

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora
We have had a busy week with the **Wheki Camp to Woodend, 72 Year 5-8 children competing in the Pegasus Zone North Canterbury Athletic Sports, Room 1 and 4 visiting Loburn School’s Pet Day and a group of Year 6-8 students involved in an ICT focus day.** Congratulations to everyone involved. We are very proud of the behaviour, enthusiasm and effort that our KNS students displayed at all of these events. **Our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed their time at Woodend camp,** ensuring they made the most of all the opportunities available to them - when I asked about their favourite things on camp I got answers like the water slide, trampoline, flying fox and of course the food! Well done to all of the children and a big thank you to the Wheki teachers led by Mrs Steph Hunter and to the fantastic camp parents!

Congratulations to all of our athletes who competed in the Zone Athletic Sports! We have some hard-working athletes who have now qualified to compete in the Canterbury Athletic Sports in Ashburton early next month. This year’s team was the biggest yet and I was very proud of the way they competed, but also of the way the students supported each other and showed sportsmanship and manners at each event. I had teachers from 2 different schools come and see me at the event to comment about our student’s manners and willingness to help at each event which I am always proud to receive and pass on! Thank you to Mr Henderson and Mr Johnson for your organisation and Mrs Gilmore for your support at the event.

- At our last Board of Trustees meeting we confirmed our current changes of staffing for 2017 as below:**
- **Ms Emma Betts (Room 4), and Miss Brittany Nixon (Room 21)** will not be returning at the beginning of 2017. Emma is teaching at Clarkville in term 1 before traveling overseas. Brittany and her partner are looking at a move to Blenheim in 2017. We wish both Emma and Brittany all the best! **Mrs Olivia McCarthy** is on maternity leave until the end of the 2017 school year.
 - We welcome **Miss Gemma Welsh (Koru) and Samantha Coleman (Wheki)** to our staff for 2017.
 - **Miss Caitlin Turner (Room 5) and Miss Ashley Butler (Room 18)** both now hold permanent positions at KNS.
 - All other current teachers will be returning however there will be changes of levels for some teachers, **please see the attached letter explaining this in more detail.**

A big thank you to the PTA for organising the Big Bounce/Car Boot Sale on Sunday. We had a lot of families attending to enjoy this day - greatly appreciated! The PTA also have 2 other events coming up - **the mufti day tomorrow** (non-perishable item or gold coin please). The other event the PTA are planning for is the **Kaiapoi Santa Parade float** - please get the permission notices back tomorrow if you would like your child to be part of this enjoyable experience!
There is a lot to look forward to in term 4 - 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 for information about term 4 events. Here are some coming up for your calendar at home:

- **Mufti Day for PTA - Thursday 10th November - non - perishable item for PTA Xmas raffle please**
- **Year 7 Big Day Out** - Thursday 10th November, Adrenalin Forest and surfing.
- **KNS Koru and Wheki Athletics** - Wednesday 30th November
- **Celebration evenings** - Maori Culture (Tuesday 22nd November), Performing Arts (Tuesday 29th November), Sports (Thursday 8th December)
- **Awards events** - Year 7 Awards and Year 5-8 citizenship awards assembly Tuesday 6th December 9am, Year 8 Graduation and Social Tuesday 13th December 6pm start
- **Term 4 and 2016 school year ends** - Thursday 15th December, 12:00pm
- **Term 1, 2017 begins** - Tuesday 31st January

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**

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE
3 Peak Challenge 2016

Last Thursday we completed our final climb of Mt Isabel. While we were unable to climb through to the peak itself, due to high winds, we did reach the ridge line which was a very good feat. For the children, although some may have been disappointed that we could not go the whole way, the fact that we were able to appreciate how our climate can change with altitude, was in many ways a very good learning experience in itself. Safety and well-being will always override all else and from my point of view, I feel comfortable that the right decision was made. Regardless, our ascent was on the Waterfall track which is the most difficult track to climb due to its steepness in patches. The overall climb took us the best part of 5 hours which was a challenge. We were also able to spend a short time at the waterfall which for some was an opportunity to get wet, have some fun and realise that the water temperature at this time of year was somewhat cold. **We had 85 children who took on this final challenge along with 22 parents and caregivers, and 4 staff.** It was, in short, just another example of how our school community supports each other. Our parent group was nothing short of amazing. Their positive demeanours, the encouragement they provided and the willingness to get fully immersed it what we set out to achieve was a motivation in itself. May I on behalf of our school group thank all our parents and caregivers who have been a part of all 3 climbs and remind each and everyone that without parental support, with this number of children, we could not have completed this challenge. To help celebrate our success we did pop in to the Hanmer Thermal pools for a soak, a relax and a little bit of fun and reflection. Trust me, some of the tired bodies really did embrace this opportunity, none more than myself. In 2017 we will continue this programme to meet, mix and enjoy what these environments have to offer, so for now we say thanks, and we hope many of you as Year 5 - 8 parents may consider joining us again next year.
Kickstart Breakfast programme.
The breakfast programme continues each morning of the school week except for Fridays. Should you wish to participate by going to our school hall any time from 8:30am until 8:50am, you are most welcome.
Maori Cultural evening.
This celebration is on **Tuesday 22nd of this month.** To help celebrate our student achievement we will once again have a **school hangi**. As we have been able to find some additional funding, the **meals have been reduced from \$8:00 per head to \$5:00.** Presently we have close to 100 meals ordered. Please be sure to order your meal asap as we need to confirm orders next week at the latest. **Together our hope is that we continue to work collectively** in the interests and well-being of all. This is, I believe, how we can continue to maintain the positive relationships we have worked hard to establish over many years. **Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge**



SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS

All school fees accounts, particularly for Year 8 students, should by now either be cleared or have an automatic payment operating. Please advise the school office immediately if there is a problem with this, otherwise **all accounts are expected to be paid before the end of the year.**

NEW MENU FOR LUNCH ONLINE

Sushi and Pita Pit options available from today.
Visit www.lunchonline.co.nz or phone 0800 565 565.

SCHOOL SUN HATS

Sun hats are compulsory for all students for outside play in terms 4, and 1. They are available for purchase at the school office for \$10.00 each. Size 55cm and size 57 cm available.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is about supporting children around well-being. Raising funds for “Cure Kids” enables **high impact medical research** to help in finding the cures required for our children to stay healthy. Kaiapoi North School will support this appeal in the form of a **COIN TRAIL** on **THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER.** If you would like to support this cause, please bring a coin donation on the day.

RAINBOW REWARDS

The following students have earned Milo with Mr Miles - Molly Cherry, Emma Sincock, Tyler Niven, Layla Friedauer, Chloe De Wys, Summer Cooke.

LOST PROPERTY

We are currently holding two scooters and a long board which were left around the school, and an engraved silver ID bracelet which was found in the grounds. Please contact the school office to claim.

SELF DEFENCE TRAINING

GKR Karate is offering a limited number of FREE TRIAL class passes to students & parents. An excellent introduction into self defence & safety awareness. For dates & locations call/text Anthony Kaiaruna 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 - Reggie Montgomery, Alex McKinney, Kiani Cooke, Tyler Nicholson, Mason McDonald-Scholes, Jake Brownlee, Sam Gilmore, Grace Benington, Georgia McFall, Samantha Sharpe, Gracie Dear, Alex Bartosh, Zach Soufflot, Sam Dunbar, Cooper Sutherland, Chloe Green, Peyton Thompson, Braydon Koschinski, Michell Robb, Noah Brown, Ashton Holland, Ezekiel Thompson, Grace Braun, Charlie Lawrence, Dylan Sheriff, Layla Cooke-Sullivan, Paige Dutton, Lilly Jonsson, Mikey Toli, Ruby Lange, Ethan Matterson, Kale Johnson, Sophia Duff, Maddie Gascoyne, Nicholas McKinney, Emily Chapman, Maia Stransky, Rhys Tobin, Payton Leo’o, Aaliyah Khan, Levi de Hamel, Josh Donaldson, Koupa Cunninghame, Mason Morgan, Amelia Fisher, Eli McMillan, Kate Robb, Eden Muir, Zoe Sole, Seth Green, Emily Dutton, Calais Wilson, Mya Walker, Bella de Hamel.

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly, all welcome.	Fridays 9.00am.
PTA Mufti Day	Thurs 10 November
Koru & Wheki Athletics	Wed 30 November
Celebration Evenings -	
Maori Culture 5.30pm start	Tues 22 November
Performing Arts 6.00pm start	Tues 29 November
Sports 6.00pm start	Thurs 8 December
Year 7 Awards assembly 9.00am	Tues 6 December
Year 8 Graduation & Social, 6.00pm	Tues 13 December
Term 4 ends 12.00pm	Thurs 15 December
Term 1, 2017 begins	Tues 31st January

FOCUS ON WHEKI SYNDICATE
YEARS 3 - 4



This week our Year 3/4 students went to Woodend Christian Camp. Year 3 students attended for a day trip to explore team building initiatives and Year 4 students spent the night, participating in a range of activities including: go-karting, flying fox, archery, orienteering and water slides.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful parent helpers!



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

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

