiday break. Teachers have planned a very interesting programme for their classes focused upon WATER and the Big Idea 'Water is a precious resource and we need to look after it'. The topic incorporates environmental issues about water, science studies of life on the rocky shore and learning about the Water Cycle, a Physical education focus with our Aquatics programme, water-related art activities, and sprinkled throughout this feast of fabulous learning we have activities, events and trips such as senior sailing at Pauri Lake, Technology classes for seniors, our Water Fun Night, the opening of the bike track (last Thursday), a visit to Waiinu beach to study life in the rock pools, a trip to the Kai Iwi bores and Westmere reservoirs to learn about the journey of water to our taps, and the Cluster and Super 6 Swimming Sports held at the Splash Centre.

The turnout of families to our Water Fun Night was wonderful and there was a lot of fun had by all. The kids competed enthusiastically in the triathlon, supported by lots of cheering from teammates and parents. Then they either raced to the playground to wage war on each other with water guns, or opted for the less boisterous beautiful giant bubbles on the court. Many thanks to Terry Connor for attending our event and bringing his giant bubble makers. Thanks also to those who brought their BBQ along. Room 4 have started their sailing programme with

the support of Sheryl Ryland and other members of the Wanganui Sailing club. They are thoroughly enjoying the challenges that this programme presents, and hopefully we will have a formidable team to enter into the Wanganui Intermediate Schools' sailing competition later in the term. While the girls were having their first turn at sailing on Friday, the boys had a painting with water colours art lesson with Sietske at the Art Gallery.

Seniors are travelling in to Gonville School each week to learn culinary skills (last week's chocolate muffins were yummy), and to make all sorts of interesting creations in the hard materials classes. I always look forward to seeing the finished products.

Kapahaka classes have resumed each Wednesday with Matua Andy, with the programme being optional for those who wish to learn about the culture of Kapa Haka and develop their skills to performance level.

Once again we are fortunate to have Sheryl Ryland tutoring an extension maths group from years 6-8, in preparation for the annual Mathex competition.

'Be Inspired' is a wonderful programme delivered to students each Monday morning, incorporating important values and key competencies directly linked to the NZ Curriculum, and making connections to Bible verses and stories and our own life experiences to illustrate the concepts. The games are great, too. Thanks to Kerry and her dedicated team for inspiring our students to be the best people they can be.

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



I like playing with Georgia and Lucy and I like Mrs Baker.

Charlie Stone (Rm 1)

A couple of weeks ago we had a surprise visit from Lionel (our previous bus driver) and a couple of his mates who form part of the 'Grumpy Old Men Enterprises'. They are dedicated dismantlers of old unwanted items such as computers, mowers, washing machines, etc. and turn the scrap metal they salvage into money for schools. This is done through Stirling Sports and we were the delighted recipients of \$500 which we were able to spend on sports equipment. We would just like to extend a HUGE THANKYOU to Lionel and his mates for their very generous and selfless contribution to our school. The kids are loving the new sports gear!

Last Thursday we officially opened the new bike track and celebrated the completion of this project with a fun get-together at school at 5.30pm. There were delicious hot meat sarnies for sale and great fireworks all organised by Niki White. Niki was also instrumental in organising the development of the bike track and was assisted in this project by Hamish McDougal, Darren Luff, Blair McPherson (Downer) & Blair Watson (Watson Earthworks).

We are so very grateful for the time and effort put in by these dedicated people. Sadly, Niki has now bowed out of FOKIS so we'd like to sincerely thank her for all her amazing support over the years.

Last Friday, 24 March was Teacher Only Day as our teachers attended a Restorative Practice in Education Forum at Whanganui Girls' College. This was led by a large group of teachers from Hull, England who shared their experiences in working restoratively to develop relationships and build social capital in some struggling schools and communities. Their journeys were very interesting and very inspiring, and it was a very worthwhile forum to attend.

On Tuesday, 7 March the Cluster Senior Swimming Sports Competition will be held at the Splash Cen-

tre. Students will be selected from this competition to compete in the Super 6 Swimming Sports to be held on Friday, 17 March at the Splash Centre. Assemblies will be on the odd weeks for the rest of this term unless otherwise advised. We aim to be seated in assembly by 2.25pm. An extra assembly will be held for students TOMORROW at 10am, so that students holding positions of responsibility can be presented with special badges.

The School Monster

There's a monster lurking in our school
We thought we were rid, but he's back,
Last year he grew to an enormous size

So we bundled him into a sack.

We took him far away from here

He was no longer of concern,

But this monster's rather fond of us

And with the kids he returned.

He comes in all styles and colours,

He's just like a centipede

Shoes and boots for all of his feet

And on forgetfulness he feeds.

He's growing bigger by the day

Almost as big as Shrek,

Some days he's spotted all over the school

Or spread out along the deck.

"He's starting to take over again,"

Grumps our Principal, Ross,

"We've tried so hard to defeat him

But we're all at such a loss."

We need the parents' support with this

Although the villain's tame,

We can be rid of this monster

If kids' clothes were all just NAMED!

Well that's about it until next time.

Cheers, **Trish Wakeling**



Kai Iwi Water Fun Night.

Millions of eager kids were seated on the grandstand in their reverse triathlon teams wondering who would be the first to race. Suddenly, Mrs Wakeling announced that we were ready for the first two teams. Thousands of hands shot up in the air like rockets all belonging to enthusiastic kids bursting to compete.

