

# KAI IWI SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter



*Week 7 Term 3 - 5th September 2019*

### A Thought

Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win, and lose.

It teaches you about life. Billy-Jean King

Proud to be a  
Kai Iwi Kid



I love playing with all the sports equipment & there are lots of good people here.

**Kace Allen (Rm 2)**

Hi Everyone,

It has been a while since the last community newsletter – I can't believe this term is only a few weeks from being over. Is it just me, or has this year absolutely flown by? We have had a very good term with the weather being reasonably mild, even if it has been a little wet at times. But at least the kids have been able to use the field almost every day this year. To say this has been a 'sporty' term would be an understatement! During the term the seniors have been learning how to play badminton and squash, in preparation for the Super 6 Racquet Sports competition that was held last week. Our competitors performed really well, and considering they were up against some Whanganui Rep players in both the badminton and squash, they did an amazing job to come second overall against the other 5 schools.



Recently, our school's senior hockey team played in the final against a very good team from Faith City School. It was a thrilling game to watch, and after some heart-stopping moments, it was a draw at full time. Extra time was played, with each team losing a player every two minutes, and the first goal scored would decide the winner. We were down to

just 3 players: Yuri, Keanu and Joshua (so of course no goalie). The other team would have scored the winning goal if Yuri had not been able to wind up his long legs and chase the player almost the length of the pitch, tackling and retrieving the ball just in time. Once we were back on attack, Joshua received a pass and whammed the ball into the goal. Kai Iwi's numerous supporters, along with the players, erupted in shouts and cheers of delight – it was a game well fought and a truly deserved win! I haven't had such an exciting time in ages! I was hoarse the next day. Well done to coach Angela McCracken and our wonderful players. Thank you also to Racheal and Ally for all the time and effort you have put into our Junior hockey team – they have made a huge improvement throughout the term.

Following our school Cross Country event, a number of players went on to compete at Westmere School last Friday. Everyone who ran gave it their all and we achieved some great placings, as follows: Caius Atkinson, Fletcher Hodges, and Gabriella Valentine all achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jack Drake – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Zack Webster was running in 1st place until he fell, but showed great resilience in getting back up and managed to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place! Well done to all of our competitors! Looking ahead, a selection of students who are year 6 or below will be competing in the cross country event at Aranui School on Tuesday, 17th September.



Last Friday, our Rugby Sevens team competed in the Southern schools' competition and came first. They then went on to play against a team from Taihape Area School, who were somewhat intimidating by their sheer size. Once our team realised that skills and fitness, not size, was what mattered, they fought gallantly to try and win the game, but just couldn't quite claw enough points back, losing the game 3 tries to 2. The coaches and spectators were so impressed with the gutsy performances our kids produced throughout the day, truly putting it all out there. All players were awesome, but our girls, who had never played rugby, were absolute legends the way they got really stuck in, fought hard, and gave 100% effort all day. We are so proud of what you all achieved. Many thanks to Hamish McDougal, Mark Corcoran, and Logan Henry for all your efforts with coaching our team.



On Saturday, I watched our school 'A' netball team play in the closing day competition. They beat Fordell School in the semi-final, then went on and played St George's in the final. After a gallant effort, they lost the final, but came second in their grade which was a result to be proud of. Many thanks to Nell and Brylee for your dedication to coaching and supporting our team throughout the netball season.



Throughout the term, Rooms 3 and 5 students have been receiving tennis lessons with a coach from Tennis Whanganui, and Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 5 are having soccer lessons with Central Football, which will give our kids some experience in learning the fundamental skills of the games. Year 5 and 6 will also be starting cricket lessons this week. And, from Tuesday to Thursday next week, some classes will be participating in Bike Safety lessons

with the Bike Team, to be held at school.

Four of our seniors, Rakei, Emma R, Lucas P, and Tamaira will be competing in the Bluelight Police Competency Challenge at the Springvale Stadium, next Tuesday, 10th September. The two fastest boys and two fastest girls on the day will go on to compete in the National Bluelight Fear Factor competition at the Royal NZ Police College in Porirua, on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September. Good luck to our competitors!!

This Thursday night, Yuri, Bailey, Rakei and Tamaira will represent our school in the Year 8 section of the Mathex competition, and our Year 6 team will be comprised of Beth, Cooper, and Felix. Working out tricky maths problems against the clock is quite a daunting challenge, so we wish you all the best of luck.

The time is fast approaching when our Year 7 and 8 students go off to senior camp at Vertical Horizons, from 24-27 September. Excitement is building, and I'm just hoping for fine, mild weather as most activities will be outdoors.

The second round of HPV Immunisations will be done at school on Monday, 16 September, beginning around lunchtime.

This term we have been delighted to have Hannah-Rose Chadfield join our staff. She has been carrying out her practicum as a student teacher, and working in Room 2 under the guidance of Ms Willan. Hannah-Rose will be with us until the end of the term, and is finding the experience both rewarding and enjoyable in her pursuit of a career as a teacher.

