

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

**Kia ora**  
**We are right into full swing of term 4 now and there will be many events for us all to enjoy! This Friday we have our annual Grandparents Day which is a day we all look forward to.** Grandparents (or honorary grandparents) are invited to spend time in the classrooms between 9am and 10am, joining in with activities and sharing in what the children do at school these days. At 10am we will have a special assembly where teams will share items. Following assembly grandparents are invited to stay in the hall for a cuppa and a scone to round off their visit. As we have a bit more of a walk to get to the hall this year please let any particularly elderly grandparents know to start their walk to the hall a few minutes earlier. For any that need some assistance our caretaker Mr Ron will gladly offer a ride in his golf buggy!

**It was a shame our KNS Athletic Sports had to be postponed last week but they went ahead under fine skies yesterday.** Our children tried hard at each event and it was wonderful to see many children cheering on and congratulating their peers. We have had some outstanding results so our team for the upcoming Zone Athletic Sports is looking very big! Thank you to Mr Johnson and Mr Henderson for organising this event, to Mr O for leading it in my absence, and to the parents and caregivers for supporting the children throughout the day.

Well done to our two **Year 7/8 teams that competed in the Police Blue Light Confidence Course Challenge** last week. Our teams worked well together, working out the best strategies to tackle each obstacle so that all team members could get over them in the fastest possible time. Both teams won their heats however their times placed them both mid-field. Our teams of Beth Dunbar, Hikaru Takao, Ashton Walls, Lachie Watson, and Mikayla Blackler, Alex Hancock, Hunter Towart, Bryn Graham enjoyed their experience and should be very proud of their efforts. It was wonderful to hear from our Police Community Constable Ken Terry that he was “immensely proud of the way all of your students participated in the day. They were polite, friendly and mixed well with the city schools. Their level of commitment and participation was excellent and they gave their all in each activity. Skills that I enjoyed observing included; teamwork, strategy, communication and determination.”

**There is a lot to look forward to in term 4.** Please take a look at, and put on the fridge, the **attached notice detailing important information about term 4 celebration and awards events.** Also 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:

- **3 Peaks tramps** - Thursday 27th October, Thursday 3rd November
- **Grandparents Day** - Friday 28th October 9am - 11:30am
- **Athletic Sports** - North Canterbury Zone Sports Tuesday 15th November, Canterbury Athletics Wednesday 7th December.
- **KNS Big Bounce - Sunday 6th November**
- **Wheki Camp to Woodend** - 7th and 8th November (Year 3’s 7th November only)
- **Mufti Day for PTA - Thursday 10th November** - non - perishable item for PTA Xmas raffle please
- **KNS Koru and Wheki Athletics** - Wednesday 30th November
- **Celebration evenings** - Maori Culture (Tues 22nd November), Performing Arts (Tues 29th November), Sports (Thurs 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

**Kickstart Breakfast programme.**

Our school’s breakfast programme has been warmly received by students each morning this week. Our parents who have now taken on this responsibility are incredibly supportive of this programme. Their willingness to ensure we have a welcoming environment while catering for all students is a joy to observe. Just as a reminder to all families, we will continue to provide a Weetbix and milk breakfast from Monday through Thursday, beginning at 8:30am each morning.

**3 Peak Challenge 2016**

This has been extremely well supported. While we now have confirmed over 90 children, the parent / caregiver interest and support has also been most encouraging and reminds us a lot about our community and the very positive partnership we have established. Tomorrow we will climb the Bridle Path, have an opportunity to enjoy the port of Lyttelton while having lunch and then complete the return trip all in one day. This climb will also provide an opportunity for us to reflect on some of Canterbury’s early history as we remind ourselves of the trek many of our forebears took as they explored their new homeland within the Canterbury province. Next week we will conclude our 3 Peak challenge with a visit to Hanmer and Mt Isabel. This final climb is a big one, as in short it not only means an early 6:30am start at school, but it also includes the best part of 5 1/2 hours on the mountain. The good part is that Mt Isabel has some outstanding views of Hanmer to enjoy and of course we have the Thermal pools to relax in after while celebrating the completion of quite a challenging programme for all!

