

# KAI IWI SCHOOL

## NEWSFLASH!

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**Week 10, Term 3**

**27th September 2018**

### *PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT*

Hi Everyone, Tena Koutou Katoa from Taupo Camp

**Welcome** - Today we welcome Jayda Lawson and her family to our school. Jayda is in STAR Room. We hope you have many happy days here Jayda.

**Senior Camp** - Well we have been lucky so far on Senior camp with the weather, but tomorrow when we head for Rotorua the weather forecast is not so good, but I'm sure the kids will still enjoy the day even if it rains.

I can't believe the courage some of the kids have, to climb the high wires and jump off from such heights. It's great to see some of the kids overcoming some of their fears.

**NZEI Agreements** - The latest information in regards to both the Principals and Teacher's Collective Agreements are that both primary teachers and primary principals have overwhelmingly voted to reject the latest Ministry offer to settle our respective collective agreements.

The Ministry has again failed to address the critical shortage of teachers in this country.

Teachers and principals are seeking improvements to student:teacher ratios to enable reduced class sizes and for more time to be spent with each child. The other key claim is to have the teaching profession recognised with appropriate rates of pay which will enable the sector to attract and retain high quality teachers and principals

Early in Term 4, the union will be conducting another ballot of members to determine what steps will happen next to ensure the Ministry and the Government understand just how urgent and immediate the crisis in teaching supply is and to start talking about realistic remedies. As soon as the result of that ballot is known, I will update you if there is to be further industrial action. While I realise this can be disruptive, we are dealing with issues which require immediate attention.

Your support to date has been greatly appreciated

by myself and our teaching staff. We are all in this profession to do the best we can to provide your children with high-quality education. Unfortunately, under-resourcing of the education sector is impacting on our ability to provide that.

On a positive note, in response to the issues the union has been raising about the significant extra resources needed to support students with additional learning and behaviour management issues, the Government has announced an intention to seek funding in next year's Budget for a nation-wide service of SENCOs (Special Education Needs Coordinators).

Well with only the rest of the week to go until the school holidays I must say this year has really flown by. We only have one more term of school for 2018.

I hope you all have a safe and fun holiday.

Ross Harvey, **PRINCIPAL**

**Bailey flying through the air!**



**Huka Falls**



**Prawn Farm**



### **Year 6 Day Out**

Skrrr! Thump! Boom!

Wednesday 26th of September 2018, the year sixes of Room 2 emerge from the class stomping to the Kai Iwi School bus. Hopping onto the bus and squatting in our seats, minutes later we arrived to our first destination...The Whanganui Regional Museum. We met Mrs Beutrais inside a room with 4 tables surrounding us with multiple things on them. We sat down and listened to Mrs Beutrais tell us how to make paper. When she had done we all selected a colour choice out of Green, Red, Purple and Blue. We made many papers and had lots of fun!

The next stop was the Majestic McDonalds to get creamy ice-cream. Everyone was speechless, they all were too busy eating.

We hopped back on the bus and went to the Cafe Playland on London St. We marched past the customers and went to the playground. We played and played.

Then we rushed to the Girls College for the slippery ice skating. It looked easy, but it wasn't! We put on our safety gear (Helmets, Gloves and Skates) and after all the sliding and thumping on the ice we were sweaty and bruised, but had huge smiles on our faces.

Thank you Mrs Harris and Mrs Carson for the awesome day.

***Tamauiira Hawira-Harrison.***



### **SPORTS - TERM 4**

**Touch Rugby** - A blue permission slip went out yesterday and by email. Please have these forms back TOMORROW.

**Cricket** - I have just realised we should have had a cricket permission out as well. If your child is between Yrs 3 and 6 please complete the attached permission and return TOMORROW if they would like to play cricket.

There are two age groups (Yrs 3/4 & Yrs 5/6). They are 6-a-side teams and games are on a Friday evening, beginning Friday 26th October. As for all sports there will be a fee (team fee divided by no. of players).

Fees for both sports still to be ascertained.

**REMINDER** - If you are picking up your child(ren) after school please write it on the bus board or notify their teacher before taking them. Thank you.



## **KAI IWI SCHOOL - CRICKET PERMISSION TERM 4**

Yes, my child(ren) :- \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_

wish to play in a cricket team.

I am available to coach/manage a team. Yes / No

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

