

KAI IWI SCHOOL Community Newsletter



Week 8 Term 1 - 24th March 2016

A Thought

Optimism looks for the best in every situation.
The upside of every downside. The yes in every no.

Hi Everyone,

How fortunate we are to have such beautiful weather lasting for so long this term, allowing the children to have a great swimming season. The pool temperature has been so much warmer and Ross has done a

great job maintaining the pool. It's been great for the littlies to have the pool temperature up and they have really enjoyed their swims. On many occasions the senior girls assisted Mrs Baker with a couple of her tiny tots who weren't quite tall enough in the pool - funny how I had no problem getting volunteers! I have seen a massive improvement in both the confidence and performance of our swimmers and this was never more evident than at both swimming sports held at the Splash Centre. At the start of our season some children struggled to swim a length of our school pool in a reasonable fashion, but just recently so many of them went to the sports and competed very successfully, with many gaining placings. At the Super 6 Swimming Sports which is a competition between intermediate aged students from St Anne's, St Mary's, Faith City, Westmere, St Marcellin, and West Country (ie. swimmers from Kai Iwi, Brunswick, and Waverley), our West Country Schools' team came second overall, just barely beaten by Westmere. I'm pretty sure that every swimmer earned a placing and I'm so proud of them. You can check out the results later in the newsletter.

The senior class is launching their fundraising schemes to raise money for their camp in Term 3. What a great response we've had so far to the firewood raffle with many of the tickets sold already. The tickets are \$5.00 each and the prize is a trailer load of macrocarpa and pine valued at \$300, very generously donated by Arnold and Renee Henry. If you would like tickets please let us know at school or ask one of the students as there are a few tickets still left. This Thursday (weather permitting), the senior students will be bagging pinecones which the Loader family kindly offered us. We really appreciate their generosity. The bags of pinecones will be selling at \$6.00 per sack or 4 sacks for \$20.00. Students will be selling these shortly or you can place your orders through school. We can arrange delivery. But wait, there's more... Look at this fabulous fundraising raffle that has been so generously donated by the Pearce family: 2 nights away with the perfect hunting trip and accommodation for 4 when you are the lucky winner of an escape to Totaranui Hut nestled in beautiful native bush up the Waitotara Valley. And all this for \$10.00 !!! What a great gift this would make! These tickets won't last long so don't miss out - tickets available soon.


Looking ahead on the fundraising calendar we are planning a great night out with lots of fun, mystery bottle auction, and some boogying, so expect further details on that soon. Have you had a look at our school renovations lately? The job is coming along really well and it's very exciting to see all the changes taking shape. We are also looking forward to having our native birds along the fence outside Room 3. These artworks are being completed by students from Whanganui UCOL.



Our FOKIS group have got plans underway for the bike track at school so it will be exciting for our kids when that is completed. I might even be tempted to give it a whirl, but then I still remember my attempt at trying to take on a jump on the court on one of the kid's scooters which went epically wrong, and then there's the pogo stick disaster, so maybe not. At the end of this term we are having a Grandparents afternoon, giving students an opportunity to share their learning about their Pepeha (who they are and where they are from) with family members.

Thankyou to parents who have supported their children's learning when they have come home with research tasks about family origins, family trees, etc. There have been some very interesting discoveries made by students and their families when researching their family history. Senior boys have made wonderful progress in mastering the basics of sailing each Friday on Pauri Lake and I would just like to give a sincere thanks to Sheryl Ryland, Anna Jones, Ross, Lindsay, Sean ? and his sister for giving up their time to make this activity possible. We may even be ready to enter a team in the Intermediate Schools' Sailing Challenge on Saturday April 2nd, at Pauri Lake. The senior girls have been working through the ShineGirl programme and are loving every minute of it. Having observed some of the wonderful activities they do and the positive self worth and self-empowerment messages that are promoted, I can see why the programme is a real winner. Our children are so fortunate to be at a school where they are given such great opportunities to develop into the best they can be.

Well, it's now very late and time I called it a night. Have a wonderful long Easter break with your families and we will resume services on Wednesday, next week.

