

# KAI IWI SCHOOL

## NEWSFLASH!

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**Week 1, Term 1**

**2nd February 2017**

### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

**Tena koutou Katoa, Hi Everyone,**

Welcome back everyone after a long Christmas break. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. We have some new students this year. A big welcome to the following children and their families:-

**Room 1** - Caleb Valentine, Vinnie Atkinson and Hamish Coe

**STAR Room** - Aylah Knight and Levi Oliver

**Room 3** - Payton Knight, Ryan Morrison and Nadia Oliver

**Room 4** - Mac Lawrence, Jackson Rhodes-Pollock and Noa Lawrence.

The teachers have been busy over the holiday period setting up their classrooms ready for the new year and they have planned some really interesting and innovative lessons for the children.

**Technology** - Starts next Tuesday at Gonville School so it is important that your child gets to school no later than 8 40 am to catch the bus. They must have the appropriate footwear (no jandals or gumboots) and if they have a uniform it must be worn please.

**School Uniform** – At the moment our school uniform policy states that students do not have to wear the uniform to school every day, however when they do wear the school uniform they need to wear the whole uniform, not part uniform/part mufti. A uniform order will go in around Week 4 so please pick up, or request an order form from the school office.

**Kapa Haka** – This year we have made Kapa Haka optional so we could gather a group of children who really want to enjoy and embrace the culture of Kapa Haka and have fun learning and performing it. We are only making it available to year 5 and above and have already a group ready to go.

**Swimming** – Hopefully we will be getting some summer weather soon ideal for swimming as we

have swimming sports coming up with our Cluster on March 7<sup>th</sup> and Super Six on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to remind your children to bring their togs as we have class swimming lessons every day.

**Bike Track** – We are about to have a fence built around the track. Once this is done we will be looking at opening the track for the children. (*Great things take time*).

**Mathematics** – This year we are trialling a new maths programme and the maths books for the students cost \$15 for two books for the year, so if you haven't already paid please pay for them at the office or ring to get our bank details.

**After School Bus Arrangements** - Please let Wendy know if your child will not be on the bus on certain days so it can be marked on the bus board for the whole term. Day to day changes can be written on the bus board outside Room 1 or phoned in.

Looking forward to another good year at Kai Iwi School with all our Staff, Board of Trustees, Parents, Whanau and community all working together to help our children become the '*BEST THEY CAN BE*'.

Don't forget if you have any ideas or concerns or just want a chat about your child feel free to come and see me or your child's teacher.

Ross Harvey, *Principal*

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY** **FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY**

Although we don't like to inconvenience parents, teachers do need their Professional Development. All teachers will be attending a PD day on the above date and we encourage parents to make alternative arrangements for your child(ren) just for this day. Thank you.

## TARGETS/RESULTS

Every year our school sets targets for the year and lets the Ministry of Education know what they are and how we expect to meet them.

Our targets for 2017 are to have all students (8) currently Well Below the National Standards at the end of 2016 to have made at least a year's progress in writing by the end of 2017.

We are also targeting the (14) year 4-8 'Below' cohort and especially focusing on writing for boys as 11 of the 14 are boys. Therefore our aim will be to have the 'Below' cohort meeting the National Standards in writing by the end of 2017.

Our other target area is Mathematics where we will be aiming to have All students (8) currently Well Below the National Standards at the end of 2016 to have made at least a years progress in Mathematics by the end of 2017.

We will also be targeting the year 4-5 and 7-8 'Below' cohorts as these students make up 15 of the 17 students below the National Standards and therefore our aim will be to have both cohorts meeting the National Standards by the end of 2017.

The graphs below show our **National Standards Results at the end of Term 4, 2016**

### Writing

	Well Below	Below	At	Above	Total
Maori	0%	21%	48%	31%	100%
Whole School	8.5%	18%	48%	25.5%	100%

**Overall we had 73.5% of our students At or Above the National Standards at the end of 2016. We had 79% of Maori students achieving at or above the National Standards.**

### Reading

	Well Below	Below	At	Above	Total
Maori	0%	14%	41%	45%	100%
Whole School	9%	13%	34%	44%	100%

**Overall we had 78% of our students At or Above the National Standards at the end of 2016. We had 86% of Maori students achieving At or Above the National Standards.**

### Mathematics

	Well Below	Below	At	Above	Total
Maori	0%	21%	48%	31%	100%
Whole School	10%	18%	43%	29%	100%

**Overall we had 72% of students At or Above the National Standards at the end of 2016. We had 79% of Maori students achieving At or Above the National Standards.**

### **FUN FAMILY BBQ - Friday 10th February, 4.30pm**

This will kick off at **4:30pm** with a **Reverse Triathlon** in teams of 3 – bike, run, swim. The pool will be closed until the triathlon is completed. Then at **5:30** we will have a **Water Gun fight**. This will be confined to a roped off section of the field behind the pool. Following this we hope to have **Bubbles** on the court with a giant bubble maker. Children are encouraged to bring their own bubble makers.

This is a fantastic opportunity to come along for some fun and get to know other families at the school. It is a BYO (food & drink) picnic with BBQ's available for cooking your meat. SEE YOU THERE!!

