

# KAI IWI SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter



*Week 5 Term 1 - 1st March 2018*

And in the end it's not the years in your life that count;  
It's the life in your years.

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to a new school year and here we are almost halfway through the first term already. No one could complain about the weather throughout the holidays (except to moan about the

humidity), so I hope you were able to get out with your family and enjoy it. Thankfully, our school pool is up and running again and it looks wonderful! In that regard, we would just like to remind everyone that children must be accompanied by an adult when swimming at our school pool. Our new pool cover has arrived and we ask that anyone who swims after school hours please ensure you put the cover back on the pool.

Our swimming sports will be held next month, but in reverse order this year. The Super 6 sports will be held at the Splash Centre on Friday 16 March, from 11-1pm. Our Cluster schools' swimming sports will be held at the Splash Centre on Tuesday 27 March at the Splash Centre. There will be more details closer to these events.

The Year 7 and 8 students have begun their sailing programme at Pauri Lake which has been a huge success. All students have successfully sailed Optimists boats, with Lexie (who is more experienced) sailing a Bic. It has been very satisfying to witness how capably everyone has sailed so far and there is stiff competition between our budding sailors to see who will be picked to compete in the Intermediate Sailing competition on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We are very grateful to our wonderful teacher aide Sheryl Ryland, and Bob and Alan from Sailing Whanganui for their selfless dedication to providing these opportunities for our students.

Our integrated topic for Term 1 is learning about how animals use a variety of adaptations to survive in their environments. We are discovering

some amazing adaptations such as Behavioural: migration, hibernation; Structural: camouflage, mimicry, countershading; and Physiological: making of venom, changes to metabolic rate, to name a few. Through Inquiry Learning, students will investigate their own choice of animal, developing their research skills throughout the process.

Mrs Harris has now had the cast off her leg but it will be a while before screws and rods are removed, and she is under strict instruction not to weight-bear on her leg, so as you can imagine she is feeling very frustrated at being away so long. The kids and staff are missing her and wish her all the best for a full recovery. We are grateful to Neville Hopkins for relieving in Room 2 for the first few weeks, and also to Shaun Park who is currently relieving in Room 2, from Monday to Thursday each week.

Room 3 are currently learning and enjoying a range of physical activity skills through coaching sessions delivered by Sport Whanganui. These sessions will extend to Room 1 and STAR as the year progresses.

This term the seniors have been attending technology classes where they are learning how to whip up culinary delights in the kitchen, and how to create all manner of interesting items made from acrylic in the workshop. I have explained to my class that it's my prerogative to taste their cooking upon their return to school, but not surprisingly most of the food doesn't even make it that far!!

Tomorrow (Friday) we have our Meet and

Proud to be a  
Kai Iwi Kid



There are lots of fun things to do here and Miss Kidd is the best teacher because we do lots of hand writing.

*Connor Garland-Mackenzie (STAR Rm)*

Greet the teachers after school followed by a BBQ and swim. We would love to see everyone attending if possible, and it would be great to get some of our mums and dads playing a game on the field with the kids. I look forward to seeing you there. Let's hope the weather warms up again, brrrr!

Next week we will be carrying out Progressive Achievement tests in reading and maths in the

middle and senior school, so please ensure your child gets plenty of early nights as the tests require them to be very focused for considerable lengths of time.

Well, that's about it for now. Hopefully we'll have a good turn out to our BBQ.

Cheers, **Trish Wakeling**



Our Seniors are learning to sail out at Pauri Lake.



## MEET & GREET, BBQ & SWIM

TOMORROW, 2nd March

4.30-5.30pm

Meet teachers in classrooms

5.30 - 7.30pm

BBQ and Swim

Bring picnic and refreshments. I hope to see you all on Friday. If you want to come but don't have your own BBQ don't worry I have organised one big enough for everyone. Just bring meat to cook & utensils.  
Ross Harvey

## FOKIS - PIE ORDERS

FOKIS will be sending out pie order forms shortly as a fundraiser. Delivery will be before the next holidays.

FOKIS, which is our fundraising committee, has raised, with the help of all our parents and community, nearly enough money to pay for a new pool cover and shade sails but is still a little bit short. We really need everyone to get behind the PIE SELLING as this will help us to fund both these projects.





## PRINCIPAL'S SNIPPETS

Tena Koutou katoa Hi Everyone,

Jane Carson has taken on another responsibility this year as Head of our School library. She has been busy putting up displays and this photo is of all the words each child in the school has come up with by themselves to describe the school values. These are now displayed on the wall in the library.

Our pool refurbishment is complete and as you can see from the photo our pool is looking great. We wish to thank the NZ Community Trust for their \$5,000 donation for the pool repairs.



Kace from Room 1 came to show me how well he is reading. Good work Kace.



Last week I visited Gonville School to see how our senior students were getting on and took a few photos of the children busy in the Cooking room and listening carefully in the Woodwork room.





### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School accounts were sent out with last week's Newsflash if you were owing anything.

Please note we offer a 10% discount to those who pay their School Donation for the whole year by 31st March, i.e. \$100/child for the year, less \$10/child discount = \$90/child.

Term 1 School Donation has been added to your present account, so if you want to take advantage of this deduct the \$25/child and add on \$90/child.

### HELP WITH TRANSPORT TO TOWN NEEDED

Is there anyone going into town on Monday and/or Wednesday afternoons that could drop Finn off at the Boys & Girls Gym Club at the Springvale Stadium?

Please text/phone Holly on 027 359 1814.

### Wanganui Athletic FC

Junior/Youth Pre-Season Muster

Saturday March 10 @ 12.30pm

Athletic Clubrooms – Wembley Park

All new and existing players aged 7 – 17 are welcome.

Come along, register and have a kick around.

Stay and watch our senior and senior reserve teams playing pre-season games on the park from 1pm

For more information contact W.A.F.C.

youth coordinator, Gary Johnston, 0211443345

### PROPERTY WANTED

Lifestyle Property within Kai Iwi or surrounding areas. We would be interested in either a rental or possibly the purchase of a lifestyle block, should the right property present itself. Please contact Tina 06 3429991



### NEWSLETTER/NOTICES BY EMAIL

We have noticed by some of the queries we get that Newsletter/Notices are not getting home all the time, or are not being read. We are reviewing our email list and will now include all parents who have given us their email address on enrolment forms. If you do not wish to get it by email please advise Wendy in the office. Also please advise if you change your email address.

Hard copies will still be sent home each Thursday and special notices whenever needed.

Community members are also welcome to have their name added to our Newsletter email list if interested. Please send the office an email requesting this (see bottom of 1st page for address).

### UNIFORM

We hope our first order for the year will be here any day. Unfortunately it was held up due to an issue with the colour but this was resolved. Our second order was sent in on Monday.

**For Sale:-** A Size 8 Polar fleece in excellent condition. \$25. Please phone Carol on 343 2718.

**Donated 2nd Hand** - We have a number of items of 2nd hand uniform that have been returned to give away to needy homes. Please come into school and take a look and only take what you are presently needing. We don't have time to go through it for you and will not hold any items. We also have a pile of Lost Property uniform (unnamed) from last year. If not claimed this term they shall be put in with the give-aways.

### KINDLING FOR SALE

One of our students, Mitchell, is showing great initiative by cutting kindling and selling it. Please place your order with his Mum, Lisa, on 027 3040 725.

KINDLING:- Small bag	\$5
Medium bag	\$10
Large bag	\$20

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