

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

**Welcome to term 4 - always a busy term for learning and for challenge and fun.** We look forward to sharing your child’s learning with you as well as enjoying celebration evenings, athletic sports and end of year events. Welcome to KNS to the new families who have joined us at the beginning of the term, our school roll is now 558. A warm welcome to the new entrants starting this week in Room 23, and their families.

**There is a lot to look forward to in term 4,** (please see a separate notice detailing important information about term 4 celebration and awards events). For now below are some key dates for you diary!  
Please keep checking our upcoming school events section of our newsletter and our school website [www.kaiapoinorth.school.nz](http://www.kaiapoinorth.school.nz) for information about term 4 events. Here are some coming up for your calendar at home:

- **Athletic Sports** - our KNS Year 5-8 Athletic Sports event is scheduled for Thursday 26th October, North Canterbury Zone Sports Thursday 9th November. Canterbury Athletics Wednesday 6th December.
- **3 Peaks tramps** - Thursday 2nd November, Thursday 16th November, Thursday 23rd November
- **Grandparents Day** - Friday 28th October 9am - 11:30am
- **KNS PTA Big Bounce - Sunday 5th November - 10am-2pm.**
- **Akeake Camp to Woodend** - 6th and 7th November (Year 3’s 6th Nov only)
- **Mufti Day for PTA** - Thursday 30th November - non - perishable grocery item for PTA Xmas raffle please
- **KNS Raupo and Akeake Athletics** - Friday 8 December
- **Celebration evenings** - Maori Culture (Tues 21st Nov), Performing Arts (Mon 27th Nov), Sports (Thurs 7th Dec)
- **Awards events** - Year 5-8 Citizenship/home learning badge assembly and sharing of Year 8 2018 school leaders - Thursday 7th December 2pm, Year 8 Graduation and Social Tuesday 12th December 6pm start
- **Raupo team picnic** - Monday 11th December
- **Term 4 and 2017 school year ends** - Friday 15th December, **12:00pm - final assembly from 11:00am.**
- **Term 1, 2018 begins** - Monday 29th January

**Staffing news for 2018** - Miss Bridget McCall and Mr Nathan Chilton have been granted a year’s leave in 2018, they will be traveling the world and then teaching in an international school in Zambia from July 2018! **Miss Gerard** and her husband are moving to Queenstown in 2018 - all the best to all 3 teachers as you go off on new adventures next year! We are excited to have employed **Mrs Belinda Gifford**, an experienced teacher currently teaching at Redwood School - Belinda will join our staff in 2018. The make up of each team of teachers for 2018 will be announced as the term progresses, there may be changes of level for some teachers, however it is looking likely that around 2/3 of our teachers are likely to remain in their current levels.

**If you know your child will not be at KNS in 2018 please let us know as soon as you can** as we have started our planning for 2018 and year level and class numbers are a crucial part of this initial planning. Equally if you have a 3 or 4 year old or know anyone who will have children enrolling at KNS in 2018 please ensure the pre-enrollment information is at our office. Our **KNS Enrolment Scheme amendment** is now in action - if you are living in any of the zone we have taken out and you have a child enrolled at KNS already all siblings can still enroll, this amendment is for new families only and is in place to ensure our roll increases slow down and that Kaiapoi Borough School’s roll increases so both primary schools in Kaiapoi eventually have similar sized rolls.

There will be a **Property Update coming home next week.** It will detail plans for the demolition of our older blocks, how the health and safety of our school community will be maintained and information about how access to our school will be managed. **A heads up that the path between our front block and carpark will be out of action for periods of time this term meaning pedestrians will need to walk around the back of the school past the caretakers shed to get to the middle of the school.** We will be encouraging you to also use the path to Williams Street to the north of the junior adventure playground. The Moorcroft access off Allison Crescent will not be effected, nor will the Beach Grove access across our field.

**HATS - a reminder that the wearing of a school hat is compulsory in term 4 and during term 1 while the children are outside.** Please ensure that by Monday all children have a **named school bucket hat** to wear when outdoors this term - replacement hats are available at the school office for \$12.00.

