

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

I am immensely proud to be the Principal of Kaiapoi North School. Not only for the high expectations we have for learning but also for the way we provide our children with opportunities to shine and enjoy activities they have a passion for. The past 2 weeks has further confirmed this and illustrated how fortunate we are to have staff and parents willing to provide these opportunities and support our children:

- Our Year 5/6 football, netball and rugby teams and Year 7/8 hockey and netball teams competing in the Canterbury School’s Winter Sport tournament. This tournament was for the winners of each separate zone around Canterbury and the skill level was very high. Our KNS teams competed with enthusiasm, skill and great sportsmanship that was commented on by referees and opposing team coaches. A special congratulations to our Year 5/6 rugby team which finished in 3rd place! Thank you to Mr Johnson, Miss Butler, Miss Turner and parents Mr Shayne Dear and Mr Tadashi Takao for your coaching and support.
- Our two KNS Year 7 and Year 8 Cantamaths teams were outstanding in their efforts at the Canterbury School’s competition. Our teams worked hard together to solve maths problems and finished in the top 25 teams out of 95 schools that competed.
- Our 2 school rock bands competed in Band Quest at the Rangiora Town Hall. I was so impressed with our bands performance and commitment to rock the stage - they did such a great job on a big stage and with a full sound set! Congratulations to Chloe Dunlop, Braden Sole, Blake McCurrie, Dylan Quigley, Lily Porter, Cameron Newport-Helms, Ruby Kitto, Nexi Thompson, Angam Vraich, Lilly Malcolm, Holly Morrison and Ezekiel Malcolm. A special congratulations to Lily Porter for being judged the best keyboardist, and to Ruby, Lilly, Nexi and Holly for being judged the best female vocalists for the evening!! Thank you to Mrs Osgood for your wonderful guidance and superb music programmes at KNS and to parent Nick Metzger for your support.
- Our team of 9 Code Club members who traveled up to Auckland last weekend to compete in the NZ First Lego League competition. This is the first time we have been part of this competition and our KNS team finished 9th out of 45 teams - what an outstanding result!! Our team competed with great collaboration and problem solving skills to complete the challenges head on. A big thank you to Mr Nathan Chilton for leading this fantastic opportunity and parents Dean Sole and Dee Brocherie for supporting our team.



We are very excited to be moving into the second our new blocks next Monday! This is very exciting for all involved, please see the attached Property Update for more information.

So far 306 people have downloaded our FREE Kaiapoi North School App to smartphones for alerts, notices, calendar, absence notifications and more! If you haven’t done so please do so - we would love to see 500 downloads in the near future as we transition from paper to online information sharing!

Thank you to the PTA for coordinating our “Mathsathon” event fundraiser. All money raised is going towards our new adventure playground being built once our new rooms are completed. The prize draw will take place during our assembly this Friday 8th September.

All the best to the following groups for their upcoming events:

- our KNS Hip Hop teams competing in the Canterbury Schools competition (today!)
- our Year 8’s for your ski day up at Mt Hutt next Thursday 14th September!

Please note that our whole school assembly will be every 2 weeks again in term 3 as we trial fortnightly assemblies while the access to the hall is a bit challenging! Our next assembly is this Friday 8th September, 9am. A reminder that our biennial KNS Health Curriculum consultation meeting will take place in the staffroom at 10am after our assembly this week.

MUFTI DAY tomorrow, Thursday 7th September to support the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Association - gold coin please.

Community support and assistance is so important in educating and growing positive learners – let us continue to work together to achieve this.
Kind regards, Jason Miles, Principal

CHANGE TO GIRLS SCHOOL UNIFORM

Following approval by the Board of Trustees, the decision has been made to change the colour of the girls winter pinafore/skirt uniform at Kaiapoi North. For many, many years this has been blue but in more recent times our uniform colour has been only black and red. In order to align the winter pinafore with the rest of the uniform, the blue will no longer be available to purchase. Existing uniforms may still be worn until children grow out of them, as we will transition the new colour over next year. The Warehouse should have the new colour available for purchase from term 4 this year however we are still waiting for final confirmation of the date.



KAIAPOI FOOD FOREST

On Saturday 16 September YouMeWeUs are holding an Open Planting Day on the corner of Cass and Meadow Streets, Kaiapoi. All welcome to attend. Gate opens at 10.00am followed by a welcome and blessing, planting fruit trees and plants, spreading compost and mulch. Bring your own picnic lunch at 12.00 noon. Wear closed in shoes or gumboots, bring your own shovel and gloves. Also old newspapers which will be used between the layers of compost and mulch. Anyone interested in donating a tree is requested to contact YouMeWeUs first so they don’t get too many of the same kind. Establishing a food forest was a part of the consultation phase of developing the Waimakariri Recovery Plan. The WDC and the Kaiapoi Food Forest trust will work together to bring this legacy community project to life, because Kai is in our name. Call Brent on 327 0066 or 0272224767 or email brent@kai.net.nz.

