

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

At our school assembly I am often heard to say **how proud I am to be the principal of Te Kura o Ruataniwha - Kaiapoi North School**. I often say this in assembly because there is so much to be proud of. Recent examples of this include:

- Steve from Heritage came to photograph our children and classes recently and he made a special point of talking to me about the **respect and manners** that were shown to him.
- the wonderful effort from our **Year 4, 5 and 6 KNS rugby teams** who played 3 games each against other schools at the Cantabrian's Rugby Fun Day! Our teams had a lot of success but the theme of the day was at the heart of their experience which was get involved and enjoy an opportunity to play rugby together. Thank you to Mr Johnson, Miss Butler and Mr Henderson for leading this opportunity. I particularly enjoyed seeing our all girls team grow and develop over the course of the day.
- our **Year 7/8 girls team** who played touch rugby and softball against Cust School last week. Both teams enjoyed learning and playing sports that many of them had not played before. The games were played in great spirit with each school winning one sport each!
- our **Year 7/8 rugby league team** who played in the Canterbury tournament (see Mr O's report)
- our **Year 7/8 debating team** who did a great job connecting with the topic and pushing the Woodend School team all the way! Thank you to Miss Lamond for leading this team.
- our **School disco last Friday** - a big thank you to the PTA and supporting staff for organising the disco last week - so much fun and dancing had by almost half of our school children in attendance!
- our **Year 5/6 and 7/8 epro8 teams** who competed against other school teams in our hall this week to complete problem solving tasks using technology and creative thinking.

Last week we held our first **KNS Talanoa (meeting) for our Pasifika families**. We were thrilled at the response to this meeting and we are now excited with the ideas shared for us to learn about and celebrate our Pasifika cultures. Our first event will be enjoying **Samoan Language week** in the week beginning 28th May.

A reminder that Mr O's retirement assembly will be held on Thursday 31st May from 2pm-3pm. After 32 years as a teacher and deputy principal Mr O has contributed a great deal to our community and we look forward to celebrating that and thanking him. Advanced warning, it will be standing room only! From week 6 we welcome two of our regular part-time teachers to more regular positions to cover for Felicity Fahey and Steph Hunter as they step up into acting deputy principal positions. **Mrs Megan Gilmore will be teaching in the afternoons in Room 20 and Mrs Clare Hazlett in the mornings in Room 13.** We are thankful that we have experienced teachers who know our school taking on these positions.

Advanced warning that the teachers union NZEI has called a **union meeting for our teachers on Thursday 21st June**. We would be very grateful if the children could be collected at 1:15pm on this day please to enable the teachers to attend this important meeting. I am sure you are aware of the impending crisis of a teacher shortage across New Zealand due to a perfect storm of an aging profession, low wages and previous governmental pressures on workload and credibility. If this is not addressed now there is a real possibility of schools not having skilled and qualified teachers in our classrooms. Thank you in advance for your support. For those families who cannot collect their children early they will be supervised by a skeleton staff.

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

Kia Kaha,
Kind regards, Jason Miles, Principal.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
Kia Ora, greetings to you all

Our school's **Values and Beliefs**.

As you are all probably aware, our school has revisited our previous Values and Beliefs, and with feedback from our students and school community, we have devised a new set of Values which we believe are more relevant to our present curriculum. You may have noticed these Values being displayed as you walk into our school grounds from Williams Street. We have had these flags made so it will help us all appreciate what we are endeavouring to achieve across our school, and to help with our recall, as we slowly embed these into our school culture.

As a staff, we have worked very hard to explore these Values with our children and to support them with their understanding of what we are trying to achieve.

As a staff we are also at the stage of designing certificates which we will use to celebrate with our students at our weekly assemblies. As of mid term, we plan to distribute school based certificates to our students. Every week each **learning space/syndicate** will recognise specific students who have achieved our Values and from there, these students will be invited up on stage at our assemblies to be publicly acknowledged. Photos of the students will also be displayed in the school office on our "growing excellence" board for all to see.

