

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 4 Term 3 - 19th August 2016

A Thought

There are no impossible dreams,
Just our limited perception of what is possible.

Beth Mende Conny

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



I like the teachers here. They are nice. And I have lots of friends. Kai Iwi School is the best. *Nicole Valentine (Rm 4)*

Hi Everyone,

I can hardly believe we are almost halfway through this short nine-week term. There are so many events to get through on the calendar I'm sure the rest of the term will just fly by. Last week the whole school went on a big day out to town, visiting the Whanganui Regional Museum, Art Gallery, and the Resource Recovery Centre. At the museum, Awhina taught us all about the origins and purpose of Taonga Pūoro (Maori musical instruments), giving great demonstrations of how they are used, then students enjoyed exploring the instruments themselves. The activity at the Art Gallery with Sietske was printmaking tote bags which students will get to keep once they have completely dried. This was a delightful project and came with an environmental message about switching to tote bags that can be used over and over again, rather than creating waste from the billion plastic bags used in NZ each year. Did you know a car can travel 11 metres on the amount of petrol used to make a single plastic bag! Most are not recycled and Wanganui sends 3 tonnes to the landfill annually. Wait, there's more... if no single-use plastic bags were used in NZ, the climate-changing emissions saved would be the equivalent of taking 3600 cars off the road! Wow, those facts give us all something to think about and hopefully act upon. Our visit to the Resource Recovery Centre was also very enlightening by showing us the role we can play in reducing waste to save our precious and exhaustible resources. Anna, the Enviro educator had a range of instruments on display that were made from waste

which aligned nicely with our school focus on making wind chimes and other instruments from the resources around us. It was a great day out and many thanks to the parents who accompanied us on this trip.

Last Friday, Mrs Foote ran an Arts Gifted and Talented day at school for selected students from our cluster schools. They had a wonderful time using a range of Batik art-making processes to decorate the taniwha they had drawn on calico. Well done, and many thanks for a fun arts day Mrs Foote.

Today our Years 7-8 students will compete against five other schools at the Super 6 Racquet Sports, playing either badminton, squash or tennis. They have been training each Tuesday for this so I hope they do well. Our Years 5-6 students have also been busy learning basketball skills each Tuesday with Sport Wanganui.

This week, students throughout the school have been putting the finishing touches to their speeches then committing them to memory in preparation for our school and cluster speech competitions. The school competition will be held in the library next Monday, 22 August at 1.30pm, and from these competitors the judges will choose two Years 5-6, and two Years 7-8 students to compete the following day at Faith City school. Good luck to all of you as I know this can be quite nerve-wracking.

You may have also seen our little darlings pounding the pavement in training for the up-coming Cross

Country events, beginning with our school event on Friday, 26 August, and the West Cluster event at Westmere school on the following Friday, 2nd September. We'd love your support at these events.

Spruce up the uniforms and brush that hair until it gleams as school photos will be taken at school on Tuesday, 6th September, starting at 1.30pm. It would be great if our Sports Team coaches & managers could make it also.

The annual Mathex competition will be held on Wednesday, 7th September in the evening at Wanganui Intermediate school. We are entering a Year 5, Year 7, and Year 8 team and students have been training for this exciting event, with a lot of help from Mrs Ryland (Years 7-8), and Mr Harvey (Year 5). Mrs Ryland has been working with an extension maths group of senior students each week since Term 2, and I know her students really enjoy solving

those curly problems. The same group have also been competing in the Otago Problem Challenge of which there are five challenges set throughout the year by Otago University. At the end of the challenge there will be certificates awarded to high achievers, so here's hoping our students do well. I would just like to acknowledge what a great job Mrs Ryland does with this group - she is so enthusiastic and also really enjoys solving the Otago Problem Challenges, even managing to rope in her husband, Keith.

It's now well past my bedtime so it's time I signed off, or I'll be neither use nor ornament tomorrow. Oh, don't forget it's assembly this Friday. I hope to see you there.

Cheers,
Trish Wakeling



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Well I don't have much more to say that hasn't already been said by our regular community newsletter writer, Mrs Wakeling, except an up date from the Racquet sports yesterday.

Our Squash team consisting of Tatara Cook, Matthew Denzel, Leo Jones, Isaac Jordan and Izaak Coe finished first beating all the other schools in-

volved so great effort guys!

Our tennis team played well as they were up against some really good tennis players but they still managed to finish third. And our Badminton team tried their hardest and finished fourth. So overall we finished third - only one point off second in the tournament so a great effort by everyone who took place.



