

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora
2016 has been another positive year for our school. It is important to reflect on the year that has gone and while our Kaiapoi community continues to re-build there is a lot to celebrate. Our children have continued to strive for personal excellence throughout 2016, our school roll has grown to 553 students - KNS is a wonderful place to be! **Our strength as a school revolves around our positive school culture, strong values and beliefs, fantastic family support, many opportunities to shine and participate, and dedicated and caring, supportive staff.** Our Year 8 students have an exciting night ahead on Tuesday at their graduation and social! We will give out awards, share some kai and then have a bit of a dance! A big thank you to Mrs Tania Reid and her team of helpers for organising this night for our Year 8 students.

Congratulations to the following students and groups:

- our award winners announced and presented at the **Performing Arts Celebration** evening last week. Special congratulations to **Year 8 trophy winners Dave Poole (instrumental), Kayleigh Thornton (vocal), and Manaia Simpson (leadership in Performing Arts).**
- all **students who went on the KNS float at the Santa Parade** - the 3 little pigs theme was a hit and a lot of fun! Thank you to the PTA for organising this opportunity, particularly Hayley Newton who led this team and made the float look so good!

Well done to our 2017 student leaders who were announced yesterday. The following students will have leadership roles at KNS:

Head Students: **Tessa Moffat, Sophia Joyce, Hunter Towart, Braden Sole**
Service Leaders: **Amber Gascoyne, Lachie Kendrick**
Sports Leaders: **Beth Dunbar, Ashton Walls**
Performing Arts: **Sophie Lucas, Ollie Osgood**
Cultural Leaders: **Hikaru Takao, Lily Cooke**
House Leaders: **Macie Williams, Lachie Watson, Ruby Kitto, Blake McCurrie, Mikayla Blackler, Fletcher Johnson, Holly Morrison, Jayden Sincock**

Next Tuesday you will receive a **letter with details about the beginning of the 2017 school year and draft notification of your child’s home class and teacher.** Please be aware that there has been a detailed and sustained process into making class placements for our children. For Year 2-8 students your child will have a core teacher but will also be working in a Flexible Learning Space (FLS) with other children and teachers. I encourage you to take the time to visit your child’s class and learning area early in 2017 to familiarise yourself with the developments we are undertaking. **You will also receive a Property Update with the letter home on Tuesday to give you information about where classes will be located in term 1 and 2 (some big changes to look out for!).**

The school office will re-open in 2017 on Wednesday 25th January for existing families to provide us with any new information about circumstances and for new enrolments. School uniform is available from The Warehouse in Rangiora and from Kaiapoi Monograms in Hilton Street. Your child will receive a pack of stationery (cost will be added to family account) on the first day back next year - Tuesday 31st January, 2017.

I would like to conclude with a **thank you to everyone in our school community**, thank you to:

- our exceptional children for striving for excellence
- our wonderful staff for your effort, enthusiasm and expertise
- parents and caregivers for your positive support throughout the year
- the Board of Trustees for your effective child focussed governance of our school
- the PTA for your outstanding support and financial donations throughout the year
- our 2016 Head Students - Holly Duff, Manaia Simpson, Ryan Wood and Tom Cockburn

If you need to contact me over the holidays please feel free to email me jason.m@kaiapoinorth.school.nz **We will conclude 2016 with a school assembly on Thursday 15th December from 11:00am - 12:00pm.** Please make sure you pick your children up by 12:05pm. **Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday season, we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31st January, 2017.**
Kind regards, **Jason Miles, Principal**

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia Ora, Greetings to you all
Greetings to you all. Our last few days are upon us and to be honest, I wonder where the year has gone! Must be an age thing yet with so much happening at school these days, and so many positive experiences to reflect on, time does travel fast when one’s working days are filled within good company.
This year we have had many new children enrol at our school. As our school roll grows, so does the opportunity to integrate new families and extend our welcome to all. It seems to me that Kaiapoi North School has a very good name within our wider community, something we can all feel proud of. It is about who we represent to others which sells our school, and from the variety of feedback I receive from around our community, it is clear to me that the collective nature of who we are does resonate with so many.
May I say too, that it is what our school provides across the curriculum which also has a positive impact for prospective new families, and of course for our children who have been here from day one. On this note I am constantly reminded of the very professional team we have within our school. Our teachers are as good a team as I have had the pleasure to be involved with. Every day I am privy to sharing in their passion and willingness to go the extra distance to make a difference for our children.
Our teacher aides and support people, many of who have been within our school for some considerable time, also extend their roles in terms of their investment within our children. Our school Office staff are always welcoming and forever helpful when it comes to supporting both our school staff and our parents and caregivers.
Our Caretaker Mr Ron Adams and his assistant Mr Keith Richards are two men who have the best interests of all, and their efforts to make our school safe and environmentally attractive is obvious to see. What more can we ask for.
May you all have a safe and wonderfully eventful and happy Christmas, and may the new year be prosperous with new and wonderful opportunities for you all. We thank you all for supporting us as a school and for the genuine interest you all have to help our school be the very best it can be.. to establish over many years.
Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge



SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS

All school fees accounts, particularly for Year 8 students, should by now either be cleared or have an automatic payment operating. Please advise the school office immediately if there is a problem with this, otherwise **all accounts are expected to be paid before the end of the year.**

BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

A reminder that the Breakfast programme is available to all families in the school hall 8.30 am - 8.50am Monday to Thursday.
All welcome.

PARENT CUPPA

Friday 9th December 2pm - 3pm in staffroom. Support available from RTLB - Kelly Watson and Tim Heidmann welcome parents to join them for a cuppa and a chat if you have any concerns around supporting children after the recent earthquakes. There might even be some muffins!

SCHOOLTEX VIP NIGHT

You are invited to attend the Schooltex VIP night at the Warehouse Rangiora on Wednesday 25 January between 3.00 pm - 8.00 pm for :-

- Exclusive discounts on certain items of school uniform.
- Zero deposit lay-bys
- Two chances for students to win their Schooltex uniform purchase back
- Great deals when signing up to the Warehouse Money Card

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

The PTA are raising funds through gift wrapping at The Warehouse Rangiora on Saturday 10 & 17 December. Have your gifts wrapped for a gold coin donation. Tell your friends!!

RANGIORA CHRISTMAS PARADE & Party in the Park

Sunday 11 December 12.00 pm - 6.00 pm. Santa Parade 2.00 pm.

OXFORD'S BIG NIGHT OUT

Thursday 15 December, Pearson Park, Main Street, Oxford. Shops, cafes, market stalls & entertainment from 5.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

WELL DONE to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their **quality work** in the past 2 weeks - Gregor Herruel, Will Friedauer, Peyton Thompson, Savarna Nutbrown, Lilly Jonsson, Isla Gane, Jack Mustor, Zihara Large, Amelia Fisher, Kate Robb, Poasa Tongia, Josh Prasad, Kiani Cooke, Tyler Nicholson, Destiny Millar, Ben Jones, Eden Muir, Josh Donaldson, Levi de Hamel, Quentin Terrell, Koupa Cunninghame, Mitchell Robb, Grace Braun, Dylan Sheriff, Ezekiel Thompson, Charlie Lawrence, Cooper Sutherland, Bella Lange, Ella Van Meer, Michael Toli, Paige Dutton, Jade Travis, Mikayla Robb, Hazel Herriott, John Carroll, Jack Pepper, Kaiporohu Davis, Ethan Matterson, Lleyton Barrow, Dominic Fox, Jack Lee, Olivia Miles, Jaxon Pickering, Jake Brownlee, Summer Cooke, Winni Merman, Maddie Gascoyne, Seth Green, Sam King.

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly, all welcome.	Fridays 9.00am.
Breakfast Programme 8.30 -8.50am	Monday to Thursday
All welcome.	
Sports Awards 6.00pm start	Thurs 8 December
Year 8 Graduation & Social, 6.00pm	Tues 13 December
Term 4 ends 12.00pm	Thurs 15 December
Term 1, 2017 begins	Tues 31st January

FOCUS ON KNS BASKETBALL



It has been a huge year for Basketball at KNS. We have had some outstanding results across the age groups. This term, including our Year 3/4 Mini ballers, we have had 12 teams running. Congratulations to the KNS Heat, Raptors and Thunder who will be in finals on Friday night. All teams made semi finals, with 4 of the teams losing by 5 points or less! Congratulations to Brooke Woolford, Angus Duncan and Ryan Wood, who were selected for the South All Stars team, this team won the title for the first time this year.
A belated congratulations to Hunter Towart who made the tournament team for the U13 Premierships for North Canterbury in the last holidays. Keep up the shooting and fitness over the holidays and we will see you for an action packed 2017!

Megan Gilmore and Tania Reid.



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

- *Respect*
- *Responsibility*
- *Quality*
- *Community*
- *Arohanui*
- *Opportunity*