By now you will have received the notice that school photos have been postponed until next term. We will have a school assembly this Friday, so it would be lovely to see you there.

Lost Property continues to be a problem with more and more unnamed clothing, especially uniform items, stockpiling at school. We have no idea who any of it belongs to. Please name all of your child's outer garments so we can return clothing to its owners.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff and students of our amazing school, to thank all the parents who have supported us in any way this term. Your support, given in so many ways, lends vital strength to the backbone of our school, ensuring we have a firm structure on which to continue the business of educating and nurturing our learners through a wide variety of learning experiences.

Well, that's it from me for the term.

Cheers,

**Trish Wakeling**





## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora koutou, Hi Everyone

**Sport** - Last week was such a busy sporting week, with Racquet Sports, Cross Country and Rugby Sevens. All the children that participated in these sporting events did very well and represented Kai Iwi School admirably. I will let Mrs Wakeling elaborate more on these events in her blurb. Once again Mrs Wakeling, thank you very much for writing the community newsletter each month. It lets our community know some of the fun things we get up to here at Kai Iwi School.

**Mathex** - Mathex is on tonight at Whanganui Intermediate. We have a Year 6 team and a Year 8 team competing. The Year 6 team is on at 6pm and the Year 8 team is on at 8pm. All the best everyone!

**Room 1 Art** - Today I am featuring Room 1's Artwork. I am really amazed at the amount of cool artwork they have done this year. Here are some samples of their work.



Art promotes creativity. The ability to be creative is vital to the success of our children and the well-being of our world. Research indicates that a child who is exposed to the arts acquires a special ability to think creatively, be original, discover, innovate, and create.

**Well done Room 1!**



**School Hours** - Teachers have noticed that it is becoming more and more common for some children to still be at school anywhere from 3:30pm to sometimes 4:30pm. Unless your child is catching a bus they need to be picked up at 3pm which is when school is finished as teachers are no longer responsible for your child and have preparation, planning, meetings and many other things to attend to.

We do realise that from time to time you can be caught up in town or some emergency may have occurred. If this is the case a quick phone call to the school saying you will be late and what time you expect to be here to collect your child is all we ask.

**School Buses** - Please talk to your child about what the behaviour expectations are when traveling on a bus. For safety reasons it is important your child stays seated at all times when the bus is in motion and that they listen to the senior bus monitors.

**Garden Ramble** - Tickets are now available for the Garden Ramble. We have some really great gardens available to visit so spread the word and see how many tickets we can sell. This has the potential to be a really good fundraiser for our school and the chance to build an outside classroom which would be sooo cool for our kids.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Ross Harvey, *Principal*



### WANGANUI REPS ACHIEVEMENTS

Below are our kids who have made Wanganui representative sport teams recently. Well done to you all.

U13 Soccer -	Lucas Payne & Emma Ross
U13 Basketball -	Mason Henry
U13 Rugby -	Samuel Jordan
U11 Rugby -	Blake Webster





## **GARDEN RAMBLE**

(School Fundraiser)

**KAI IWI SCHOOL**, together with **BAYLEYS WHANGANUI**, are hosting a Garden Ramble on Saturday, 2nd November. Join us with a group of friends or family on a self-driven tour of delightful and intriguing country gardens, located in our rural community.

Enjoy your pre-purchased picnic hamper, from Country Deli, at one of the many gorgeous gardens along the way. These are available for purchase with your ticket.

This fundraising event is to support the development of an outdoor classroom and update our school playground.

**Tickets** - \$35:00

**Picnic hampers** - \$15:00

Tickets to be pre-purchased before the day. For tickets or inquiries, please contact Helen at [kaiiwiramble@gmail.com](mailto:kaiiwiramble@gmail.com)

To book online go to <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CKK>

## **FOKIS FUNDRAISER** **PIES PIES PIES**

Next Monday, 9th September, is the last day to get your Pie Orders back.

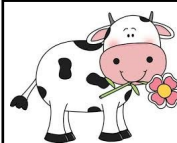
REMEMBER, there is a prize for the family who get the most orders!! This fundraiser is to help with the new outdoor classroom and upgrade the playground.



Three best buddies supporting each other at the West Country Cross Country.

## **PET DAY**

**Friday, 19th October**



Put this date up on your calendar as it is always a fun day for all our Community. We love that parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, past pupils and members of the Community join us on this day. **Hope to see you there again this year!!**

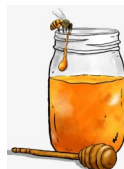
Students, we hope your lambs and calves are coming along well with their calling, leading, etc and any other animals are being prepared for the day.



## **SPORTS UNIFORMS**

If your child(ren) were in a sports team over the winter and had a school issued uniform please return it ASAP in clean condition. We will be using them for photos after the holidays.

## **KAI IWI HONEY**



**1 Kg Bush Blend Honey - \$15**  
**Available from the school office.**