With all this, teachers across our school will also have their own way of providing further acknowledgements of our children who continually show our Values. Our plan is to design special certificates at the end of each term for those students who have achieved all 5 of our school's Values.

Rugby League Squad

Last week my Year 7/8 rugby league boys competed in the annual school's League tournament. We played 7 games with a small squad, which dwindled over the day as we lost two players to injury. The teams we played were mostly from Christchurch Intermediates who have many more players to choose from, and are of a physicality way beyond what we possess. Regardless, I could not have been more proud of our boys whose spirits and big hearts ensured they performed way above all expectations. We won 4 out of 7 games and had narrow losses in the other three. In week 5 we have our annual game against Kaiapoi Borough, a game we will continue to practise for and look forward to.

Again my thanks go out to **Mr Bevan Fettes, Mr Dean Towart and Mr Laurence Toli** who are supporting this group with coaching at a very high level.

Dean will continue his interest with these boys and support our training runs through his coaching.

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 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

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly 9.00am Friday mornings
All welcome.

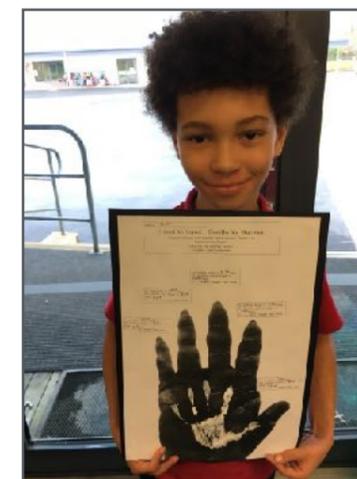
Yr 7/8 Rugby League v KBS	Monday 28 May
Samoan Language Week	Monday 28 May
Yr 7/8 Girls Canterbury Basketball Competition	Tuesday 29 May
Mr O's Retirement Assembly	Thursday 31 May
Teachers Union Meeting	Thursday 31 May
Collect children at 1.15pm please	Thursday 21 June

FOCUS ON Hīnau
Years 5 - 6



In Room 16/17 we have been reading a book called **Actual Size** by Steve Jenkins where it shows multiple animals and parts of them at their actual size. We have been doing measurements of the animals by getting a specific animal from the book and measuring how long the animal is from the start of Room 16 to as far away as needed. The animals were as big as 18 metres to as small as 5 centimetres. We measured our hands and compared it to a gorilla's hand. Another measurement we did was when we measured our eyes and compared it to a giant squid. We discovered it was 33 centimetres long and 12 of our average eyes would fit into it.

By Thomas Brocherie



Our new KNS Values & Beliefs

Connect **Create**
Reflect **Respect**
and Be Brave

WELL DONE to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their quality work :-
Jonathon Shaw, Kate Robb, Kadyn Blackler, Mackenzie Matterson, Riley Wilkins, Emily Murphy, Aisha Thomson, Frank Pepper, Nickita Roore, Grace Ormiston, Charlotte Gallagher, Connor Hayes, Jake Gray, Ethan Ross, Amellia Smith, Annabella Gascoyne, Tessa de Ruyter, Savannah Eriksen, Beau Frampton, Rome Fawcett, Cara Sewell, Scarlett Little, Paigan James, Caitlyn Smith, Lorena Davis, Emily White, Connor McNally, Lily Macgregor, Cora Van Meer, Noah Brown, Joshua Campbell, Tihema Le Cheminant, Leo Hancox, Celeste Laird, Layla Cooke-Sullivan, Shalom Puni, Quentin Terrell, Samantha Soufflot, Mathew Frank, Tufuiopa Manaia.

THANK YOU to all families who have returned their updated Student Profile forms. Congratulations to the Fern family, winners of the \$50.00 voucher. If you have yet to return the form, please drop it in to the school office, or phone Julie for a copy if you didn't receive one.