**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.**

**WELL DONE** to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their **quality work :-**  
Sam Plunkett, Lily Macgregor, Khan Lali, Jackson Wallis, Briley Herriott, Paigan James, Euan Sewell, Lillian Lafulafu, Max Emerson, Jonathon Shaw, Stella Barrow, Liam Young, Paige White, Mikayla Drummond, Brianna Campbell, Raymond Xu, Aaliyah Robinson, Lexi Gilmore, Arliyah Fletcher, Ben Lawrence, Eliya Auimatagi, Ameira Hancy, Laffranchi Tongia, Joey Jonsson, Braydon Koschinski, Amelia Fisher, Maddison Ohlson, Ezra Matakī, Bella King, Scarlett Little, Emma Wells, Lulu Hunter, Tyler Sandford, Adelyn Wilson, Grace Sleeman, Piper McAllister, Olive Malcolm, Leo Hancox, Mason Sutherland, Celeste Laird, Haydee Fuimaono, Katelyn Cresswell, Olivia Pepperell, Emily Chapman, Mya Walker, Paige Dutton, Faith Emery, Quentin Terrell, Maddie Muir, Ally McKinlay, Eli Emery, Jonte Kawe, Toby Friedauer.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

**Kia Ora, greetings to you all**

Firstly it is good to be back at school as we start our final term of 2017.

Term 3 was a term where I struggled health wise, and one I hope to learn from. Well-being is important to us all, and maybe it is something we sometimes take for granted. Something I am sure many of you will identify with.

Being away the last two weeks of Term 3 was far from ideal. Regardless we are a collaborative school, which ensures we will always have staff that step up, and continue to deliver the very best service to our whole school community. May I personally thank all our staff who are always there to support each other whenever the need arises.

This term we will reintroduce our **school’s Breakfast programme.** As of **week two** this term, from **Tuesday through Thursday**, we will welcome any child / family to join us in our school hall for toast, Weetbix and milk. Sanatarium, Fonterra and now Kaiapoi New World will all assist us in offering this service for our children. The breakfasts will be available from 8:20am through to 8:50am on each of these mornings. I would like to thank Mrs Sara Green for her willingness to support this programme.

The **Safer School’s committee** has organised a **Walking bus** for any family who lives in **Beachgrove.** The idea is that children and families can meet at the playground on Tuhoe Avenue between 8:30am and 8:40am, and then Megyn McLennan, Riley Brownlee’s Mum, will walk all the children safely to school. This is an initiative brought to the Safer School’s committee by Riley Brownlee, and one which we applaud as a school. For any clarity around either the **Breakfast programme**, and / or the **Walking bus**, please feel encouraged to give me a call at your convenience. The **3 Peak Challenge** begins in week 3 through to week 6 of this term. This is an exciting programme which invites our students to explore our natural environment, albeit with some physical intent, and on occasions, also challenging our individual comfort zones. We work together as a team, and we will always encourage, comfort and support each other during these three climbs. When one thinks that 4 years ago we started with a group of around 30 children, and four years later we have over 130 Year 5 / 8 children involved, we must be doing something that encourages our children to be participants!!

Regardless of all this, always remember we welcome parent feedback, and with it, the opportunities to work through concerns together. The partnership we have established together remains important to us all, and the way forward for our children.

**Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge**

Upcoming School Events

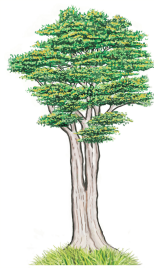
<i><b>Whole School Assembly 9.00am Fridays</b></i>	<i><b>All welcome</b></i>
Year 5 - 8 Athletic Sports	Thursday 26 October.
NC Zone Sports	Thursday 9 November
Canterbury Athletics	Wed 6 December
3 Peaks Tramps	Thursday 2 November
	Thurs 16 November
	Thurs 23 November
	Friday 28 October
	Sunday 5 November
	6 & 7 November
	Thurs 30 November

Grandparents Day	
KNS PTA Big Bounce & Boot Sale	
Akeake Camp to Woodend	
Mufti Day for PTA (grocery item)	
Celebration evenings -	
Maori Culture	Tuesday 21 November
Performing Arts	Monday 27 November
Sports	Thurs 7 December

Awards Events -	
Year 5 - 8 Citizenship/home learning badge assembly & sharing of 2018 Leaders	2.00pm
KNS Raupo & Akeake Sports	Thurs 7 December
Year 8 Graduation & Social 6.00pm	Friday 8 December
Raupo Team picnic	Tuesday 12 December
Term 4 ends	Monday 11 December
Term 1, 2018 begins	Friday 15 December
	Monday 29 January

FOCUS on Tōtara

Years 7 - 8



Tōtara

**MATHEMATICS: Learning through games and collaboration**

In Tōtara, we use our own strengths and the strengths of our fellow classmates, to develop new knowledge, strategies and discuss our learning. Through collaboration we can offer ideas to support problems solving, learn from how others solve problems and debate which way is best for any given task. We all have individual strengths to bring to the learning task.

We also reinforce our skills by playing games and working hands-on with equipment to develop strategy explanations. This allows us to be confident learners and gives us the tools to explain our learning.



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

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