

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 8 Term 3 - 14th September 2017

A Thought

Climate change does not respect border; it does not respect who you are - rich and poor, small and big. Therefore, this is what we call 'global challenges,' which require global solidarity.

Ban Ki-Moon

Kia ora koutou,

What a very busy time we've been having at school as we head towards the end of term 3. Our students have been involved in Cross Country competitions, Technology challenges, Mathex competitions, and rugby games, and have done themselves and our school proud in each event.

In the West Cluster Cross Country competition held at Westmere school, Kai Iwi students all ran their hearts out and produced some very good placings, which are indicated later in the newsletter. Well done to everyone who competed.

Then on Tuesday, runners from years 4-6 went on to compete in the Cross Country competition at Aranui school. Out of well over 100 runners, Joshua Valentine finished in 17th place, and Toby Corcoran once again stormed home in 1st place - what a fantastic achievement!! Well done to all of our runners who really gave it their best shot.

Recently, we entered a Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8 team in the Interschool Mathex competition. This is a Maths competition based on problem solving, with around 120 teams given 30 minutes to complete 20 challenging questions. All teams put up a gallant effort, but our Year 6 combined team of Rakeinohowhetu Hawira, Toby Corcoran, Yuri van der Wees (Kai iwi), and Elijah Frewin (Waitotara) achieved an excellent 2nd placing in their Year group competition. We are so proud of you and all our teams that competed. I would like to acknowledge the enormous effort Mrs Ryland has put in to preparing our teams for this competition. This has involved many hours of her own time in writing explanations for solutions to

previous years' test questions so that the students she tutors can learn strategies for problem solving. Thankyou very much from Kai Iwi staff and students.

Last Friday, students from Years 6, 7 and 8 attended the annual Cluster Technology Challenge at Brunswick school. The morning challenges involved throwing self-made boomerangs with the hope they would return to the thrower. Leo's boomerang throw looked very promising, had begun curving for its homeward flight only to bury itself in a massive hedge that was so tall and dense, it couldn't be retrieved! Brother, Oliver, threw his boomerang and achieved a fourth placing for his team. Well done!

The next activity involved groups being presented with materials such as straws, newspaper, tape, string and an ice cream container, and challenged to make a structure with a swing that could support a 500g object and swing backwards and forwards. The Year 7 and 8 team of Isabelle, Lexie, Dallas and Oscar created the best structure meeting all the criteria set and won 1st placing (see photo). Also, our Year 6's came 3rd in the canoe making challenge. Congratulations on your great team efforts.

Earlier in the term our Year 5-6 Rugby 7's team won the Whanganui 7's Rugby tournament held at Springvale Park. By winning that tournament we got to be the curtain raiser to the Wanganui V Poverty Bay rugby game last Saturday. The team, along with Coach, Mark Corcoran, and Manager, Ross Harvey, turned up on the day keen to play against Ohakune Primary School who had won their area final and so got to meet Kai Iwi at Cooks Gardens. It was a wet

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



I think it's fun at this school because there are heaps of cool things in the playground and there are nice teachers.

Eden Winton (STAR Room)

and miserable day but the Kai Iwi team played well in the slippery conditions to take out the game 15-10. Congratulations! It was a great result and a real team effort by players, coach and manager. Thanks very much for all your coaching sessions, Mark.

Room 2's sports focus this term has been to learn how to play squash, receiving coaching sessions from Rodney Bannister from Whanganui Squash. Their five sessions ended with the final session at the Whanganui Squash club and the kids had a fantastic time on the squash courts. Some students enjoyed it so much they registered for the Junior Squash Open Day last Sunday.

Excitement is building in Room 4 as our senior

camp at Vertical Horizons is just over a week away. Hopefully we will see a vast improvement in the weather as this is an outdoors camp, so most activities will go ahead rain, hail or shine! It should be a great 4 days and I know how much the class is looking forward to it.

Apart from mentioning that there is an assembly this Friday and it would be great to see lots of parents there, that's it from me for now. Enjoy your weekend and please pray for sunny weather for at least the rest of this month.

Cheers,
Trish Wakeling



Our Year 7/8 team with their 1st placed 'Best Structure' at the Technology Challenge.



Our victorious Rugby 7's Team with coach, Mark Corcoran.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora koutou, Hi everyone.

Just a couple of things to report on as Trish has covered most of it in her news.

School Staffing - We have had our 5 teachers confirmed for 2018 which is great news. Our roll is the highest it has ever been, presently standing at 109 with at least two more New Entrants due by the end of the year.

Andy, our Kapa Haka teacher, is leaving unfortunately, but are close to appointing a replacement Kapa Haka teacher.

School Uniform - This will become COMPULSORY from the beginning of next year. Parents, you may wish to order extra items over the next couple of months to make it easier on the budget.

Highlights - We have had a great term so far. Our Year 6 Mathex Team came 2nd overall at the compete

tion last week which is a wonderful achievement for our small school. Well done team.

Also, our Rugby 7's team played against Ohakune before the Wanganui vs Poverty Bay game and won (see pic).

Our 'A' Netball team who played for the first time in A Grade came 4th in that grade.

So you can see how rightfully proud we are of, not only these teams, but all our students who shine in different areas. Well done everyone.

Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to our coaches, managers, parent helpers, etc who help make these achievements possible.

Enjoy your weekend. everyone
Ross Harvey, **PRINCIPAL**

WESTMERE INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On a beautiful sunny day my soft toes were poised on the painted white starting line as my school was cheering for me and my mates. "On your marks, get set, go!!" yelled Mr Pennyfather.

