

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 4 Term 1 - 27th February 2020

A Thought

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tātau māhi:
Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

Hi Everyone,

Wow, it only seems like yesterday I was writing the end of year newsletter blurb, and yet here we are at the end of week four of the following school year. What a great start it has been with having

five teachers from Day 1, and all teachers having smaller classes. The weather has been exceptional which has meant swimming lessons have taken place each day, and the pool for the most part has been like a lukewarm bath. Many thanks to Mr Harvey and all the other helpers who maintain our lovely pool. We are so blessed to have our lovely swimming pool as so many schools in town have to bus students three or more times a week to the Splash Centre for their class swimming lessons.

This term our integrated topic is 'Building a School Community', and how we as community members can contribute so that all members feel a sense of belonging and purpose. We are identifying who we are as unique individuals, learning how to say our Pepeha to introduce ourselves, and how our various roles, skills and talents are important aspects of our school community. We are also learning about what makes other communities unique, and as a science focus the seniors are learning about coastal erosion, with Kai Iwi beach being an example of this, and right on our doorstep.

A couple of weeks back, we had a lovely evening at school BBQing and socialising, with kids having loads of fun in the pool. It was the perfect evening and everyone seemed to really enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. I enjoyed chatting to parents that I hadn't really met properly before, and I hope others were able to do the same.

Senior students have begun their Monday technology lessons at Girls College and are enjoying the hands-on opportunities for learning. This term

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



Our teachers are great and I love swimming.

Gabriella Valentine (Rm5)

the Year 8s have science lessons in the lab, followed by cooking lessons. This week they made a yummy snack which consisted of bread cases filled with mince, onion, herbs, egg and cheese, and they were delicious – I KNOW!! Actually my girth might keep expanding if I attend the cooking classes each week – absolutely no self-control was exercised when a few children kindly offered to share! In the science lab they were experimenting with combining different potions then recording their observations of any changes that occurred. The Year 7s have been developing their computer coding skills, and are also working with hard materials to learn how to use a range of tools, and the skills needed to make such things as catapults.



This term, Year 7 and 8 students are participating in the Shine and Strength programmes each week, which are run by Shine City. 'ShineGIRL' is

the girls' programme and encourages them to believe in themselves, make good choices and dream big for their futures, with themes such as Worth, Strength and Purpose. The programme is delivered through group discussions and also includes such things as hand massages, making smoothies, role plays and art. At the end of the programme the girls attend a celebration event where they are awarded certificates for completing the course. The boys' programme is called STRENGTH and is founded on the premise that every life counts and has intrinsic value.

Through the concepts of Significance, Resilience and Courage, boys learn to build confidence, leadership, resilience, self-esteem, manage emotions, and problem solve. The programme is delivered through group discussions and some very crazy, fun games and antics. The boys also attend a celebration at the completion of their course.



SHINE CITY programmes with our Year 7 and 8 students

Year 8 students will be starting a leadership programme this week which is a Sport Whanganui initiative. The purpose of the programme is to grow leadership potential in young people through the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. This should provide our student leaders with skills to support their own initiatives in our school, such as organising a range of activities for other students during lunchtimes, and organising 'House' events and activities.

Next week, the Junior and Senior classes will be visiting Kai Iwi beach for fun and learning opportunities. The seniors (Rooms 4 and 5) will be visiting the beach on Tuesday, and the Junior school (Rooms 1, 2 and 3) are visiting the museum and beach on Thursday. We hope parents can support us on these trips – we had a great time last year.

Well, that's all for now from me, except to say we have assembly tomorrow at 9.15am in the hall, and hope you can make it.