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia Ora, greetings to you all

Supporting our children

Over the last wee while I have been reflecting on the children we have who require just a little additional support and guidance within their school days.

It is clear to me that some of our young people bring with them a variety of complex needs that can intervene within their school day, and within their opportunities to learn. It is also obvious to me, that for these children to be successful, we will always need to work alongside each other to provide the best opportunities we can.

When I reflect on **our school practice**, I believe we have so much to celebrate as a school. Making positive connections by building a strong student / teacher relationship is key to ensure children have “**a sense of belonging**”, which often provides the motivation necessary for learning to take place. We are a school that believes that every child deserves the right to be successful. Part of that equation is balanced by the fact that we also believe all children have responsibilities, and that if we can get that balance right, every child has an opportunity to feel both a real sense of belonging and a motivation to want to do well.

Our current learning environments are increasingly adaptive to the learning styles of most children. There are numerous learning spaces that cater for these learning styles. Our teachers work collaboratively within these spaces, which allows for specific teaching of groups to sit alongside those students who are becoming self managing and self directed as they explore their educational opportunities. There are always roving teachers to help facilitate learning for the children who are at that next level of managing their own learning.

While there will always be children whose learning needs are greater than others, the opportunity to make progress, with the appropriate support and guidance, is never beyond reach. I have the pleasure to celebrate, with our school staff, so much learning that takes place on a daily basis. I have also shared in the personal growth many of our students have made as a result of the ongoing investment of our staff, and more often than not, in partnership with our families. I cannot thank our parents enough who sit alongside us as we work together in the interests of our children. It is then that our children can fully appreciate the interest we have in them, and the belief that they can have for just being who they are.

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Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge.

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

Mason Sutherland, Katelyn Cresswell, Sam McFelin, Olive Malcolm, Braxton Beaumont, Faith Emery, Levi de Hamel, Tyler Sandford, Jonathon Shaw, Calais Wilson, Jake Gray, Heath Laird, Maddison Ohlson, Celeste Laird, Kasey Staal, Paige White, Filipe Ngahetau, Scarlett Little, Eliya Auimatagi, Laffranchi Tongia, Haydee Fuimaono, Kiana Hackett, Savanna Wilson, Koupa Cunningham, Brayden Koschinski, Arliyah Fletcher, Raymond Xu, Dominic Toli, Loretta Woolford, Troy Morgan, Ashton Hoglund-Knutsford, Joey Jonsson, Briley Herriott, Ezra Matakai, Wini Merriman, Noah Hancox, Sam Auimatagi, Aisha Shaw, Leo Van Meer, Theo McKay, Kitana Rushworth, Bella King, Skylar Paulsen, Callum Sinclair, Tessa Meyrick, Lucas Burns, Tyler Dryden, Hamuera Huriwai, Max Emerson, Indy Hammond.

Upcoming School Events

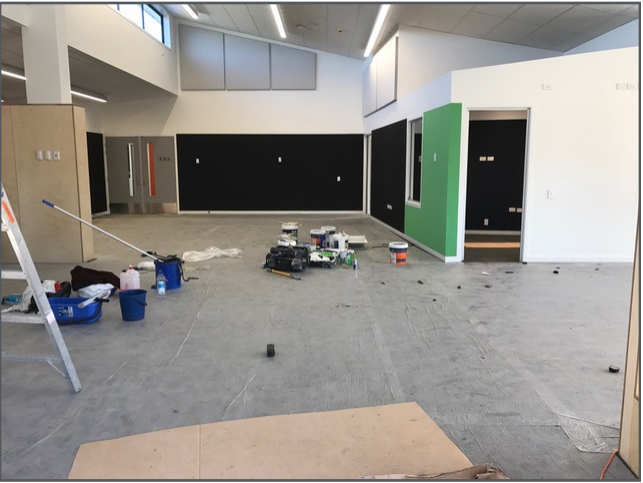
Whole School Assembly 9.00am Fridays on odd numbered weeks e.g. Week 1, 3, 5, 7. All welcome.

Maori Language Week	3 - 7 September
Hip Hop team in Canterbury Competition	Wed 6 September
Year 8 Ski Trip	Thurs 14 September
Kids for Kids event for Choir	Wed 20 September
KNS Art Expo	25 - 27 September
NC Cultural Festival	27 - 28 September
Term 3 ends	Friday 29 September

FOCUS on Akeake
Years 3 - 4



All the children in Akeake have been very excited this week because this is our last week in our current learning spaces. On Monday we get to move into our new classroom! We have been watching the builders hard at work and we can’t wait to see what it is like inside. We are especially excited to sit on the floor with the underfloor heating and work in a break out space.



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

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