Cheers, 
Trish

Super 6 Swimming Results

'A' Grade Races - Two Lengths

Freestyle - Girls

Zoë van der Wees - **2nd**

Emma Ogilwy - **3rd**

Freestyle - Boys

Isaac Jordan - **3rd**

Backstroke - Girls

Emma Ogilwy - **2nd**

Backstroke - Boys

Isaac Jordan - **3rd**

Breaststroke - Girls

Zoë van der Wees - **1st**

Emma Ogilwy - **2nd**

'B' Grade Races - One Length

Freestyle - Girls

Mia Henry - **2nd**

Leoni Tanner - **1st**

Freestyle - Boys

Izaac Coe - **2nd**

Backstroke - Girls

Mia Henry - **1st**

Alyse Harris - **2nd**

Ana Pearce - **3rd**

Nicole Valentine - **3rd**

Leoni Tanner - **3rd**

Backstroke - Boys

Izaac Coe - **3rd**

Breaststroke - Girls

Ana Pearce - **1st**

Nicole Valentine - **2nd**

Mia Henry - **2nd**

Alyse Harris - **3rd**

Freestyle Relay Results

Year 7 Girls' team (incl. Zoe, Emma and Mia) - **1st**

Year 7 Boys' team (incl. Isaac) - **3rd**

Year 8 Girls' team (incl. Leoni) - **2nd**

Year 8 Boys' team (incl. Heath, Izaac, Isaac) - **2nd**

Congratulations to everyone on a fine performance - we are so proud of you!

Principals Comment

Hi Everyone , Tena Koutou Katoa,

Well it's been a busy term at Kai Iwi School and I think everyone will be looking forward to the long Easter break and remember we don't come back to school until Wednesday.

Our modern learning area is still on target to be finished by term two and when it is, we will be having a special opening for everyone to come and have a look.

It has been a challenge this term with two classrooms out of commission so I would like to thank the teachers, parents and students for their patience and their ability to adapt to the temporary changes.

I took some of our students to the Super Six swimming sports at the Splash Centre last week and I must say they performed very well combining with Waverley and Brunswick Schools to represent Country Schools and finish second overall.

Well everyone have a safe and enjoyable Easter break and I hope you have some special time with your family or friends.

Ross Harvey

Board of Trustees Election 3rd June 2016

If you are interested in becoming a Board of Trustees member of Kai Iwi School there will be an information evening at the school on the 14th April at 6pm, with a Board meeting following on, which you are more than welcome to attend. All our current board members, except the principal, will be up for election this year in June.

PIE ORDERS - FOKIS Fundraiser



We are currently fundraising for new ICT equipment. The family pies are made by Fitzies Bakery and can be brought through school for \$6.50 each. There are also sausage rolls and lamingtons please pop into the office or ph 342 9823 and place your order. Last day for orders is 1st April with pies being collected from the school hall on Thursday 14th April. We have extra order forms available at school.



Well done to these students who received the Student of the Week Award. Oliver Jenkins(Rm 2), Lexie McDougal (Rm 4), Sophie Denzel(Rm 3), Maddison Frankhouser (STAR Rm) and Fergus Amon (Rm1).



Leo Jones from Rm 4 Sailing on Pauri Lake. After he has capsized, he is learning to right his boat and climb back in!



Learn To Swim Holiday Course

18th – 22nd April 16 - 5 Days - \$55.00

For more information please contact Christine at Aquajet Swim School on 349 2505

Life Saving Programme – “Junior Award Scheme”

Rookie, Super & Ultra Classes

18th – 22nd April 16 - 5 Days - \$35.00

Phone the Splash Centre on 349 0113 to register. Thanks

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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Springvale Stadium

Tuesday 19 April 2016

YR 1 & 2 9.30am – 12pm

YR 3 & 4 12.30pm – 3pm

COST \$5

Each age group session covers – fun games for – taking off, shooting, dodging, balance, Passing and finishing with a game of netball in the new format – YR 1 & 2 – 4 v 4, YR 3 & 4 – 5 v 5

Wednesday 20 April 2016

YR 5 & 6 9am – 3pm

Thursday 21 April 2016

YR 7 – 8 9am – 3pm

COST \$20

9am – 3pm – Warm up, Netball Skills, Nutrition, Agility skills, Defence, Attack, Shooting, Umpiring, fitness, Games

Wear training gear - Bring food – Bring a drink bottle

RSVP: Before Tuesday 5 April 2016

Tash Kingi at netballgdo@sportwhanganui.co.nz

