

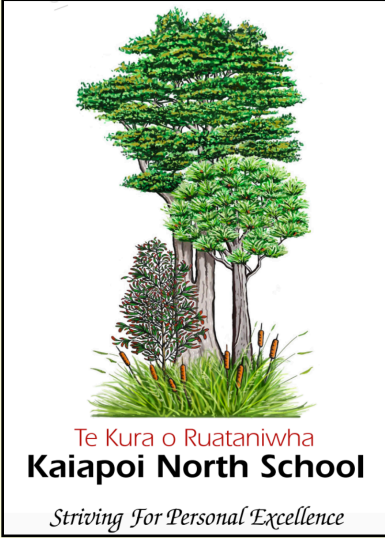
Kia ora. We wish you all a happy new year, welcome back to the 2018 school year!
We have enjoyed welcoming the children back today after the holidays. The beginning of a new year is always exciting with the children and staff seeing everyone after the holiday break.

This year it was even more special as we held our official opening of our new classroom spaces! It was wonderful to have our Mayor of Waimakariri David Ayers and MP for Waimakariri Matt Doocey with us to officially open our buildings and new adventure playground. Also in attendance were members of the Ministry of Education including Coralanne Child - Canterbury Director of Education, kaumatua Corban Taiaka, our architects from Baldasso Cortesse Nordanus, representatives from our building company HRS, our Project managers Greenstone and Kaiapoi Community Board representatives. Our BOT of Trustees Chairperson Neville McDonald thanked all members of our school community for showing great patience and flexibility as the \$5.8 million dollar project was undertaken. Thanks were given to the BOT, particularly Phil Wood and Dan Gilmore for managing this large project which should be largely completed by the end of term 1. The final aspects include completing our new school library and landscaping to the front of the school and around our new blocks. **What a wonderfully resourced school we now have!!**

In this newsletter there is information about our **staff for 2018 as well as information about our new school Values and Beliefs, dates for the school year and upcoming events.** Please diary these events and keep updating them as we progress through the year, your support and encouragement of school events is greatly appreciated by staff and children.

One of our early events is a **Meet the teacher and parent information session about Cyber Safety opportunity next Thursday 8th February.** We look forward to your attendance from 4:30pm, half hour sessions each hub:
Raupo - 4:30pm Akeake - 5:15pm Hinau - 6:00pm, Totara - 6:45pm
Cyber safety parent information sessions in the hall- 5:15pm and 6:45pm (two sessions) - led by Constable Ken Terry

Another early event is our annual **Children's Day event.** This year we are all traveling to Pines Beach Oval on Friday 16th February to celebrate this day together and we would love to see parents joining us! More information to follow.
Kind Regards, *Jason Miles - Principal*



Welcome to all new families and staff to KNS. We look forward to sharing the learning journey with you all and trust your time in our school community is a positive experience. Welcome to our **new teachers** starting today: **Mrs Belinda Gifford (Room 12), Miss Celeste Lamond (Room 21).**

New KNS Values and Beliefs

We worked on our new Values and Beliefs in 2017 gaining ideas from: a whanau survey, student voice and a staff survey.

These 5 new Values and Beliefs will be for our whole school community. These words cover both learning and behaviour dispositions which we will be encouraging our children to actively live:

At KNS we develop people who strive for personal excellence who:

- **Connect (piringa)**
- **Create (auaha)**
- **Reflect (kohuki)**
- **Respect (ngākau māhaki)**
- **and are Brave (tu māia)**

Classes will be unpacking what each of these mean at each age level. As a staff we are also reviewing how our Growing Excellence awards are both earned and presented. We will share more about this later in the term. Our Values and Beliefs are an important aspect of our school culture - these new ones will enable our children to continue to develop as responsible citizens and as driven learners. We look forward to working with you as parents and caregivers

Attachments - KNS Emergency Procedures, January Property Update.

Upcoming school events

Meet the Teacher/Cyber Safety Thursday 8th February
Kapa Haka @ Kaiapoi Waitangi Day event on Tuesday 6th Feb
Waitangi Day holidays Mon 5th and Tues 6th Feb
Year 7/8 cricket v Ohoka Friday 10th February
Year 5-8 KNS swimming sports Friday 9th February
Hinaiu camp to Living Springs Mon 12th Feb -Wed 14th Feb
KNS Children's Day - Pines Beach Friday 16th Feb
Totara camp to Wainui:
- Rm 18/19 Mon 19th Feb-Wed 21st Feb
- Rm 20, 21, 22 Wed 21st Feb - Fri 23rd Feb

Property news - Stay safe around our school

In the holidays we have continued to ensure our facilities are well maintained by completing scheduled maintenance around the school. A big thank you to our caretaker **Mr Ron Adams** and our assistant caretaker **Mr Keith Richards** for all of your work over the holiday break.

Please make sure you and your children stay safe around our school by observing the safety barriers where contractors are working.

Kaiapoi Waitangi Day celebration - Tuesday 6th February from 10am at Trousselot Park at the band rotunda - a great community event, come along to support our KNS Kapa Haka group which will be performing!

School assembly

Our weekly whole school assemblies are on Friday mornings at 9:05am in the hall. Parents/guardians and extended family are always welcome at our assemblies, we hope you can join us when you can throughout the year. This week **our first weekly assembly for 2018 will be Friday 2nd February.**

In 2018 we are **setting our attendance targets for every child of at least 90% attendance** (on average 9 days out of 10). This target is to ensure our children have ample opportunity to learn, and to build relationship and life skills. For your information family trips taken within a school term are coded by all schools as "explained but not justified".

If your child's attendance is less than 90% and there are no medical or family circumstance justifications for this the class teacher will make initial contact to talk this through with you. Where no improvement in attendance is noted this will be followed up by contact by Mr O who will offer any support necessary to improve attendance rates. **We are making you aware of this goal so we can work together on ensuring attendance at school is a partnership that we all value.**

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR KNS APP??

627 people have! Thank you for going to your App store to do this - we have had a lot of positive feedback about this communication tool.

After this week we aim to be largely paperless in 2018 using the KNS app, emails and our website - for those that cannot connect with any of these paper copies will be available at the school office.

Our new KNS Values and Beliefs

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and be Brave**

A warm welcome to the 24 new children and their families who have started at KNS today: Our starting roll is 504 children.

Confirmation of classes and teams for 2018:

Jack Oldridge - Deputy Principal
Dawn Anderson - Assistant Principal
Jeff Hertnon - ICT Lead Teacher
Kelly Watson - RTLB Cluster Manager
Claire Osgood - Music Specialist teacher
Part-time teachers - Megan Gilmore, Clare Hazlett, Lee-Anne Warren, Melanie Routledge
Support Staff - Office Julie Garing, Della Wood, Teresa Berry, Ann Hoglund
Learning Support

Ann Hoglund, Kathryn Lynskey, Andrea Kendrick, Kirsten Attewell, Jenny Dutton, Jo Merriman, Christine King
Caretaker Ron Adams **Assistant Caretaker** Keith Richards

2018 term dates

Term 1 - Monday 29th January - Friday 13th April, holidays in term 1 = **Monday Feb 5 AND Feb 6 Waitangi Day, Friday 30th March - Tuesday 3rd April inclusive for Easter.**
Term 2 - Monday 30th April - Friday 6th July **Queen's Birthday Monday 2nd June**
Term 3 - Monday 23rd July - Friday 28th September
Term 4 - Monday 15th October - 12:00pm Friday 14th December **Labour Day 22nd October, Canterbury Show Day 16th Nov**

