

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

Today we acknowledge the 6th anniversary of the Christchurch earthquake - our thoughts go out to all those affected by this tragedy in any way. This morning, thanks to generous donations of flowers from our school families, the KNS head students were able to take two large containers of flowers down to Giraffe Square to fill up the commemorative road cones. Take a look when you drive past - it looks amazing!

We have had many events and activities already at KNS to start off our year. Thank you for your support of our **furniture sale** last week - only a few items left, if you are interested please see our caretaker Ron Adams. Thank you to BOT member Sara Green for your time and energy with this sale!

Our **KNS swimming sports** went well with children entering into events across A, B, and C grades. Thank you to the parents and caregivers for your support throughout the day and to Mr Phil Henderson and Mr Brayden Johnson for your terrific organisation. Well done to the 19 student who have now qualified to swim at the Zone competition on Thursday 9th March - **Seth Green, Naoki Takao, Jacob Adcock, Kruz Fettes, Max Dunbar, Peyton Towart, Estelle Herriott, Xanthe Milsom, Dylan Fern, Lachie Kendrick, Saki Takao, Holly Morrison, Amber Brownlee, Bryn Graham, Ashton Walls, Jack McKinlay, Hunter Towart, Hikaru Takao, and Ruby Kitto.**

All the best to our **Hinau and Totora classes who are off to camp this week and next week.** Hinau are off to Glentui and Totara to Waipara. These Education Outside the Classroom opportunities are important for our children to challenge themselves and support each other. We are always grateful for the positive support we get from parent/caregiver camp helpers as without the support these opportunities would not occur.

It was wonderful to visit the **KNS "Code Club" on Monday after school.** We had all ages from Year 1-8 covered and coding in full swing across two classroom spaces. Word is that there are over 50 students registered for Code Club - I look forward to the challenges being met head on by these students each week! Thank you to Mr Nathan Chilton and Mrs Caitlin Turner for leading this opportunity and to the PTA who have donated \$1,500 to purchase resources for this group to use in 2017!

We are looking forward to celebrating **Children's Day on Friday 10th March.** There will be a separate notice about this coming home soon.

Well done to our **Year 7/8 cricket team** who had a close loss against Ohoka School in their Milo Cup 20/20 match. Our team all worked hard to play their part with important contributions from **Mitchell Gilmore (46 runs) and Spencer Jarrett (19 runs).** All the best for the next game which is against Belfast School on Friday.

Our **weekly whole school assemblies** are on Friday mornings at 9:05am in the hall. Parents/guardians and extended family are always welcome at our assemblies, we hope you can join us when you can throughout the year. Let us continue to work together in strong partnership for the benefit of our tamariki. Kind regards, **Jason Miles, Principal**



DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia Ora, Greetings to you all

Firstly may I say it was neat to meet and greet many of you during our **"goal setting" interviews** involving our children, parents/caregivers and teaching staff. The manner in which these interviews were conducted, from where I stood, was extremely positive, highlighting the partnership we have developed within our school community over time. For me this is fundamental to how we can become a successful school where our children can succeed and grow into wonderful examples of very good people. We thank you all for taking the time to invest in our school and support teaching and learning wherever possible.

Our school Outdoor Education camps begin this week with our Hinau syndicate travelling to Glentui. This will be followed by the Totara syndicate in Week 5 with their visit to Waipara. Both camps have been thoroughly organised by our teachers to ensure our children are provided with the best experiences possible. We also thank our parents and caregivers who have supported their children within this process and for their willingness to be on camp with these groups.

School Golf Tournament, Sunday 5th March.

This annual tournament which also doubles as a memorial for Mr Bob Sincok raises money to support our children and families across the many extra-curricula activities our school provides. To support our tournament we invite families to bring along to the Office any non-perishable food or drink items they can. We then package these items in baskets which we raffle off on the day. These raffles are very well supported, so may I, in advance, thank you all for your support here.

Breakfasts at Kaiapoi North School.

Presently we are providing breakfast; Weetbix and milk in the hall every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 8:30am and 8:55am. While we have had very few takers to date, we are hoping to have Room 7 available for this as an interim measure in the foreseeable future. Maybe when that room becomes available it might encourage more to become involved. I will let you all know when we make that change.

And finally, always remember that if there is anything you would like to share, good or otherwise, I am always available to listen and provide the best support I can. It is only through working together that we can make a positive difference within our school.

Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge

SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS

Statements for school fees accounts were sent home last week. Please contact the school office if you didn't receive one. Payment for camps needs to be made before the camp takes place, or there must be an automatic payment plan in place & operating. If you have any problem with payment, please contact Julie in the school office.

LUNCH ONLINE



MUFTI DAY FOR HEART KIDS CANTERBURY

A very successful mufti day was held on 14 February in support of this worthy cause. We raised close to \$600.00. Thank you all for your support!



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 - Katelyn Cresswell, Maddy May, Hazel Herriott, Mikayla Robb, Dylan Sandford, Ruby Lange, Lily Macgregor, Sophia Parker, Sam Dunbar, Josh Prasad, Joshua Campbell, Isaac Ross, Hunter Montgomery, Nova Dowall, Mason Sutherland, Asha Tointon, Laffranchi Tongia, Sam Plunkett, Seth Green, Calais Wilson, Blake Prendergast, Leo Hancox, Tyler Sandford, Ollie Osgood, Holly Morrison, Thomas McLean, Arliyah Fletcher, Winni Merriman, Isla Tovey, Aisha Shaw, Noah Hancox, Hamuera Huriwai, Herbert Lafulafu, Jackson Pickering, Oliver Beeby-Stockdale, Chloe Green, Jade Travis-Pacey, Isabell Ager, Bryden Pearce.

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly, all welcome.	Fridays 9.00am.
Breakfast Programme 8.30 -8.50am	Tuesday & Thursday
All welcome.	
Totara Camp, Rm's 18 & 19	Mon 27 Feb - Wed 1 March
Totara Camp, Rm's 20, 21, 22	Wed 1 March - Fri 3 March
Children Day	Fri 10 March
Term 1 ends	Thurs 13 April
Term 2 begins	Mon 1st May

FOCUS ON AKEAKE

Years 3 - 4



It has been a fantastic fast-paced start to the year for Akeake's six classes making new friends, finding their way around their new environments and learning many new routines. One of the many highlights is for our entire team to be able to mingle with each other during Explore Time. We are very thankful that we have the support of lovely parents who are also joining in taking groups to bake, cook and create. If you are interested in taking a group and sharing your passion for an activity please contact your child's home room teacher.



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

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