

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 4 Term 1 - 25th February 2016

A Thought

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.
(S J Harris)

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to another action-packed, fun and educational year at Kai Iwi School. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break and managed to take things easy. It is all hustle and bustle here at school with classes

full throttle into their learning programmes, a fabulous trip to Tawhiti Museum already under our belts, and many more events ahead on the calendar. And just to add to all the excitement and happenings we've had the Dental Technicians putting kids teeth to rights and we also have DML builders taking care of the renovations that will turn Rooms 1 and 2 into Modern Learning Environments. For health and safety reasons the area behind Rooms 1, 2 and 4 has been cordoned off, meaning both drinking fountains are now within the NO GO ZONE, so until we can get one of the fountains moved it would be very helpful if all students could bring a drink bottle of water each day.

With the gardens and grounds being tended to so well and the fences in front of Kowhai Room painted in the school colours, the PD workers have got our school looking very smart. Your great efforts are really appreciated. Another recent addition are the new child-safe gates fitted in our entrance way and alongside the court area.

Our curriculum focus area for this term is Social Studies and we are learning about Pepeha (who we are and where we are from). This will culminate in a Grandparents Day near the end of the term where students can share what they have learnt about themselves and their families. Over the past couple of weeks all classes have been working on the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme run with the support of the Police Education Officer. The programme aims to help children recognise when their safety is

at risk; know how to keep safe when meeting and mixing with other people; recognising different forms of abuse; and having strategies for taking action regarding abuse. We have had some excellent discussions in the senior room and Constable Miller was very impressed with how maturely and readily the students responded to the issues being discussed.

Our Physical Education focus for this term is Aquatics with an emphasis on confidence in the water, water safety, and mastery of basic swimming strokes. The more senior students are preparing to compete in the Cluster Swimming Sports on Tuesday 1 March, followed by the Super 6 Swimming Sports on Friday 18 March. We'd love your support at these events. Next week we have Surf Life Savers visiting our school to deliver two lessons per class on Surf Safety. Thanks to the great weather and Ross' vigilance with pool maintenance the children have really been enjoying their lessons this year, and what great progress many of them have made.

We are fortunate to have the support of outside agencies such as Sport Whanganui who enable us to offer the best learning opportunities for our students. Students in Room 1 will develop foundation skills through playing games and interactive activities. Years 2 and 3 have just begun Fundamental Movement Skills with the purpose being to build on the foundation skills needed to play games, sport and recreational activities.

In Term 3, Years 4, 5, and 6 will participate in the

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



I like playing in the playground and
I like to swim.

Gabriella Valentine

Basic Sports Skills programme which is the transition stage from fundamental movement skills to practising and mastering basic skills needed to participate in sport.

The Senior class is very excited to begin their sensational 'Shine or Sail' programmes which start this Friday. Approximately half the class will be spending their Friday afternoons out on Pauri Lake learning the finer points of sailing Optimists under the very capable guidance of Shaun Thomas, Sheryl Ryland, and Anna Jones. How fortunate we are to have such dedicated people to share their expertise. The other half of the class are participating in the ShineGIRL programme run by ShineGIRL Whanganui.

This is an 8 week self-development course which aims to encourage girls to value and believe in themselves, to make good decisions, and to dream big for their futures. This finishes with a celebration event at the completion of the course.

Because we are running these programmes each Friday afternoon, school assemblies will now be held on Thursday afternoons on a fortnightly basis, beginning next week. Therefore **NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK.**

Well, I need to wind this up now as I've already taken up too much room. Enjoy your weekend.

Cheers,
Trish Wakeling



Principals Comment

Hi Everyone

Well here we are already four weeks into term one and finally the building of our break out room has begun. We are hoping it will all be finished by the start of term two.

Everyone is enjoying swimming each day in our school pool and with the warm temperatures we have been having who wouldn't be.

We have the West Cluster swimming sports next week at the Splash Centre, which is always fun and cricket on Friday evenings has begun, with a first up win to the Kai Iwi Gold team over Durie Hill School.

