

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school on Monday, the smiles and the stories about the holidays brought back the energy and everyone settled back quickly into concentrating on their learning! We also took the opportunity to have our kapa haka and 6 staff farewell Mrs Tania Reid as part of her welcoming powhiri at Cobham Intermediate - well done to all involved as it meant a very early start in the bus on Monday!

We have another busy term ahead, information about some of these are below however I encourage you to regularly visit our website www.kaiapoinorth.school.nz.

What a tremendous effort by our KNS community on ANZAC DAY as we proudly marched as a school in the Kaiapoi Parade. We had around 80 KNS children and lots of parents attending the service to watch. This is always an important opportunity for our children to demonstrate respect and community as one. Well done also to our KNS choir members who sang proudly during the service.

Look out for the **KNS Whanau Survey coming to your email address this week**. The Board of Trustees and staff are wanting your feedback on important aspects like our Strategic Goals, Values and Beliefs, range of opportunities, uniform and many other areas. There is a paper option if needed, however one of the things we are working towards by the end of the year is being relatively paperless! If you haven't received an email with the link by next Monday please ask for a paper copy at the office. If you still need to give us your email address please do so by Friday.

What a terrific day we had for our **whole school cross country races at the end of term 1!** We started the day with our Raupo Team races down at the domain followed by the Akeake, Hinau and Totora races across the domain and the Kaiapoi Rugby Club. Many parents and caregivers took the opportunity to watch and support our children throughout the day with lots of Raupo parents and caregivers joining in for a final lap of the course at the end! Thank you to Mr Johnson and Mr Henderson for organising this event. We now have a large team of Year 5-8 runners competing in the Kaiapoi School's Cross Country event on Monday 22nd May.

All the best to our **Year 4, 5 and 6 KNS rugby teams and our Year 4-6 girls rugby team** who will all be playing 3 games against other schools this Friday at the Cantabrian's Rugby Fun Day!

Welcome to our school to **Miss Alana Cosgrove who is the new teacher for Room 7**. Miss Cosgrove has made a great start and has hit the ground running! A reminder Mrs Felicity Fahey (Room 13) and Mrs Karen Wright (Room 11) have jointly taken over the leadership of the Akeake team for term's 2-4.

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

Always good to be back, even if the mornings are not quite as receptive to restoring the "early riser" habit. Today, Monday, I have been fortunate to meet and greet many children who have had some really positive things to say about the holidays. The experiences they have had, the time they have shared within their family, or just simply the different choices they have had while being on holiday. Many have shared about how they feel about being back at school, many enjoying being reconnected with their friends and their teachers. It is always neat to hear children sharing some positive feedback about our school and what it provides for them at a social, and sometimes emotional level. Many children are openly enthusiastic regarding the opportunities our school provides, both in and outside the classroom. Sometimes I have to remind them that we could not do this without the support we get from their parents and caregivers, and of course the encouragement many of our staff get from the way our children engage within the activities provided. In short "good things come to good people", and I am sure our children appreciate the wonderful investment our staff are prepared to make with respect particularly with the extra curricula opportunities.

Sadly this year I was unable to attend the Kaiapoi ANZAC day parade, something our school has great pride to be represented in. While my time was taken reacquainting with a very special cousin in the North Island, I was able to attend the commemoration in Raglan. Even though my heart was back here in Kaiapoi, with our children and families, I did feel a sense of connection, and certainly felt a sense of pride as I knew we would represent our school community very well. May I thank all the parents, caregivers and children who represented our school last week. What a special place we have here in terms of our whole school community.

Lastly, with winter beginning to show its teeth, may I remind all families that as a result of Mr Bob's memorial golf tournament fund, we have the ability to provide footwear and warm clothing for any family that may have a need. Please **never** feel uneasy to approach me regarding this as we would be delighted to support you all in any way we can.

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

SENIOR JACKETS

Jackets for the senior students with the updated school logo are now back in stock at Kaiapoi Monograms, Hilton Street. These are priced at \$50.00. No size 14 available until August. **School Beanies** are available at the school office at a cost of \$10.00 each. These are the only beanies which may be worn at school.



Safety notices from the BOT

On either side of our school pedestrian crossing there are signs that look like this. This is a legal requirement for the safety of our road patrol. We have had a quiet word from our local police constable that they will be actively patrolling this over the next few weeks and **anyone not complying will be given an instant \$75 fine**. We do not want this to happen to you so please comply with the signs before and after school.

There are also some parents driving into our drop off zone in the afternoon - this **drop off zone is available before school and during the school day BUT is not available between 2:55pm and 3:15pm as the pedestrian traffic is high. NO parking is available in this zone at any time**. This is the only point of entry to the school for emergency vehicles so must be kept clear at all times. Please make sure you respect this rule for the safety of all as you can imagine the chaos that would occur if everyone tried to use it at 3pm!! We do not want to have to close our school gates throughout the day.

WELL DONE to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their **quality work** this week -

Quentin Terrell, Awarua Butson, Euan Sewell, Paigan James, Zoriwar Brar, Ollie Osgood, Lily Porter, Joey Jonsson, Tyler Sandford, Riley Brownlee, Reggie Montgomery, Ellie Greengrass, Wini Merriman, Noah Hancox, Matilda Sleeman, Hamuera Huriwai, Connor Hayes, Oliver Wirth, Indy Hammond, Jonathon Shaw, Khan Lali, Calais Wilson, Briley Herriott, Tyler Nicholson, Millie Bringans, Blake Prendergast, Daniel Ecclestone, Belle King, Hunter Michell, Celeste Laird, Skylar Paulsen, Kieran Amyes, Hazel Herriott, Oliver Beeby-Stockdale, Heath Laird, Katelyn Cresswell, Ameira Hancy, Maddie May, Eliya Auimatagi, Asha Tointon.

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly, all welcome.	Fridays 9.00am.
Life Education van @ KNS	15 - 26 May
J Rock performance at Horncastle Arena	Friday 19 May
Kaiapoi Schools Cross Country	Monday 22 May
Young Leaders Day	Tuesday 30 May

FOCUS on Akeake Years 3 - 4



Welcome

back everyone.

We also want to give a warm

welcome to Miss Alana Cosgrove, a new teacher in our team. Miss Cosgrove has taken over Room 7 and is excited to be working with our children. Give her a wave if you see her around!

We have a busy term ahead in Akeake with swimming, Explore Time, Life Education and a number of other opportunities. Swimming started this week and the children were eager to get in the pool and show off their skills. We have been impressed with their positive, enthusiastic attitude towards swimming.

Explore Time is starting next week and we have some new options lined up for the children to experience something a bit different. If you would like to support our children by taking a group, please contact Miss Chantelle Roome in Room 12.



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

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