Cheers, *Trish Wakeling*



Tiakina O Tātou Moana, Seaweed

Junior Museum & Beach Visit

Thursday 5th March 2020

On Thursday 5th March, Rooms 1,2, and 3 will be going by bus to the Whanganui Regional Museum to celebrate Seaweed. The students will have the opportunity to admire the enormous sunfish, gaze at the awesome whale skeletons, investigate sea life, make a sea-creature mask and have fun discovering all kinds of sea-themed treasures with a Seaweed Museum Explorer. We will then go to Mowhanau Beach for lunch and to continue our Sea/Beach discoveries. If you are available to join us at the beach, please return the form your child has brought home today by Monday 2nd March.

Ngaa mihi

Raylene Harris



THANK YOU - NZCT

A big THANK YOU to the **NZ Community Trust** for their grant of \$2,000. We applied for this to get decoding books which helps students who need assistance with reading and it's already showing amazing results.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD - WEEK 2



L to R:- Waina Maui Papuni (Rm 4) , Damian Hare (Rm 5), Angela Pritchard (Rm 3), James Jenkins (Rm 2), Thomas Jenkins (Rm 1)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 2



L to R:- Nick Denzel (Rm 4) , Akina Hawira (Rm 3) , Zack Webster (Rm 5), Olivia Hughes (Rm 2), Cooper Blair (Rm 1).

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Hi Everyone Kia ora Koutou

Well it's Community Newsletter time again, the first for 2020 and I'm pleased to say Trish is still happy to write the newsletter informing everyone in our community as to what has been going on at our busy school. So instead of me repeating what Trish may have already written I decided to take a walk around the classrooms and see what our students were up to and look what I found:-



SOME ROOM 1 BOYS VERY BUSY DOING THEIR NUMBER WORK



THESE GIRLS ARE WORKING INDEPENDENTLY ON THEIR PHONICS PROGRAMME IN ROOM 2



ROOM 3 CHILDREN USING THEIR CHROME-BOOKS TO HELP WITH THEIR WRITING.



ROOM 4 GIRLS BUSY WORKING ON THEIR WORD STUDY.



ROOM 5 CHILDREN ENJOYING THEIR LESSON TIME IN THE POOL

SPORT

TOUCH - We had a great start to Touch this week with both teams playing really well. If your child is unable to make a game please let me know asap as they are part of a team and it lets the other players down if this is not communicated. If anyone has an older brother or sister who would be interested in being a referee for the intermediate grade games please contact me. Thank you for your support. Danielle Willan (027 840 4069)

Contacts for teams:-

Kai Iwi Kickers:- Stacy Pritchard 027 321 2767

Kai Iwi Kids:- Dinelle Saunders 022 076 3592

NETBALL - All girls have been given a permission form today for Netball. Please return them ASAP. We need to register teams by 7th April. Teams will need at least 8 players but if we cannot get those numbers we will possibly combine with another school.

There are 3 different age groups:-

Yrs 1 - 4, Yrs 5 & 6, and Yrs 7 & 8. The 2 younger teams are called Future Ferns and fees are \$40 each. The youngest team play on Wednesdays. The other 2 teams play on Saturdays. The Yr 7-8 team are in the Intermediate Grade so have a team fee which is dearer but we will advise when team members are determined.