**Athletic Sports.**

Yesterday we were blessed with great weather after the need to reschedule our Year 5 - 8 Athletic sports. Once again we had a wonderful turnout of parents and caregivers to support and encourage our children. What makes these days is really about our children and their willingness to participate in a manner which reflects our school’s Values and Beliefs. May I congratulate our children as while they took the opportunity to search for their personal best they also were quick to both encourage and congratulate their peers across the day. Something which I believe represents fine attributes in very good people.

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.

**CHANGES TO LUNCH ONLINE**

Unfortunately, the bakery that was supplying our lunches decided to withdraw at short notice. Therefore we have added sushi to the available choices, and Pita Pit will also be available from Wednesday the 9th November. Visit [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) or phone 0800 565 565.

**KNS PTA BIG BOUNCE & CAR BOOT EVENT**

To be held on Sunday 6th November, 11.00am - 3.00pm with \$5.00 entry for unlimited bouncing and sliding on the 5 castles and giant inflatable slide. Food, drinks & entertainment all available, and a car boot sale will be held at the same time. \$20.00 early bird booking fee for a car boot site. Email [nicibenington@me.com](mailto:nicibenington@me.com) or call 021888989 to book. Wet weather cancellation date is following Sunday 13th, same time.

**PIXIE’S DOG GROOMING**

Pixie’s Dog Grooming and Pet Care Service, 14 Hamel Lane, Kaiapoi. A new business to Kaiapoi, we will feed, walk, play with & give your pet lots of cuddles; bring in your mail, put rubbish at the gate & water your garden. Police vetted. Phone Russell or Wendi McKeown for an appointment 327 6606.

**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 available now; size 57cm arriving shortly.

**JUNIOR BEGINNERS GOLF PROGRAMME**

6 week programme starting Thursday 10 November, cost \$2.00 each session at Kaiapoi Golf Club. Contact Jason Tilley Golf Professional on 0275759900 or email [jason@jtgolf.co.nz](mailto:jason@jtgolf.co.nz).

**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 - Ruby Lange, Peyton Thompson, Jack Lee, Amelia Fisher, Reggie Montgomery, Felicity Dear, Ollie Osgood, Evie Howe, Steven Chhour, Ruby Kitto, Lachie Watson, Heather Laing, Harvey Little, Dominic Fox, Eden Muir, Tyler Nicholson, Hazel Herriott, Kiani Cooke, Kate Robb, Mitchell Robb, Ezekiel Thompson, Josh Prasad, Mikey Toli, Isla Gane, Grace Braun, Charlie Lawrence, Bella de Hamel, Poasa Tongia, Paige Dutton, Cooper Sutherland, Quentin Terrell, Levi de Hamel, Zihara Large, Mya Walker, Aisha Shaw, Jack Pepper, Emma Sincock, Maddie Gascoyne, Loretta Woolford, Sophia Duff, Wini Merriman, Theo McKay, Herbert Lafulafu, Stacey Holland.

**Upcoming School Events**

Whole School Assembly, all welcome.	Fridays 9.00am.
3 Peaks tramps, Thursdays	27 Oct, 3 Nov.
Grandparents Day 9.00 - 11.30am	Friday 28 October
KNS PTA Big Bounce event	Sunday 6 Nov
Wheki Camp to Woodend	7 & 8 November
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
Awards Events -	
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 KORU SYNDICATE YEARS 0 - 2**



**Koru Team Visits Ferrymead**

Recently Koru Team visited Ferrymead Historic Park to learn about life in the 1950s and 1960s. We baked scones; found out about record players, valve radios and black and white television sets; played with old fashioned toys and went to the school room. It was a tremendous experience and a very busy day.

Thank you to the many parents who were able to come along to help with supervision and transport.

This Friday we are looking forward to sharing some time at school with our grandparents. Hopefully we will be able to find out more information from them about what games they used to play and what school was like when they were little.

Please encourage your children to talk to their grandparents and see what they can find out.



**We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs**

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