The students seem to have adapted well to the collaborative teaching going on with Mrs Foote, Mrs Harris and Ms Kidd and this will continue until term two when room one and two will be back in action with new décor, heat pumps, lighting and better acoustics.

I have had many positive comments, about the front entrance gates and new paint job, wait until you see the canvas paintings that are going in the spaces on the fence. It should look awesome.

Ross Harvey
Principal



Students of the Week Wk 2 (l to r):- Cruze Christiansen, Korrie Fletcher, Ruby Hughes, Gabriella Valentine, Jimmy Fletcher



Principal's Awards Wk 2 (l to r):- Crystal White, Elizabeth Terrey, Cara Benseman, Emma Ross, Brooke Richardson.



WATER BOTTLES

While the building work is being carried out we are down to one drinking fountain. Can you please ensure each of your children bring a full water bottle to school each day. Thank you.



Demolition
Before
Addition



SUCCESS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Congratulations to one of our pupils, Mia Henry, for making it into the Aotea Under 13 Netball Squad for 2016. Mia, who has just turned 11, was trialling against over sixty 12 and 13 year olds (an some almost 14yrs) and was selected to play in the upcoming tournament in Hamilton this weekend. After 2 trials and 2 call-backs Mia got the nod as the starting goal shooter in the under 13 team. This has been a goal of Mia's since last year and, thinking that she would be too young, she decided to give it a go with surprising results. Mia has played netball since she was 4 years old, starting with Fun Ferns and heading up the ladder each year, improving and developing skills that is amazing at such a young age. We want to wish Mia and her team good luck this weekend - play hard and have fun.

NEWSLETTERS

During the holidays all my email files, addresses and Group email contacts disappeared and haven't been able to be retrieved to date. Therefore no-one will be receiving newsletters by email. Our technician is trying to retrieve them but no luck so far.

However, our school website will be up and running again within the next two weeks and all newsletters will be posted on it. Would be great if everyone could get into the habit of reading the newsletter each week.

Thanks, Wendy

REMINDER - Have you returned your child's website permission form that was attached to last week's Newsflash?

UNIFORM ORDERS

A reminder that uniform orders are due back **TOMORROW** please. This will be the only order going in this term so make sure you don't miss out. Order forms available on wall by office door.

SUMMER HOCKEY

Are there any hockey players, aged 7 or 8, wanting to play in a Brunswick team for the summer league? If so, please contact Tanya Richardson on 3466-245 or 027 4454 946.

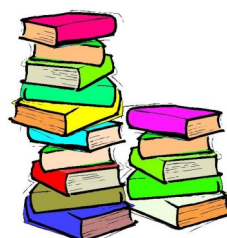
SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Please find your school account attached to this newsletter. A School Donation amount of \$25/child (maximum 2 children/family) has been added for Term 1. However, if you wish to pay for the full year you are entitled to a \$10/child discount if paid before 31st March. Therefore you only pay \$90/child for the full year. If you wish to take advantage of this discount please add on \$65/child to your account (\$25 is already on this account for Term 1). If this seems confusing please see or ring the office for clarification.

CRICKET DRAW

Tomorrow, Victoria Park

Kai Iwi Black vs St Anne's Raiders	Field 13
Kai Iwi Gold vs Kaitoke	Field 14



**1/2 PRICE
BOOK BONANZA**
Thursday, 10th March,
6pm - 9pm
Red Cross Bookshop
110 Guyton St, Wanganui



WHENUAKURA SCHOOL MAIZE MAZE

The only Maize Maze in South Taranaki –
Open from 10 am to 6 pm,
Sign posted off the Main Road
3 km south of Patea -

- ☐ Sunday 28th Feb
- ☐ Sunday 6th March
- ☐ Sunday 13th March
- ☐ Sunday 20th March.



Group bookings other days by appointment, phone Whenuakura School 06 273 8029, or leave a message.

Adults - \$5 / Children up to 13 yrs. – Gold coin. Footwear essential.

Steak sandwiches, sausages, coffee and water for sale between 11 – 1 and 3 – 5. Find the answers in the maize and go in the draw to win a portable barbeque.