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Week 1, Term 1

14th February 2019

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Hi Everyone Tena Koutou Katoa - Here is our first newsletter for 2019.

Holidays - I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I have heard some amazing, funny and interesting things that some of the children got up to during the break so it should make for some great writing.

New Families - Just to inform our new students and parents; we send home a newsletter every Thursday keeping you up to date as to what is happening at Kai Iwi School. Your eldest child will get a hard copy and it's also sent by email if we have your email address. The newsletter is on our school website.

I would like to welcome our 20 new students and their families to Kai Iwi School:-

Room 1 - Cooper Blair, Olivia Hughes, Ashar Turley and Millie Ford-Price.

Room 2 - Charlotte Pritchard, Zack Webster, Boston Hyland and Akira-Jay Bennett-Sager.

Room 3 - Angela Pritchard, Bruce Butters-Fitton, Blake Webster, Quinn Hyland, Molly & Felix Carmichael.

Room 4 - Jesse Butler-Lane, Bella-Maria Dahya, Mary Butters-Fitton, Evie-Mae Hampton-Archer, Anahera Bennett and Jon Piotrowski.

We hope you all really enjoy being a part of Kai Iwi School and make many friends.

There is a <u>BBQ and Swim night on Friday the 22nd</u> <u>February</u> at school starting at 5pm. This is a great way for new and not so new parents to meet. More information about the BBQ night will be sent out in a separate note.

Meet the Teacher/Goal sharing - In Week 7 we will be having a meet the teacher night where you will have a chance to meet your child's teacher and hear the goals your child has set for themselves for 2019.

Classroom Numbers - This year we start with a roll of 100 students which is great considering we lost a large number of students to secondary school at the end of 2018. We are hoping to qualify for another teacher due to our numbers but won't know until later in the term when we send in our enrolments to the Ministry of Education.

If we do receive another teacher there will have to be some changes to some of the classrooms, so your child may end up moving classrooms and teachers, but we will endeavour to make the changes as less stressful as we can and communicate with you throughout the process.

Although the class numbers are high we are lucky to have the services of an extra teacher for awhile and two teacher aides to assist the teachers.

BUSES - Due to the large number of students and our larger than normal town bus the carpark in front of the school is getting very congested in peak times, therefore I would like to ask parents if you are dropping off or picking up your child quickly then it is still ok to use the carpark entrance but if you are staying awhile could you please park down the road in the hall carpark as we extended the hall carpark last year for this reason and there is now plenty of parking down there.

Town Bus payments need to be paid when they are due please and we would prefer internet banking which can be arranged with Mrs Wilson at the office, or if you look at the bottom of your invoice you will see our bank account details. It is also important that you keep in contact with Mrs Thompson with any matters relating to the bus timetable etc.

Technology - Classes at Gonville School have started on Tuesdays for Year 7's in Term 1 & 3, and Year 8's in terms 2 & 4.

Sports - I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Joshua Valentine for his amazing effort breaking a New Zealand Speed Skating record and consequently being chosen to represent New Zealand in Australia later this term. Awesome effort Joshua.

<u>Super Six Sports</u> will be commencing soon for the Year 7-8 students starting off with swimming on the 15th March at the Splash Centre.

<u>Sailing</u> at Pauri Lake for the Yr 8 students starts on March the 12th. The students will be leaving school at 9am on Tuesdays and returning by 1:30pm.

We will be sending notices throughout the year in regards to other sports which are available to play.

Swimming Pool - Thanks to all the people who helped keep the pool safe and clean by offering to test the pool for a week each over the holidays, GREAT JOB! Your efforts were greatly appreciated by the whole community and it meant we were able to keep the pool open and give out keys.

All keys will be collected later in the term when the temperatures are no longer warm enough for swimming and we close the pool.

Uniforms - It is important to name your child's uniform and, as we are swimming every day, shorts should be named too as we already have black shorts unclaimed from the changing sheds!

Board of Trustees - This year is election year for our Board of Trustees, so if you are interested in becoming a board member come and see me and I can arrange for you to sit in on one of our meetings.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Ross Harvey, Principal

NETBALL CENTRAL are offering 3 Community Coaching Workshops in Whanganui over the next few months

WHANGANUI	GAME ANALYSIS	Sunday	17	March	2019	10am
WHANGANUI	TEAM CULTURE	Sunday	7	April	2019	10am
WHANGANUI	SKILL ANALYSIS	Sunday	19	May	2019	10am

Please contact <u>dwillan@welearn.school.nz</u> if you are interested.





KIWI KIDS BIKE RACES

Sunday, 17th Feb -St John's Hill School Sunday, 3rd March -Westmere School Sunday, 17th March -YMCA Sign-on 12.30pm, 1st race 1pm. For all kids up to 13 years. **\$2 per race**



TOUCH RUGBY PLAYERS WANTED Brunswick School are looking for touch rugby players in all grades – they need about 2 or 3 players per mixed team. Are any of your children interested? Please phone Brunswick School on 3421-841.

KAI IWI SCHOOL - VOLLEYBALL PERMISSION (Yrs 3 - 8)

I give permission for my child(ren) to play in a Volleyball team:-



Name:	Year
Name:	Year
Name:	Year
SIGNED	

INFORMATION:- Yrs 3/4 and 5/6 will need 5-8 players and will play from 3-5 pm on <u>Fridays</u> at Springvale Stadium. Starts 22nd Feb. Team fee - \$50 Yrs 7/8 will need 6-10 players and play from 3.45-6 pm on <u>Wednesdays</u> at Springvale Stadium. Starts Wednesday 20th Feb. Team fee - \$70 Fees are split between the number of players in the team.

THESE PERMISSIONS TO BE RETURNED BY NEXT MONDAY (18th)

KAI IWI SCHOOL - TENNIS PERMISSION (Yrs 5 - 8)							
I give permission for my child(ren) to play in a Tennis team:-							
Name:							
Name:	_ Year						
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INFORMATION: Starts Thursday, 21st February, 3.30 - 4.30	om						
Players should have basic understanding of scoring, serving, rallying and game play.							
Players should bring their own racquets, but some are available.							
I Tennis balls provided.							
I Games will be doubles only. Enter teams of 2 or 3. Entering teams of 3 allows 1 person to be away and the game is still able to be played, although if the 3 players in the team do turn up each week, all 3 players will still get to play.							
I Schools can enter as many teams as they like.							
Points table each week.							
Is \$15 per player for 5 weeks of fun competition.							
I Students to wear school sports uniform if they can.							