Hurrying towards the starting line Cara glanced back at me and I gave her the thumbs up. "Ready, Set, Go!" As Mrs Wakeling blew the ear-splitting whistle to start the race a bomb of cheering and yelling went off in the crowd, nearly deafening me. Two minutes later Emma slapped my hand, so I dived into the refreshing water and started swimming hard out towards the end of the pool where a ball was patiently awaiting my outstretched hands. Screams of "Go Zoë, you can do it!" invaded my ears as I neared the end of my swimming marathon. Exhausted, I slapped the frisbee onto the edge of the pool ending the race. "Well done Zoë!" Emma and Cara cheered as they high fived me. Wearily I made my way to the grandstand and flopped down completely worn out.

Sometime later, I was sat on the court along with hundreds of other excited buzzing bees all patiently listening to Mr O'Connor explain how to use the

bubble makers.

"Ok time for you guys to have a go" Mr O'Connor declared. Shoving and pushing as if in a rugby scrum everybody swarmed towards the bubble makers. Seconds later the court was bedecked with big bouncing bubbles.

"Urgh!" I groaned as another one of my attempted bubbles popped.

With my tummy rumbling I made my way towards the playground wishing dad would hurry up and arrive with the food. "Aaah!" I yelled as I was hit square in the chest by a jet of freezing water, soaking me through to the skin. Thrusting my arms up in the air I hollered "I surrender!" but nobody listened as they were too busy defending themselves. Without warning Mr Harvey's shrill whistle reverberated around the school summoning us to the grandstand. "The pool is now open and the BBQ's are going" he announced. Everybody swarmed towards the pool like a plague of locusts.

"Mmm," I sighed as the exquisite smell of food cooking on the BBQ wafted through the school towards the pool, tantalizing my craving taste buds. Glancing behind me I spotted dad's car. "Yaay!" I celebrated, as I raced out of the pool towards dad and the food. "Deeelicious!" I soon mumbled my mouth full of heavenly chicken.

It was definitely a night I will never forget.

By Zoë van der Wees (Year 8)

Dear Lionel

Thank you for donating a wonderful \$500 voucher for sports gear. Mrs Foote told me and my friends about you. You're a 24/7 working machine unscrewing all that metal out of washing machines and dishwashers. Last week I was so excited to see you and the G.O.M.E.S. I can't wait to grab one of those soccer balls and learn some more skills.

Yours Sincerely

Tamaaira Hawira-Harrison

Dear G.O.M.E.S. (Grumpy Nice Old Men)

Thank you for donating a \$500 voucher for sports gear at Kai Iwi School. Getting copper out of old dismantled washing machines would take a long time and hard work.

We appreciate the time the G.O.M.E.S. have worked for us.

I love balls, hoopla hoops and skipping ropes.

Thank you so much Grumpy Old Men.

Yours Sincerely

Elizabeth Terrey



Dear Lionel

Thank you for donating Kai Iwi School a \$500 voucher for Sports gear.

Mrs Foote told my class you dismantled old washing machines for scrap metal. It would have taken you a lot of time and effort to gain the money for the voucher you gave us.

I'd love to grab a rugby ball.

Thank you Grumpy Old Men!

Yours Sincerely

Traedyn Christiansen

WRITING - THANK YOU LETTERS FROM ROOM 3



TROPHIES

As previously requested, we ask that all trophies received at the end of year Prizegiving be returned. We need them back before we can set up the cabinet due to having to adjust the shelving.

WANTED

Does anyone have a lockable container for sale or know where we could buy one at a good price!? We want to be able to lock up kids bikes so they can be safe when left at school.



KAI IWI COMMUNITY HALL AGM

We are having a hall AGM on Monday 13th March at 7:30 pm in the Hall. All welcome

WARNING !! POOL VISITORS

On Monday, the first group who used the school pool found a packet of tablets on the ground. Luckily our student handed them in to his teacher. If you are using our pool **please do not bring** anything that could be a danger to our students. These turned out to be anti-histamine tablets which could have been very serious if a little one had decided to take some.



**Wanganui Library
CHILDREN'S DAY WHANGANUI
Sunday, 5th March, 10am - 1pm
Queens Park**

Face Painting Storytelling
Bouncy Castles Rock Painting
CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE!

HEAD LICE

Since our return there have been sightings of these pesky little creatures so please check your child(ren)s heads & treat if necessary.

HOUSE AVAILABLE TO RENT

Four bedroom tidy country house, updated kitchen. \$320/week.
For further enquiries please call Harriet on 021 477 932



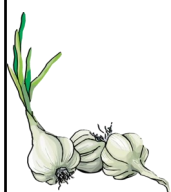
GARLIC FOR SALE (SPRAY FREE)

This garlic is grown up at Maxwell and is organic, spray free.

1kg = \$25, 750gm = \$19,

500gm = \$12.50, 250gm = \$6.50

Text Rachel on 027 370 1447 or email rach69.rh@gmail.com



WANGANUI CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Wanganui City Football Club invite all new and current junior players to attend a training run, BBQ and registration afternoon on Friday 3rd of March 2017.

Meet on Wembley Park training pitch (with boots and shin pads) for a 4pm start. A sausage sizzle will be held at the club rooms (17 Wilkie St) at 5.30pm after the training run.

Club members will be available at the club from 4pm to facilitate the registration process with families. The registration link is also available on "Wanganui City Football Club Junior" Facebook page in the pinned post. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Hunt 2017

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