Wednesday 7 March 2018 Week 6, Term 1

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

It has been an exciting 2 weeks with the opening of our **new adventure playground** and **using our new school intercom system (which plays music as well as bells!).** The children have really enjoyed the new adventure playground, challenging themselves on the equipment and enjoying the opportunity to have fun together. A big thank you to the **Board of Trustees** for having the foresight to save money over the past few years for this substantial project and to the **PTA** ($20,000), **Rata Foundation** ($20,000) and the **Ministry of Education** ($20,000) for your amazing support! Our previous playground has been in storage and will be sold to an organisation that would benefit from this - if you know of any interested parties please let them and us know! A full Property Update will follow in the next week.

It was with reluctance that the Board of Trustees **accepted the resignation of Mr Jack Oldridge at our meeting last week. Mr O has been a teacher, team leader and deputy principal at Kaiapoi North School for nearly 32 years and his contribution to our school has been nothing short of immense.** It is difficult to sum up how much Mr O means to our school as he has touched so many lives during his time here for which we will be eternally grateful. **Mr O will be retiring at Queen's Birthday weekend (end of week 5, term 2).** There will be an appropriate send off for Mr O at that time including an assembly and a function - watch this space!

I have also been fortunate to have been awarded a sabbatical in term 3 which allows me to have the term away from school to research and develop our play based learning philosophy further, visiting other schools around NZ in the process. We are fortunate to have internal expertise that will cover for Mr O's retirement and for my sabbatical. **Mrs Dawn Anderson will fill Mr O's position for the remainder of the year, apart from term 3 when she will be Acting Principal** for me. Also stepping up in roles will be **Mrs Steph Hunter and Mrs Felicity Fahey who will share our second deputy principal role in the second half of term 2 and during term 4. In term 3 Mrs Hunter and Mrs Fahey will both be acting deputy principals.** This will mean release teachers will be employed for Room 13 and 20 for these periods. We will keep the families in these spaces informed as these appointments are made.

Congratulations to our **Totara Team who recently participated in their Outdoor Education camp at Wainui.** I was thrilled and proud to receive feedback from staff, parents and camp staff about our Year 7/8's behaviour and positive attitude. A huge thank you Mrs Steph Hunter 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!

Well done to our **Year 7/8 cricket teams** which both had exciting games but close losses in the North Canterbury final of Milo Cup and Trophy competitions last week. Our Boys team scored 89 runs to Woodend's 94 runs, and our Girls team scored 28 runs to Ashgrove's 32 runs. Both teams had a terrific all round team effort with impressive contributions from **Max Dunbar 47 (runs), Tyler Burns 18, Annaliese Gibson 13. Mitchell Gilmore took 2 wickets with Chloe Henderson** effecting a run out with direct hits from a throw from the outfield.

Well done to the 18 students who qualified to represent our school at the Pegasus Zone Swimming Sports at Dudley Park yesterday. You all swam bravely and supported each other strongly!

Let us continue to work together in strong partnership for the benefit of our tamariki.

Kia Kaha,
Kind regards, Jason Miles, Principal.

We hope you have had the opportunity to download our **free KNS school app** - 844 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 21st March.

Our KNS Home Learning Policy is up for review this term. If you would like to provide feedback please do so by 16th March following the instructions below:

1. Visit the website http://kaiapoinorth.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm
2. Enter the username (KNCH) and password (william).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora, greetings to you all

Over the last few weeks I have been most heartened with many examples of **our school's community spirit.** While on camp with **the Year 5 / 6 children,** their teachers and parents, many of the children went out of their way to support the needs of others. Having spoken to **Mrs Fahey, syndicate leader,** she was able to provide me with numerous examples of her children encouraging others to **"be brave,"** and to give new challenges a go, while also providing wonderful encouragement when they saw a need. Mrs Fahey also noted that the children who had some apprehension at first, once succeeding, where the ones that quickly saw their role to become the support people for others. It is within this type of camaraderie that **new friendships are formed,** and an opportunity to grow relationships.

Mrs Hunter, syndicate leader of our Year 7 / 8 children, also had a very positive message regarding her team. The weather, which was far less than desirable, did not blunt the enthusiasm or the opportunity for their group to enjoy all the challenges they encountered. Instead, they became a very tight team who interacted positively with each other, and who were able to share many memorable, and lasting group experiences as a result.

Our **parents and caregivers** who took their time to support these camps, were nothing short of extraordinary. Their willingness to connect with our children, to identify those who may have needed a little extra comfort, and to simply provide the motivation for our children, was most noticeable.

I have also received an **email from a parent whose son badly hurt his ankle** while biking home from school. Three of our senior boys were quick to provide help. One boy went home to get his Mum to help, while another boy took this boy's bike home. When I spoke to these boys, it was obvious to me that this action simply represented "who they were as young people". If these are the children we have at KNS, then we should be extremely proud of the examples we have at our school.

On **Sunday 11th March we have our school's annual memorial golf tournament for Mr Bob.** 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.

Until **Thursday 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

WELL DONE to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their **quality work :-**
Niko Henderson, Briley Herriott, Ashlee Harkess, Kacey McAllister, Ethan Ross, Klara Stransky, Aaliyah Robinson, Scarlett Little, Calais Wilson, Arliyah Fletcher, Skyla Harris, Jackson Cresswell, Amelia Fisher, Kate Robb, Chloe Wilson, Annabella Gascoyne, Dexter Agnew-Kerr, Amellia Smith, Samantha Soufflot, Noah Hancox, Charlotte Gallagher, Mathew Frank, Cameron Ecclestone, Emma Wells.

These children have enjoyed Milo with Mr Miles as a Rainbow reward:- **Addy Houghton, Indy Hammond, Aisha Shaw, Grace Braun, Bryden Pearce, Mason Pearce.**

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly 9.00am Friday mornings
All welcome.

Mr Bob Memorial Golf Tournament	Sunday 11 March
Science in a Van in Hall	Thurs 15 & Fri 16 March
NC Swimming Sports	Thursday 22 March
Easter Break	Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April **inclusive**
Term 1 ends	Friday 13 April
Term 2 begins	Monday 30 April
Class & Individual photos	Thursday 3 May

FOCUS ON Hīnau
Years 5 - 6

Hīnau students have enjoyed having the new playground to play on. We are always eager for our turn. Our favourite parts are the spider web and the flying fox. We are looking forward to connecting with other classes when we can all play on there. A huge thanks to everyone who has contributed to funding and building our new playground.

Our new KNS Values & Beliefs

Connect Create
Reflect Respect
and be Brave