Town visit for our school

Well as you can see we are having a busy Term 3 and there is still more interesting, challenging and fun activities to come this term at Kai Iwi School where ***Together we are creating a community of caring, enthusiastic discoverers and creators for today and tomorrow.***

Have a great weekend everyone!

Ross Harvey
Principal



JUNIOR RUGBY

Junior Rugby concluded on Saturday with a tournament at Springvale Park. The weather was bad but this did not deter the Marist Under 10 Stallions from maintaining their season's unbeaten record. The team, with 4 Kai Iwi School boys, Bailey, Oliver, Bronson and Isiah, had two games against renowned teams Marton and Ruapehu, both of which they won convincingly. Kai Iwi boys also featured in the Marist Prizegiving on Sunday with Bronson picking up the 'Pigdog' Hard Play of the Season award. Well done Bronson and all the boys. You make Kai Iwi School very proud.



Niki White

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Next Friday (26th August) is our school Cross Country competition. Would be great if parents could come along and watch their child(ren). There will also be a **PRE-SCHOOLERS RACE** too so bring along your little ones.



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North Fuels have given us \$1,000 to spend on ICT equipment due to our Community's farmers and contractors supporting Kai Iwi School who nominated us when signing up with North Fuels. A HUGE THANK YOU to all those people. This will be a big help to our ICT resources. If you are looking at signing with North Fuels please consider nominating our school when doing so. North Fuels very generously sponsor our Town Bus fuel with \$2,000 of fuel for the year which is awesome.

FOKIS FIREWOOD RAFFLE LAST CHANCE !!



Most of us need good firewood and winning it is even better!! There are still several tickets available in this raffle. Tickets are \$5 each so send your money along to school in an envelope marked 'Raffle' plus your name and we shall send you home your ticket. **WE WILL DRAW THE RAFFLE AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK.**



Our boys learning Kapa Haka with Andy

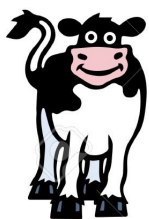
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ADVANCE NOTICE !!

PET DAY 2016 - Monday, 17th October

Mark this event on your calendars! We just love that our Community, parents, grandparents, etc join us on this day. It's our big fundraiser of the year so we appreciate all the support you can offer. More details will follow in the Week 8 Newsletter.



FOKIS - PET DAY

GROCERY RAFFLE ITEMS -

This week we asked for a **TINNED ITEM** ie. can of fruit, can of sauce, fly spray, spaghetti etc. (We received 3 tins!!).

Next week we are asking for a **BAGGED ITEM** ie cereal, pasta, dried fruit, sugar, etc.

Please send your items to the school office with your child. Your contribution is appreciated.

FOKIS MEETING - 3pm, Monday 29th August. We will be discussing Pet Day so members please come along. We welcome anyone new who would like to join our group too.



NETBALL

Report - Jane got the girls all fired up and rearing to go during our pre-game team huddle, with encouragement and lots of "You can do it" it was time for the first whistle, for an action packed game. St Mary's are a great team and we lost our first game against them only a couple of weeks ago so we really wanted to win this game. And win we did, 11 - 1 to us!! Well done girls and a big CONGRATULATIONS to Korrie for an outstanding game in the midcourt. Great Job!

After watching a Silver Fern game, we got some great tips and put them into practice quickly. Isabelle got some fab intercepts and found open space for the midcourt to feed the ball into our shooters. Keila, your little legs take you off like a rocket and you showed great Team spirit. Cara, Leoni and Zoë did a superb job defending and, all in all, it was a really neat game.

Good luck for this week's game against St Georges B. Bring everything you've got to the game and let's show them what Kai Iwi is made of - Super Stuff!!

It's nailbiting being so close to the seasons end but a really satisfying time for both Jane and I. You girls are seriously cool kids. That's all for this week. Don't be late on Saturday. Good luck & GO KAI IWI !

Louise Hartell

Draw - Kai Iwi A vs St George's B Ct 7 10.30am.

REMINDERS !!

- ♦ **UNIFORMS** - Orders are due back **MONDAY** please. Order forms available in the school foyer. This is the only order this term.
- ♦ **SCHOOL ACCOUNTS** - These went out last week. Many thanks to those who have paid already. If not, we would appreciate payment ASAP. Thank you.
- ♦ **NETBALL SKIRTS - Yr 3/4 Team** - Could you all please return your skirts ASAP in a clean, pressed condition. Thank you.
- ♦ **SUITABLE SHOES FOR RUNNING** - Needed for cross-country training every day.

Students learning about making 'Sound'

