

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

What wild weather this week after such hot days! I hope all is well around your homes and streets. Thank you for your understanding as we closed the school yesterday. This decision was made in consultation with the MOE, other local schools and with the forecast and state of emergency information in Christchurch in mind. Thankfully the weather did not amount to what was forecast, we do try to give families as much warning as possible if we need to close for health and safety reasons.

A big thank you to our Te Kura o Ruataniwha Kaiapoi North School community for your support of our **Children’s Day last Friday at Pines Beach**. This was a successful and enjoyable event led by Mr O and his team of helpers. Thank you Mr O and staff and parents in attendance for making this a terrific community day!

Congratulations to our **Hinau Team who participated in their Outdoor Education camp at Living Springs last week**. During my visit I was thrilled and proud to see our children living our KNS Values and Beliefs. Congratulations to all children who have been on camp, I was pleased to receive praise about your behaviour and positive attitude from the teachers and camp parents. A huge thank you to Mrs Felicity Fahey and our wonderful team of teachers and support staff for your fantastic organisation, motivation and support of our children throughout each camp - your time, effort and enthusiasm is most appreciated. A big thank you also to our camp parents. These camps do not go ahead without your commitment, enthusiasm and support - on behalf of the children, teachers and other parents thank you so much!

I hope you have had the opportunity to **download our free KNS school app** - 821 people have! This is important as our KNS app is one of our main forms of communication along with emails. I have received positive feedback about how well this is working. Our goal is to be paperless this year, however **if your family requires paper notices these can be arranged through your classroom teacher and at our office**. Next week we will be sharing with you information about our new KNS Values and Beliefs and the Board of Trustees will ask your feedback about our current KNS shield emblem compared to a new logo that we have had drafted - please respond by Wednesday 7th March * this was to happen last week but was postponed.

Well done our **Year 7/8 cricket teams** which both won their first games in the Milo Cup and Trophy competitions last week. Our Boys team beat a Loburn Schools combined team 123 to 99 runs, and our Girls team drew their first ever match against Tai Tapu School 67 runs each. They won the ensuing bowl off with **Aliyah Newton** hitting the wickets at the crucial time! Both teams had a terrific all round team effort with impressive contributions from **Mitchell Gilmore 32 (runs), Max Dunbar 26, Lockie Marshall 24, Georgia Smith 19, Annaliese Gibson 7. Blake Sincock and Aliyah Newton took 2 wickets each with Luca Marson** taking a spectacular one-handed catch in the outfield and **Georgia and Aliyah** both effecting run outs with direct hits from their throws. All the best for your matches next week!

Our **KNS swimming sports** was a terrific event which saw our students striving for personal excellence in their events. **Well done to the 16 students who have now qualified to represent our school at the Pegasus Zone Swimming Sports** on Tuesday 6th March. Thank you for a big parent crowd of supporters and to Mr Johnson and Mr Henderson for leading this event.

We hope to have our new playground open for the children next week all going well! Let us continue to work together in strong partnership for the benefit of our tamariki.

Kia Kaha,
Kind regards, Jason Miles, Principal.

WELL DONE to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their **quality work** :-
Nico Williams, Briley Herriott, Ameira Hancy, Amelia Hannah, Emma Wells, Jack Pepper, Braxton Beaumont, Lillian Lafulafu, Ben Aleas, Liam Young, Samantha Soufflot, Klara Stransky, Daniel Ecclestone, Ashton Hoglund, Ben Jones, Jake Gray, Kate Robb, Chloe Wilson, Dexter Agnew-Kerr, Skyla Harris, Kiana Hackett, Filipe Ngahetau, Sam Plunkett, Maddison Ohlson, Nathan Chea, Bella King, Ethan Ross, Toby Friedauer, Max Emerson.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Kia Ora, greetings to you all
Children’s Day.

Last Friday we held our annual Children’s Day celebration. This year we decided to go off site to **Pines Beach**, a short drive away from school. Using this local resource was something we decided on late last year to allow our children to enjoy the special character of this area. It was also an opportunity for our school’s **“buddy class”** system to reinforce these connections and the sense of the “whole school” community spirit we work hard to develop. We either bussed children, or had children going with families, **and** we had a big group biking with our staff. Working through a digital communication system, as we endeavour to go paperless on 2018, we appreciate this may have created some misunderstanding for some families, yet it is something we will work on together and improve where necessary.

The day itself was a little like **the “old fashion” picnic style outing**, one which Mr O recalls fondly from his school days. Our beach walk, kite flying, sand castle competition and the likes had all our children enjoying their interactions with each other. We have taken photos of the many sand castle creations, and for some of our children I will organise a BBQ lunch to celebrate their creativity and team work.

Our morning **fishing group** under the guidance of Mr Peter Robinson from Fish and Game, was also a huge success for many of our senior students.

We had a **sausage sizzle on returning**, and then an afternoon of fun activity on the domain. **The fire truck from Pines Beach** offered a cooling down spray for the many who took part, a highlight in itself, yet it was neat just to see all our children, parents, caregivers and staff, just enjoying each other’s company, **and** having so much fun together. Hopefully this could become an annual event on our school calendar.

On **Sunday 11th March we have our school’s annual memorial golf tournament for Mr Bob**. May I encourage any parent, or group of parents who may want to enter a team on the day, to pop and see me. We have a huge prize table where I guarantee a prize for everyone, food and drink during the round, an amazing afternoon tea, great raffles, all for a \$30:00 fee. The funds go directly back to the families of this school to ensure no child misses out on opportunities across our school. If any of you may even consider some form of sponsorship, we would also be most grateful.

This week we will be requesting non-perishable food and drink items that we can put into baskets to raffle off on the day. My thanks in anticipation of your support for this raffle.

Our school’s Breakfast club, in our school hall will be reintroduced next week from **Tuesday through Thursday**, for 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.*

Totara camp to Wainui:
- Rm 18/19 Mon 19th Feb-Wed 21st Feb
- Rm 20, 21, 22 Wed 21st Feb - Fri 23rd Feb

Yr 7/8 Boys Cricket v Woodend	Tuesday 27 February
Yr 7/8 Girls Cricket	Thursday 1 March
Easter Break	Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April inclusive
Term 1 ends	Friday 13 April
Term 2 begins	Monday 30 April

FOCUS ON Akeake
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Akeake

Akeake had heaps of fun celebrating Children's Day last week. The day started off with ice blocks in the morning at the domain. We then made our way down to the beach and flew kites, made sand castles and spent time with our buddies. The highlight of the day for most of us was the fire hose that sprayed water on us to help us cool down in the heat. A big thank you to all of the parents who came down to support with transport and supervision.

We have missed Miss Cosgrove this week as she got married over the weekend and will be Mrs Jack when she returns! We are all very excited to welcome her back and hear about her wedding.



Our new KNS Values & Beliefs

Connect
Reflect
Create
Respect
and be Brave