

KAI IWI SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



Week 8 Term 3 - 15th September 2016

A Thought

One of the secrets of life is to make
stepping stones out of stumbling blocks. (Anonymous)

Hi Everyone,

Well, the term is all but over with just a week left to go, and what an exciting week it should be for the senior class who are heading away next Tuesday for a four day camp in Waikanae, at El Rancho.

I have an action-packed four days planned, including a day in Wellington, so now all we need is for the weather to be warm and dry.

Over the past four weeks we've all had a busy time at Kai Iwi School with our Speech competitions, Cross Country competitions, a visit to see the Prime Minister, and our technology-based activities. Week five was a nerve-wracking one as selected students competed in our school speech competition, hoping to gain a first or second placing so they could then compete the following day in the Cluster Schools' Speech competition at Faith City School. Our esteemed judges for this special event were Polly Devane and Neville Hopkins who were very impressed with the high standard of oral performance skills shown in the delivery of the speeches, making their job of judging, quite challenging. Our place-getters were: Years 4-6 Toby Corcoran -1st place, and Lexie McDougal - 2nd place; Years 7-8 Heath McKenzie - 1st place, and Isabelle McKenzie - 2nd place. These four students then went off the next day and competed against other schools and did a fantastic job, wowing the judges so much that Heath and Isabelle took out first and second place respectively in the senior section, and Lexie came third in the Junior section. What an exceptional effort, we couldn't have been more proud of you all. In fact, I was very impressed with the standard of all speech deliveries in my class this year; everyone was able to commit their speech to memory and worked on improving their delivery skills. The confidence our children have orally really showed right throughout the school, perhaps

because they had performed in class plays the previous term. Being able to stand and speak to an audience is not an easy task for some people, but it can be a very useful skill to have.

Fortunately, the weather held (well almost) for our school Cross Country event which was another exciting afternoon on our calendar. We had lots of supporters there to cheer our runners on and everyone gave it their best shot. There were quite a few exciting finishes which were viewed from our new tiered seating as runners raced with all they had left to the finish line. Well done everyone who competed. Our first five place-getters in each age group competed the following Friday at our West Cluster competition and did us proud. That hill at Westmere is such a long climb, especially if you're doing it for the fourth time! But, everyone battled on to the finish with some great placings achieved. Special mention must go to Nellie Coe who achieved 1st place in her age group, and also Toby Corcoran who achieved 2nd place. Thanks to all those who came in support to cheer our runners on. A number of students (up to Year 6) went on to compete at Aranui school where there were well over a hundred competitors in races. Once again, our students gave it their best shot and we were proud of them for it.

Friday, 26 August was a special day for six senior class students (Korrie, Heath, Emma O, Zoë, Alyse, and Leo) who were selected to meet the Prime Minister at the Whanganui Museum. Along with students from other schools, they had the opportunity to quiz him about various topics ranging from terrorism to

Proud to be a
Kai Iwi Kid



I love being in Room 1 and I like
my friends.

Lucy Drake (Rm 1)

the Olympics, and were great ambassadors for our school.

This term our technology focus has been to design and create instruments or wind chimes. We have been following the technological design process which involves researching, testing materials, creating, modifying, reflecting, and evaluating our efforts against criteria we set during the process. We have had parents give up their time to provide and operate BIG BOYS' TOYS at school so that students could construct their wind chimes. Many, many thanks to all parents who have been in to help with this. Your support is very much appreciated. The designs of the wind chimes are very varied, unique and quite fabulous. They will remain at school so they can be on display at Pet Day as part of the indoor exhibits.

Last Wednesday night three teams of four students competed at the annual Inter-school Mathex

competition at Whanganui Intermediate school. Whilst they didn't gain placings in the top three in their year groups, we were not far behind the third place-getters, so I think our students did a great job. Many thanks to Mrs Ryland who has been tutoring our extension maths group, and worked with two groups to help prepare them for Mathex. Mr Harvey worked with our Year 5 team. They were very proud of your efforts, too.

Tomorrow we have 3 teams of students visiting Brunswick school to take part in a technology challenge which will involve a lot of careful thinking and problem solving, and should be a lot of fun.

That's about it for this newsletter. I'm off to try and stockpile a little extra sleep before I embark upon another exciting senior camp. I hope you can make it to assembly this Friday.

Cheers, **Trish Wakeling**



PRINCIPALS COMMENT

Hi Everyone Tena Koutou Katoa

With only one and half weeks of school left for this term, teachers are busy assessing their students work so they can report on the term's successes and plan accordingly for next term.

The seniors are off to camp next week, lucky things! They should have an exciting time and I plan to check up on them during the week.

Yesterday I went to the Aranui Cross Country race to watch 17 of our students running against students from schools all over Whanganui. Everybody tried their best to run as fast as they could over the long distance. Toby Corcoran gained the highest placing out of all of our runners with 6th place out of 150 runners in his year level.

Ross Harvey
Principal



Kayla, Waina Maui, Gemma and Chloe are all smiles before their big race.



