Wednesday 4 April 2018 Week 10, Term 1

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

I hope your Easter went well for you all with plenty of family time! We are nearing the end of term 1 with the last day being Friday 13th April. Look out for a separate notice about **ANZAC Day which is on the Wednesday of the second week of the holidays.** We are looking forward to having you and your children (in school uniform) join us for the Kaiapoi ANZAC parade (meeting at Kaiapoi Tennis Club at 9:30am) to continue our tradition of a large KNS turnout!

All the best to all of our children for our **KNS Cross Country event this Friday 6th April.** All of our races will be held in the Kaiapoi Domain:

- **Years 1/2:(Raupō)** Races starting around 9:30am and should be completed by 11:00am
- **Years 3/4:(Akeake)** races starting at approximately 11.30am and should be completed by 12.45pm.
- **Years 5/6:(Hīnau)** races starting at approximately 2:00pm and should be completed by 3:00pm.
- **Years 7/8:(Tōtara)** races starting at approximately 1:00pm and should be completed by 2:00pm.

Spectators most welcome - children to wear House t-shirts for the day, comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle please.

You may be aware of the wonderful **Kaiapoi You, Me, We, Us** organization that organises events and opportunities for our Kaiapoi community. Last year **Kaiapoi Youth group 'KYDz' (an acronym for Kaiapoi Youth Divisionz)** was formed after students expressed their concern about the lack of events for youth, in and around Kaiapoi. Last year, this group of students came up with their own name for the group, developed a logo, ran a very successful Skate Jam, raised funds for future youth projects and events by holding their own sausage sizzle and helped at various other You Me We Us community events. Student representatives from Kaiapoi schools bring ideas of events and projects they would like to see happen in Kaiapoi to the meetings. With support from You Me We Us KYDz take responsibility and ownership to make these events and projects happen. **Supported by Linda and Chris Greengrass and Sara Green this group have had their first meeting for 2018. Georgia Smith and Amber Brownlee** are representing the students of KNS in 2018 and will do a great job bringing our ideas to the table. Watch out for lots of events from this keen group in 2018!

There will be **no school assembly this week** due to our Cross Country. **Next week at our Friday 9am assembly end of term class certificates** will be presented for excellence for effort and/or achievement. We also have a dance off for our end of term performing arts event from 1:45pm on Friday in the hall.

Thank you to the 175 parents, 20 staff and 177 Year 5-8 students who responded to our **online survey sent via our school app about our school logo - KNS shield or new logo design.** I have been appreciative of the large return of surveys and the thought that has gone into the comments. The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the responses during our next meeting on Thursday 5th April.

Well done to the 10 students who qualified to **represent our school at the Canterbury Swimming Sports** in Rolleston tomorrow. All the best to **Bridie Herriot, Kaedin Fettes, Bella Lange, Seth Green, Estelle Herriot, Amber Brownlee, Saki Takao, Dylan Fern, Ayla Ryan, and Oliver Dickson.**

Let us continue to work together in strong partnership for the benefit of our tamariki.

Kia Kaha,

Kind regards, Jason Miles, Principal.

WELL DONE to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their **quality work :-**

Grace Sleeman, Emma Wells, Jonathon Shaw, Dylan Sheriff, Ethan Ross, Skyla Harris, Kadyn Blackler, Jesse Jones, Cora Van Meer, Grace Braun, Saki Takao, Lily Porter, Elenoa Drulidruli, Layla Cooke-Sullivan, Olivia Pepperell, Emily White, Heath Laird, Toby Friedauer, Chloe Henderson, Dexter Agnew-Kerr, Charlotte Gallagher, Xanthe Milsom, Sarah van Eyssen, Charlie Lawrence, Oliver Wirth, Liza-Marie Smit.

BALLET WITH BEX

Ballet Classes for young children aged 3 - 6 years, in Pegasus. Saturday mornings & Monday afternoons in Pegasus Community Centre. Contact Rebecca Philips 027 271 0785, email tait_bex@hotmail.com, or grin on Facebook 'Ballet with Bex'.

