

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora
Welcome to winter coming our way officially tomorrow! The darker and colder mornings and evenings remind us of the change in seasons and the change in sports. **This Friday all 272 of our Year 5-8 students are playing in KNS winter sports teams in the North Canterbury Friday afternoon competition.** For all of our students to have the opportunity to play hockey, netball, rugby or soccer over the next five Friday afternoons is heart warming. Thank you to the teachers, parents and high school students that are coaching our teams, this would not happen without you! Thank you also to Mr Johnson and Mr Henderson who have coordinated and organized this opportunity.

I was so proud of our Jrock students who performed with passion, enthusiasm and enjoyment at the Horncastle Arena last week. This dance and drama piece looked so good on the stage and was the culmination of many rehearsals and lots of planning! **Our Jrock group were presented with the following awards - set design and function, performance skill, stage use, concept and costuming character!** A big thank you to the lead teachers Miss Caitlin Turner and Miss Ashley Butler for your organization and direction and supporting teachers Mrs Janine Rust and Miss Brittany Ludemann. Thank you also to the parents who supported this group both on the day and over the past 2 months - a great team effort!!

Congratulations to our **Year 7/8 Basketball teams who competed strongly at the recent Canterbury Basketball Tournament** at Pioneer Stadium. Each zone sent their top team with both our teams reaching the semifinals. **Our girls lost their semi-final to the eventual winners but came back strong to win their next game to place 3rd. Our boys won their semifinal and competed well in the final and should be proud of their 2nd place.** To have our two teams in the top 3 in Canterbury is a testament to the hard work put in by our basketball coordinator Mrs Megan Gilmore and coaches and managers. These teams are now preparing for the Waitaki South Island Tournament in the holidays.

Miss Bayliss, Mrs Gilmore and I had the pleasure of taking 16 of our **Year 7 students to Horncastle Arena yesterday to be part of the National Young Leaders Day.** The students were a pleasure to take away showing great respect and listening skills throughout the day as they received advice and support from inspirational leaders and speakers.

Thank you to the 52 parents who completed the **KNS Whanau Survey sent to your email address.** The Board of Trustees and staff appreciate your feedback on important aspects like our Strategic Goals, Values and Beliefs, range of opportunities, uniform and many other areas. Each survey completed went into a draw for a Kaiapoi dining voucher - congratulations to Katrina Gibson who’s name came out of the hat for a \$50 voucher to Red Eight cafe. Our staff and a random selection of students are now completing their own feedback which will be put with the parent feedback as part of this review.

Please take a look at the insert to this newsletter from the Board of Trustees (BOT). As explained we are looking to co-opt a new member of the BOT due to a resignation. We are particularly looking for someone with experience and knowledge in finance.

All the best to:
- **Year 5-8 KNS cross country team** of 24 runners who are competing in the Pegasus Zone Cross Country event at Loburn Domain on Wednesday 7th June.
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
While I am involved with supporting our children with things that can go a little wrong, there are also many times I am able to work with our children in supporting activities across our school. Recently I have been involved with a group of very fine young men who asked if it was possible to organise a game of **Rugby League with Kaiapoi Borough School.** Historically this has been an annual event which has not been played over the last few years. The trophy is currently held by Kaiapoi Borough yet regardless of the result, it is a good opportunity to revive this event. We have been training for some three weeks now, although this was hampered last week with our ground conditions. What has emerged from this group of boys is their willingness to do well. Attendance at our training runs have almost always been at 100%, which makes it even more satisfying to know that the initial interest has not waned. May I personally thank one of our school’s leaders, Hunter Towart, whose input into our training runs, and his ability to encourage and guide others within these sessions, really does represent a special type of leadership. I am writing this newsletter on Friday of week 4, after our last training run at school. Our game is to be held on Tuesday 30th, next week, so by the time you get this newsletter, we will have a result to share with you all. **Late Tuesday 30th, and may I say how proud I am of our boys. A 30 to 26 win which came very close to the final whistle.** To be a small part of some very courageous and very determined young men has done our school proud!
On Thursday last week I had the opportunity to reconvene with our new group of children on our **Safer School’s group.** We have quite a large group this year which provides a **voice** for our students. One of the tasks this group collaborated over was to consider our school’s **Values and Beliefs,** which we are presently reviewing. Our goal was to reflect on our present **Values** and see if we may be able to reword these in terms of what may better reflect our current thinking. Student voice is something we must never underestimate. Student ownership of our schools Values and Beliefs allows our children to identify more closely with what they believe is important, and that can act as a positive source of motivation for all. We have also had around 50 families completing our online survey into what they believe is important for our school. This ensures, if we are to make changes into the wording of our schools Values and Beliefs, we will do so representing our whole school community, and for that we thank you all. And always remember we welcome parent feedback, and with it, the opportunities work through concerns together. The partnership we have established together is important to us all.
Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge



