

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 9 Term 1 - 4th April 2019

A Thought

"There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still." – Franklin D. Roosevelt

Hi Everyone,

Here we are in April and almost at the end of the term, and still the days are wonderfully warm. Long may it continue, as long as we have regular evening rain. The pool has been a blessing this year and we

are still having some classes using it. I can't remember a time when we've had so much use of our pool and it was especially great throughout the school holidays when the weather was unbearably hot.

A few weeks back some of our Year 7 and 8 students, along with a couple from Brunswick and Waitotara, competed in the Super 6 Swimming Sports, racing against swimmers from Faith City, St Anne's, St Mary's, St Marcellin and Westmere schools. We had some tough competition, especially from those who do Swim Club, and when all points were tallied we finished in 4th place. This was a gallant effort from our West Country schools' competitors, so well done everyone.

Last Thursday, our Junior school went off to Tabloid Sports at Cooks Gardens. Mrs Baker and Ms Willan were ably assisted in running their events by senior leaders Mason Henry, Mitchell Thomas, Rakeinohowhetū Hawira, and Emma Ross, who did a wonderful job, and showed great leadership and initiative. Well done!!

Senior House leaders also got to step-up and take on more responsibility when they organised and ran the Inter-House Aquatics competition last Friday. It was great to see parents attending to cheer on their kids, and the event seemed to be enjoyed by all. Oh, and by the way, the winning house was none other than PUKEKO!! Just saying.

Over the past four weeks the Year 8 students have been on Pauri Lake trying to master the skills of sailing. The weather has been great each time, but a

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



I like using the i-Pad and reading, and I like my friends and my teacher.

Olivia Hughes (Rm 1)

little short on wind some days. Students could either sail the Optimist boats or the Bics, the latter of which are lighter and will move faster with a breeze. On Tuesday, after a few races, we picked our competitors for this year's Intermediate Sailing Competition on Pauri Lake this Saturday, 6th April. Competitors are as follows: BIC – Tyrel and Bailey; Opti – Rakeinohowhetū, Yuri, and Lucas Payne, with Mitchell in reserve. We wish them all the luck (and ideal wind) in trying to retain the cup for Kai Iwi School. If you're interested in watching, the event begins at 11.00pm at Pauri Lake. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Room 4 parents who have transported students to and from the lake for the past 4 Tuesdays, and to Archie for putting on a sausage sizzle as a treat this week. Many thanks also go to Sheryl and Bob for the tremendous effort they put in to providing sailing lessons for our kids, and it's all done voluntarily – you are both absolute gems! And thanks so much for the help with transport when we were stuck, Sheryl.



Recently, the school held parent - teacher interviews so that students' progress and the goals set by students could be discussed, and next steps explained. We had a great turn out of parents which enabled teachers to chat with new ones, and to share expectations regarding most of our students.

Next Thursday (11 April) will be the Super 6 Softball competition. Students have been practising for some time for this event and we will be sending 3 teams, 1 competitive and 2 non-competitive. There will be more on this event early next week.

During the holidays we will be sending a small choir from our school to sing at the ANZAC service at Maxwell. Thank you to those families that are able to support our school and the com-

memoration service.

LOST PROPERTY: there is a mountain of lost articles of clothing, uniform, and shoes that don't seem to belong to anyone, and yet they didn't get to school by themselves. If these items were named it would make it so much easier to return them to their owners. Could you please check that all of your child's uniform is named, and please check the lost property at school if you are missing some items.

This Friday will be the last assembly for the term, so we hope you can make it. Next week is the last week of the term, so have a great and safe holiday with your darlings.

Ngā mihi

Trish Wakeling



Inter-house swimming



Sophie sets sail

Learning the ropes at sailing



SPORTS TEAMS

The following are the team fees / child:-

Hockey:- \$36 each

Basketball:- \$40 each

Netball:- \$50 each.

These fees need to be paid as soon as possible please.

We have decided to subsidise the Netball fees as these are way more than the other sports due to a National Body fee added (would have been \$77 each). **Coaches** please remember that your fee is waived (1 child and 1 coach/team).

Please Note: We are sad to tell parents that we do not have enough for teams in **Years 1 to 6** in both **Basketball** and **Netball**. So sorry but please feel free to phone around other schools asking if they have room in their teams if you wish. We will watch out as well.