As I raced down the first stretch with my floppy feet bouncing onto the diamond-hard stones, I could here Kai Iwi cheering, "Yes! I'm in first place," I panted. With my heart pounding I steadied myself to a jog to save my energy.

Behind the trees I went; I couldn't see anyone but I could hear my opponents panting like exhausted dogs after a big hill country muster. Twigs were digging into my feet as they thumped on the ground. Finally, I could see the light again.

Now my legs felt like noodles as I sprinted around the back of the school, and suddenly my ears were bombarded with Kai Iwi cheering. I quickly looked behind myself; there was no one in sight. I thought to myself, 'am I in last place by miles or winning by centuries'.

Behind the school I was surrounded by Westmere supporters. "Ouch!" I said, as my feet were getting grazed on the concrete. At last I could see my friends again.

"Go, Go, Go!" Kai Iwi cheered as I sprinted up the hill. "No!" I panted as the horrifying stitch was born. Zoouooooom!!! I raced down the hill as fast as a cheetah.

"Yes, I won!" I excitedly yelled, as all my mates finished their race. Laying on the ground with my body now out of action all I could think of was, ARANUI!

By *Toby Corcoran*

Brunswick Technology Challenge

Poem By Isabelle McKenzie, Emma Ogilwy, Nicole Valentine, Zoë van der Wees and Cara Benseman.

We all go down to the field,
Boomerangs are what we yield.
Throwers get ready to go,
Soon it will be their turn to throw.
Leo's turn is finally here,
His boomerang launches into the air.
We stand open mouthed and nerves on edge
But our hopes diminish as it dives into the hedge.
Now the judges have our scores,
We all quickly head back indoors.
The snack bar challenge we didn't do,
So let's get onto the swings and canoe.
The materials were quite a mix,
Thirty wooden popsicle sticks.
They also had thirty sheets of newspaper,
At least they didn't have to build a skyscraper.
This was year six's task,
What's the seniors challenge we all ask.
Build a swing the teachers say,
Let's just hope the string doesn't fray
People are sent to various places,
Nerves struck all over their faces.
The buzzer goes, our time has begun,
Fingers crossed, this is heaps of fun.
We read our instructions,
And start our constructions.
Twenty minutes in,
Sadly, these will probably end in the bin.
Quickly we rush to get it done,
As they start counting down from thirty to one.
The judges come around with blocks,
To test if our swing holds and rocks.
The year 6 team did well to come third,
But there's something else you should have heard.
The year 7 and 8 team won it all,
It stayed up at 55cm tall.
We may have won but paid the cost,
As Leo's boomerang was forever lost.

The Kai Iwi A Netball team won opening day C grade. Mia and Zoë received the award on behalf of the team.

GREEN PERMISSION FORMS

These were sent out last week with the newsletters.

We have had approximately half back so, if you haven't returned yours already, please do so ASAP !!



STORY FROM ROOM 1

I am going to see my new cousin and he is cute and he is in Wellington. His name is Oscar. *By Charlie Stone*

WEST COUNTRY CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

(Top 5 placings)

Congratulations to the following students who were placed in the top five. Several others came close. Well done to everyone who raced - it's a tough competition.

5 Yr girls	-	2nd	Charlie Stone
		5th	Hadlee Belton
7 Yr girls	-	1st	Gabriella Valentine
		3rd	Maddison Frankhouser
7 Yr boys	-	5th	Luke Kirk
10 Yr boys	-	1st	Toby Corcoran
		3rd	Joshua Valentine
11 Yr girls	-	5th	Noa Lawrence
11 Yr boys	-	2nd	Oscar Deighton
12+ girls	-	3rd=	Summitt Storr
		4th=	Keila Allen
12+ boys	-	4th	Hogan Smith

HEAD LICE ALERT !!

There have been sightings of these pesky little creatures. Please check your child(ren)s head(s) and treat if needed.

NETBALL UNIFORMS

Please return your netball uniforms to the school office in clean condition ASAP.

HOUSE WANTED TO RENT



Professional Couple with 1 Child Looking for Rural Rental Property. We have Cats & Dogs & livestock

so would require some grazing as well.
Please phone:- Debra 0272893812 or Sean 021474725

'A' NETBALL TEAM REPORT

Yesterday our team played for the final against WIS 8B. The final score was 24-17 to WIS. We came 4th overall in the A Grade competition. Congratulations to you girls - well done! You worked hard this season and it's awesome to see how you've climbed through the ranks over the last few years. We had Jane away yesterday and it's always harder when you don't have your coach, but it was a good game and she would have been proud.

Player of the Day went to Emma Ogilwy. Congratulations Emma. You had a very nervous start but you had a great game. I also want to mention how fabulous our WA was yesterday. Alyse Harris you read play very well and always managed to be in the right place at the right time. Well done.

I've been on this journey with a few of you girls since the very beginning when you played your first game ever, and I can't quite believe that you just played your last game for Kai Iwi together! (No tears!). I'm very proud of each and every one of you and I wish you the very best for your future. If you decide to play at college next year just remember everything Jane & I taught you. Good luck to you all.

To our awesome sponsors **Shane Stone Builders**, **Current Affairs** (Miquel van der Wees), and **Grangewilliam** (Jane & Mark Corcoran) THANK YOU again for our wicked new hoodies. These not only make us look professional and a really tidy team but it's also a really cool keepsake that we get to keep. We always get great comments from people about how choice we look.

To wind up, if there are any parents, Yr 7 & 8 and older interested in playing **TWILIGHT NETBALL** please leave your name and number with Wendy in the office and I'll be in touch. Until next year.

Louise Hartell, A Team Manager

Room 1 on their Farm visit to the Ford farm - thanks Janie and Stuart.

