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Week 6, Term 3

29th August 2019

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora koutou, Hi Everyone

Curriculum - In 2020 every school should be ready to introduce the new Digital Technologies curriculum which involves creative thinking and problem-solving activities for our students.

Next term we will be having some professional development for our teachers with a representative from the Digital Circus team, funded by the Ministry of Education, coming into our school.

I am also going with some other Principals from Whanganui to visit two schools in Palmerston North who are further on than most schools and have started to implement the digital curriculum already.

Play Based Learning - Last week Mrs Willan and Mrs Baker visited a couple of schools who strongly believe in Play Based Learning. It gave both teachers the opportunity to compare our play-based learning to these schools, which have been identified as having a good play-based learning platform. Both teachers agreed that we are right up there with them.

Sport - This is a busy week for the students who are taking part in sport as we have Racquet Sports on today at Badminton Hall, Springvale and Tennis/ Squash at the Whanganui Tennis courts. It should be a fun competition for some of our year 7-8's and

this is the second to last sporting activity in the Super Six competition for 2019.

Hockey - Wow! what an exciting hockey game I went to watch on Monday. Our senior hockey team was in the final against Faith City, an all girls team, and what a final it was. It took until the final quarter for any goals to be scored and then suddenly Faith City scored and went one nil up, only for us to come straight back and make it one all. Then Faith City scored again but that goal was disallowed so we had to go to sudden death. We got down to three players in each team and then it happened - we scored and won the final. It has been a good year for the team and they have had great parent support from the sideline. I would like to thank Angela McCracken for being such a good coach and mentor of the team and I hope to see you back in 2020 Angela.

Rugby Sevens - Rugby Sevens are on tomorrow at Springvale Park. We have been practicing hard and are hoping to do as well as we did two years ago when we won the overall title. The tournament starts at 10am and the first game is at 10:20. <u>Mouth guards and boots or sneakers</u> to be worn.

Mathex - We have two teams in the Mathex competition this year which, once again, is being held at Whanganui Intermediate. We will let the parents



Have a safe weekend! Ross Harvey, *Principal*

As you can see, some of our other classes have been having tennis lessons during the week and really enjoying it.



ASSEMBLY

<u>Please Note</u>: NO Assembly this week. We will have one next Friday instead.

SCHOOL PHOTOS Next Friday, 6th September

You only have a week to get your orders in. Remember, if you would like a <u>Sibling Photo</u> or <u>Team Photo</u> as well as a class photo please request an order form from the office.

<u>All Team members</u> - please remember to wear appropriate footwear on the day, and if you still haven't returned your school sports uniform (Basketball & Junior hockey players) bring those also (clean please as we will keep them at school afterwards).

<u>Coaches</u> - it would be great to have you here for your teams photo if you can make it.

We hope to start around 9.15am with teams first, then siblings & staff, finishing with classes. We am still waiting to hear from the photographer to confirm that.



NETBALL DRAW - Saturday (Final Day)

12pm Kai Iwi vs Fordell Kaitoke Ct 12

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Due back by Monday 9th Sept

Just over a week to round up orders for the pies. Thanks to those who have returned them already.

PRIZE - there will be a prize for the family who sells the most pies, so get out there kids and do some selling!



UNIFORM

We will be putting another uniform order in the week before the holidays so they are ready for the start of Term 4. Please get your order in by Friday, 20th September.

We still have quite a lot of <u>uniform in Lost Proper-</u><u>ty</u>. If there are any unnamed items there at the end of term they will be washed and either put in the give-aways or sold as 2nd hand if in good condition.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

If your child(ren) had a school sports uniform for the season, can you please return it ASAP in <u>clean</u> condition. Thank you.

They will be needed for photos on Friday!

Together with **BAYLEYS** we have a great lineup of gardens for you to view. It's always nice to see what other people do in their gardens to get ideas for your own. Please talk to friends and whanau about our Garden Ramble. What a great way to spend the day!!

For **tickets or inquiries**, please contact Helen at <u>kaiiwiramble@gmail.com</u>

Tickets \$35, or \$50 (ticket & picnic hamper). Offers of help still needed please. This will be a lucrative fundraiser for our school if we all get on board.