MID-WINTER WOMEN’S WELLNESS EVENING

At Kaiapoi North School hall, Thursday 22 June at 7.00pm. By women - for women. Come along for an evening of fun, female energy, meditation, yoga, stalls and more. All ages and abilities welcome. Light refreshments included. Lucky door prize of a ‘Luxury Hamper’. Tickets \$25.00 available at the school office, or phone 327 8803. All proceeds go to ‘Days for Girls North Canterbury’.

PHOTO ORDERS

The last day for ordering class and individual photos is Friday 9th June. Please bring envelopes with payment to the school office. Payment may also be made online to Heritage Productions.

FREE FLU VACCINES

Free flu vaccines are available this year to children up to the age of 17, who are enrolled at any of the local medical practices in Kaiapoi. Call your family medical centre for more information.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Recently renovated 3 bedroom house to rent, close to Kaiapoi North School. Warm and comfortable with wood burner, heat pump, night store heater. Fully fenced; pets negotiable. For details phone Lynne 0272215525.

CHILDRENS SAFETY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

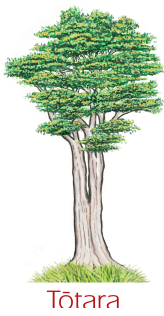
Due to recent reports of attempted abductions of children in Christchurch and other cities, GKR Karate are holding a class to remind children about safety awareness. Topics covered include :- awareness, danger avoidance, escape techniques, self defence. Suitable for children from 5 years. Sunday 4th June, 10.00 - 11.30 am at Christchurch Cathedral College, Ferry Road. This class is not about karate but rather focusses on self defence. Cost \$15.00 each. Enquiries please phone Anthony on 0210308376.

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 - Braxton Beaumont, Heath Laird, Asha Tointon, Tyler Sandford, Isla Tovey, Ellie Greengrass, Narita Turaga, Leo Van Meer, Theo McKay, Herbert Lafulafu, Daniel Fuao, Abbie McCurrie, Hayden Inch, Oliver Dickson, Thomas Brocherie, Ashleigh Harkess, Cora Van Meer, Emily Dutton, Bella de Hamel, Jack Mustor, Daniel Ecclestone, Olivia Pepperell, Blake Prendergast, Scarlett Little, Filipe Ngahetau, Ameira Hancy, Mason Sutherland, Lily-Rose Kelly, Lily Macgregor, Arliyah Fletcher, Sam Plunkett, Heath Laird, Reggie Montgomery, Euan Sewell, Trey Howlett, Noah Hancox, Lucas Burns, Jason Pickering, Ashton Walls, Celeste Kaird, Kieran Amyes, Paigan James, Tyler Sandford, Laffranchi Tongia, Ollie Osgood, Bella King, Kasey Staal, Joshua Campbell.

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly, all welcome.	Alternate Fridays
Weeks 4, 6, 8 10.	9.00am.
Years 5 - 8 NC Winter Sports	Fridays in June (2nd - 30th)
Pegasus Zone Cross Country	Wed 7th June
Mid-Winter Womens Wellness evening	Thursday 22nd June
Matariki Celebration	Friday 23rd June
Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament	Monday 26th June
Student Led Conferences	4th & 5th July

FOCUS on Tōtara Years 7 - 8



Tōtara Team

Over the last two weeks, our Year 7 and 8 students have been visiting the Life Education caravan where they have been learning about peer pressure. Some of our Year 8's were sad to know that this would be their last visit! They farewelled Harold and thanked him for all his visits over the years. Remember to subscribe to our team blog to keep up to date <http://knstotara.blogspot.co.nz/>



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

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