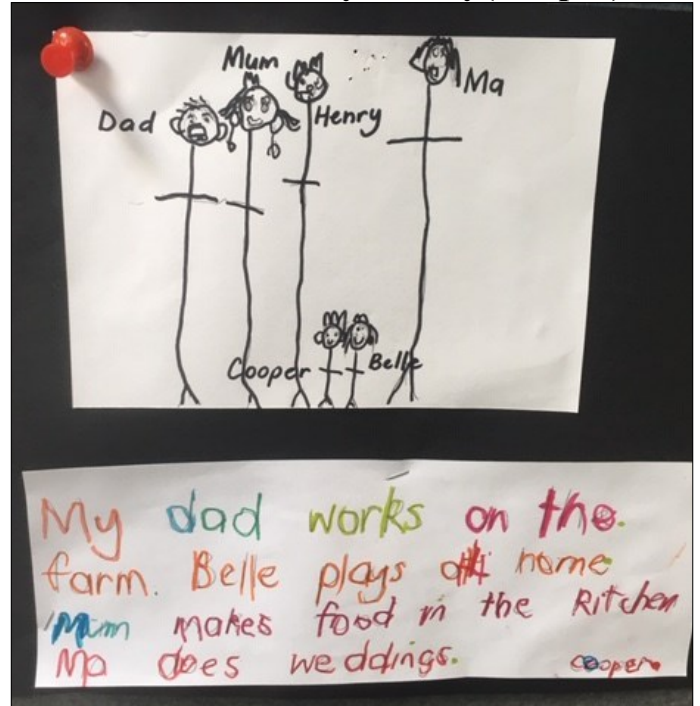
The Yr 1-4 team starts on Wednesday, 29th April, the Yr 7/8 team starts on Saturday, 2nd May and Yrs 5/6 team starts on Saturday, 9th May.

2ND HAND UNIFORM (Free)

These have been moved from the entrance to Room 1 into the Office entrance. Parents, if you need uniform for your child(ren) please take a look.

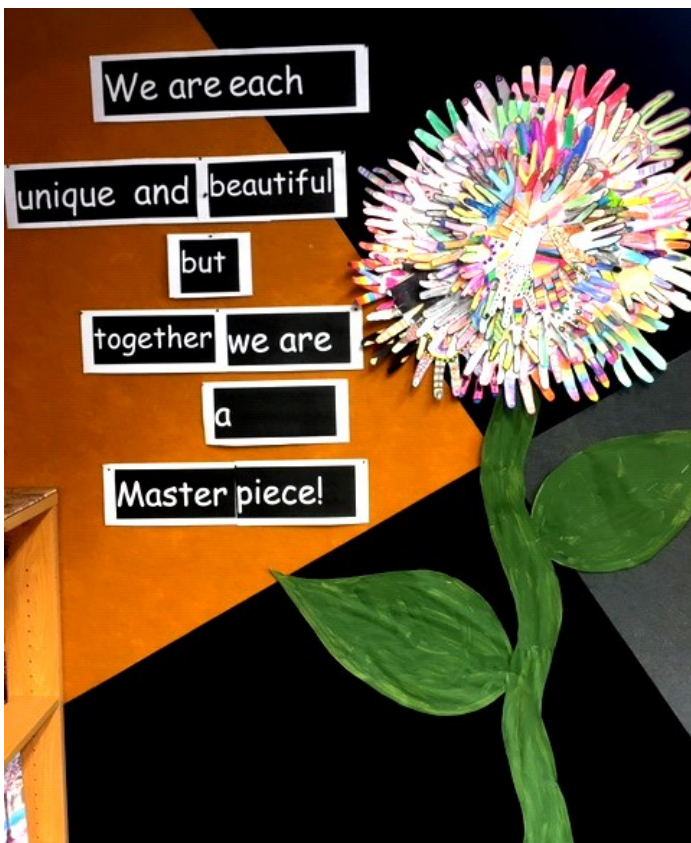
New uniform were ordered at the beginning of this week so should be here next week.

ROOM 1 - My Family(Cooper)



LAND WANTED

Land wanted to lease (consider buying depending on price) from 10 to 100 acres for cattle and a few sheep, preferably within 40km of Wanganui. Please text or phone Joanna Wakeling on 0278555006.



LIBRARY DISPLAY

Everyone coloured in their own hand shape and Jane made this beautiful art work for the library. Nice work Mrs Carson.

Closer detail



KAI IWI SCHOOL - NETBALL 2020



Yes, my child(ren) wish to play netball:-

NAME: _____ Year: _____

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NAME: _____ Year: _____



I am willing to Coach/Manage the Yr 1-4, Yr 5-6, Yr 7/8 team.
(please circle which)

Fees for 1 child are waived for Coaching or Managing.

SIGNED: _____