Here's Finn as he sprints around the first corner.

STAR ROOM & ROOM 1 TRIP

On Tuesday, 20th September STAR Rm and Rm 1 will be going to Brunswick School's production. All children to be in full school uniform please.

Room 4 showing off their Tote Bags they made at the Sergeant Art Gallery.



FOKIS - PET DAY **Monday, October 17th**

As per our last Newsletter, we would love to see you all at our Annual Pet Day - make it a date on your calendars!! The day begins with a Sausage Sizzle lunch at 12noon, at the same time there will be a Cake Stall, Bring & Buy Stall and Raffles for purchase. Pet judging begins at 1pm.

- **The Bike Shed** have generously gifted FOKIS a **Freestyle Scooter** valued at \$250 to raffle on Pet Day. While tickets will be on sale at Pet Day, to make sure you don't miss out, tickets will be available NOW (\$2 / ticket) from the school office. Please support FOKIS and **The Bike Shed**.
- **Bring & Buy Stall & Cake Stall** - We are calling for any quality used goods, bric-a-brac, household items, plants, garden tools, books, etc. (NO shoes or clothing thanks). Time to have that spring clean and bring your unwanted items down to school or call/text Louise to arrange collection or delivery. Items can be left in the back of the hall after the school holidays.

The kids and adults LOVE the cake stall so get baking and creating. Kiddies love the little treats, grans love the loaves, dads love the cakes. Anything else you can think of e.g. relishes, pickles, fruit, breads, etc are always snapped up too. Please bring down

first thing on the morning of Pet Day and put in the library.

Something a bit different this year - we would love any of our Local Businesses to have their products or services, etc on display or have a stall showcasing their wares. If you are interested, please phone Louise Hartell (see below). We would love to share our community's talent on this day - our biggest school fundraiser of the year. Looking forward to hearing from you.

P.S. I am away with Room 4 Camp from Tuesday, 20th to Friday 23rd, but will be available all through the holidays to help out and answer any queries. Thank you, ***Louise Hartell.***
Phone: 3423-714 or 027 697 2408.

- **Raffle Items** There are no new items for the grocery raffle for next week but, if you haven't sent along your items, please catch up on them before the holidays. Many thanks to those who have sent theirs along. Requested items were:- a **TINNED** item, **PACKET** item, **BOXED** item and a **BOTTLE** item. Plus a \$2 Lucky Dip item. Thank you all.
Niki White



ATHLETICS SEASON 2016 **Cooks Gardens**

Little League Athletics (Ages 4-10)

Every Monday 4-5pm, starting Monday, 17th October.

Junior Athletic League (Ages 10-13)

Mondays, 6-7pm, starting Monday 17th October.

Intermediate Team Competition (ages 10-13) -

starting Monday 17th October, 6-7pm. \$60/team. For more info or to register your child, visit the Athletics Wanganui website - www.athleticswanganui.co.nz

Or contact Jodie Brunger - 021 144 8944 or Jodie@sportwanganui.co.nz

REMINDERS

- Have you sent back your Netball permission?
- Have you sent back your Cricket permission?
- Have you paid your school account?
CAMP FEES must be paid by tomorrow.

FOKIS FIREWOOD RAFFLE

This raffle was drawn last week and Rowan Goodfellow from Landmeats won it with Ticket No. 31. Congratulations Rowan, we will be in contact to talk delivery with you.

Traedyn



Students from Rm 3 with their Wind Chimes they made as part of our 'Sounds Fun' Integrated Plan



Waina Maui

Tamaura



Cricket Wanganui School Holiday Programme

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th October 2016, Wanganui High School

10:30am – 1pm (Year 3 & 4) / 2pm – 4:30pm (Year 5 & 6)

Cricket Skills and Drills in a fun learning rich environment.

☐ Batting ☐ Bowling ☐ Fielding ☐ Developing Confidence on the Field

Cost \$10 pp per day. Please register via email to: dom@cricketwanganui.co.nz



Wanganui Tennis Club

Holiday Clinic

Dates: 28th, 29th, 30th September (Wed, Thur, Fri)

4th, 5th October (Tue, Wed)

2.5 hour sessions

Morning: 8.30am-11am (Ages 5-8)

Afternoon: 12.30pm-3pm (Ages 9-12)

These clinics cover the basic fundamentals of tennis,
fun games and snacks.

- Kids grouped according to age & ability
- Great way of meeting new friends and making rapid improvement
- Organised fun match play and games
- Can attend more than one session

\$25 per session (Cash or bank transfer)

Phone David: 027-237-3486

Email: promacdavid@gmail.com

Please message me the preferred date and times your child would like to attend as groups have limited numbers.

Wanganui UKULELE ORCHESTRA



Saturday 24th September 3pm
Concert Chamber Wanganui War Memorial Hall

Children 13yrs & under FREE if accompanied by an adult (ticket required)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM GAT SHACK,
DELICIOUS CAFÉ & ORCHESTRA MEMBERS

\$15

Door sales available — PROCEEDS TO HOSPICE