We are able to play children up an age group for hockey so have good numbers for 2 teams (Yrs 1-4 and Yrs 5 - 8). More information on all sports soon.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Classrooms Term 2

Due to roll growth, we are hoping to start Term 2 with a new teacher. However, we have to find a suitable teacher first and so I am currently advertising and putting the word out there in the education community.

If we do not find any suitable applicants in time for the beginning of Term 2 we will re advertise and try again until we find the best applicant most suited for our children's needs.

Due to this process being so close to the holidays it may be difficult to keep you all informed so if your child comes home after the first day of school in Term 2 and tells you they have a new teacher, don't be surprised as the introduction of a new teacher will mean most classes being shuffled around in some way or another.

This is good news as classroom sizes will be reduced which allows the teacher greater proximity to the students, and thus more opportunities for one-to-one and small-group instruction.

Our teachers are professionals and recognise your children's needs and take this into account when placing them with the teacher and peer groups they think will best enhance your child's learning and wellbeing.

If you have any concerns or questions in regard to the classroom structures feel free to make a time to come and see me or your classroom teacher.

Board of Trustees

Racheal Mackenzie has just been co-opted on to the board for 6 months so congratulations Racheal. Don't forget parents, if you are interested in becoming a member, the elections are coming up soon and we have three current members standing down.

Enjoy reading Mrs Wakeling's' Community Newsletter for more news.

Ross Harvey, Principal



Students of the Week - Wk 8

L to R - Ben Johnson, Rhema Johnson, Darragh Neal and Rakeinohowhetu Hawira.



Principals Award - Wk 8

L to R - Evie-May Hampton-Archer, Nick Denzel, Cooper Blair. Absent - Jack Drake

REMINDER:



**I AM HOPE GUMBOOT FRIDAY
TOMORROW (Friday, 5th April)
Mufti and Gumboots
Gold Coin Donation please.**



NETBALL

Star Helper and Coach Workshops - All new star helpers (year 1 and 2) and coaches (year 3 and 4) are required to attend a Future Fern coach workshop at Netball Whanganui before the start of the programme. This is compulsory for all new coaches to the year 1 to 4 programme and also open to any other coaches who would like to attend as refresher.

Coaching course dates are:- Yrs 1-4 - Sunday 5th May (with Walter Edmonds), and Yrs 5-8 - Sunday 28th April. Irene Van Dyke will be here to run a coach workshop for year 5 and 6 coaches. We would love to have as many registered for this as possible please. To register please go to: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/96152>

Year 7's - Monday, 15th April to Wednesday 17th April there are 'Getting Ready for 7 a-side' sessions. Nominations for Yr 7/8 Player Development Programme close on Wednesday 22nd May.

We will advise any more information as it comes to hand.

UNIFORM

We have some 2nd hand uniform in good condition for sale plus some to give away that is in 'used' condition. We also have new and used black skorts, shorts and pants to give away. Please see Wendy in the office if interested. We do not 'hold' items so first in, first served!!

Selling on Behalf (CASH only):-

Polar Fleece - Sizes 8 & 14, \$15 each

Sports Jackets (NEW) Sizes 8 & SM, \$18 each

2 x Polo Shirts Size 8 - 1 good condition \$5 and one 'used' condition \$3.

Skort Size 14 (NEW) - \$5

Shorts & Skorts - \$2 each.

CARDBOARD HILL SLIDE PLAY DAY Cooks Gardens Whanganui 11th April 2019

Come join Sport Whanganui for an afternoon filled with fun at our first monthly play day! Meet us at Cooks gardens and we will provide you with a cardboard box to slide down the Cooks garden hill on. All children must be supervised by an adult.

0-5 years

Time : 11-12pm

5-13 years

Time : 3:30-4:30pm



WANGANUI
ATHLETIC
FOOTBALL CLUB

Junior/Youth 2019 Football Registration Day Saturday April 6th - 10.30am, Wembley Park

We are holding a registration day this coming Saturday April 6th. This is for all players between 7 and 17 years old. Come along, get registered for the season, and have a kick-around with some of our 1st team players.

For more info contact:- Gary Johnston -

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YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The YMCA have holiday programmes for 5 year olds through to 13 year olds. They do some cool activities with the kids and they also have a camp for 7-13yr olds. If you would like to know more we have brochures at school so just give Wendy a ring or email and she will send one home with your child.

The YMCA can also provide before and after school care. We have information brochures for this also.