MUSIC LESSONS

Piano, Keyboard, Drums, Guitar. All ages (from 5+) Primary - Senior, and Adults. Contact Maree Thom, maree@mareethom.com; phone 0212609899. www.mareethom.co.nz. Located in Belfast.

2018 YEAR 1 & 2 *future*Ferns PROGRAMME

The Mother Earth *future*Ferns programme is for all children, school years 1 & 2. It's all about fun and basic netball skills. Starts Friday 4th May 2018 at the netball courts, Dudley Park, Rangiora. 3.40 - 4.30 pm. Please register online at www.ncnc.org.nz/junior-netball/year-1-2.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora, greetings to you all

Firstly I hope you have had a pleasant Easter, having some time as a family, and hopefully heaps of relaxation and memorable moments to share. At home I had lots of fun with my two grandchildren with the 3rd version of my Easter hunt. According to my grandson Max, who is now 8 years old, we are to be designing one together next year for his younger brother Abel Jack. Seems I am soon to become slightly redundant!!

It is hard to know where this term has gone, yet it has, as has daylight saving. No complaints though as we can wake up to a touch more morning daylight, and an easier time for getting the wee ones to bed, possibly!! And haven't we had such extended summer, as autumn holds on to what we hope will be some good days still to come.

As we contemplate our school holidays and a return for Term 2, please know that with the colder weather, we can support you if you have any concerns around footwear and / or school uniform.

The success of our school's memorial Golf Tournament for "Mr Bob", ensures we have the finances available to help out where we can, so please never hesitate to pop in and see me so we can talk these things through.

Lockdown practice.

Thursday last week we held another Lockdown practice. We do this to prepare for the unlikely event of our school becoming involved with a difficult situation where the safety and well-being of all is paramount. Our practice went very smoothly, with all children and staff accounted for within 10 minutes. While this is something to celebrate in terms of how we communicate with each other during a lockdown practice, we are forever reflecting and reviewing our practice. Next term we will have another practice, this time without any prior knowledge, which will really put our processes under the spotlight.

Play, Eat, Learn

A number of schools around Christchurch have introduced a new strategy to help provide a calm, settled environment for learning opportunities- that is Play, Eat and then Learn.

Research has shown that the body responds differently to playing and eating. Eating tends to calm while playing tends to heighten the body's response. When eating happens after play, the body has a chance to calm which supports the children to be in a better place for learning.

Week 11 will be a time to reflect and help us make a more informed decision around whether we should continue with this approach in Term 2.

Our school's Breakfast club, continues to be successful from **Tuesday through Thursday.** We welcome any child or family to attend. Weetbix, toast and milk will be available in the hall to any student who chooses to participate.

And remember, that if there is anything that is of concern for you, we encourage the opportunity to work with you to seek a positive outcome for all.

Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge

These children have earned Rainbow Rewards & Milo with Mr Miles:-

Connor McNally, Annabella Gascoyne, Amelia Fisher, Kieran Amyes, Chloe Gifford, Nina Braun.

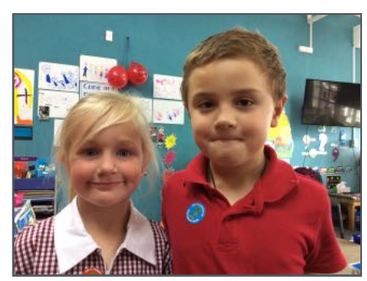
Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly 9.00am Friday mornings

All welcome.

KNS Cross Country	Friday 6 April (postponement 9 April)
Dance Off competition	Friday 13 April, 1.45pm
Term 1 ends 3.00pm	Friday 13 April
Term 2 begins	Monday 30 April
Class & Individual photos	Thursday 3 May

FOCUS ON Raupō Years 0 - 2



Room 1 is underway!

Room 1 children started school today and are looking forward to learning and playing with new friends.

Rooms 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 are looking forward to their Art Gallery trip next week where they will learn more about portraits and create their own clay work of art. Thank you in advance to the parents who are supporting us on this trip.

Our new KNS Values & Beliefs

Connect Create

Reflect Respect

and Be Brave