# Wednesday 21 March 2018 Week 8, Term 1

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

**Kia ora**

In our last newsletter we informed you about the retirement of **Mr O who has been a teacher, team leader and deputy principal at Te Kura o Ruataniwha, Kaiapoi North School for nearly 32 years.** 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. As Mr O will be retiring at Queen's Birthday weekend (end of week 5, term 2) we have **confirmed that we will be holding a special assembly for Mr O on Thursday 31st May from 2pm to 3pm.** This assembly will also be open to former KNS students and their families also (this will be advertised in a local newspaper).

Thank you to the 156 parents, 20 staff and 170 Year 5-8 students who have responded to our **online survey sent via our school app about our school logo - KNS shield or new logo design.** I have been appreciative of the large return of surveys so far and the thought that has gone into the comments. The survey will be open until Friday night, if you need a link to the survey sent directly to you please email me jason.m@kaiapoinorth.school.nz. The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the responses during our next meeting on Thursday 6th April.

On Monday evening our wonderful **KNS Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** had their AGM. We are very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic group of parents on this committee. At this meeting I communicated my gratitude to the PTA on behalf of our Kaiapoi North School community. Throughout 2017 the PTA organised events and activities to raise funds and have opportunities to have fun together. Funding went towards many different things including Jrock, sports uniforms, classroom games, Year 8 graduation expenses, music resources, code club resources and Kapa Haka. The events such as mufti days and of course our amazing float in the Kaiapoi Santa Parade all added to the enjoyment and connectedness of our school community. Thank you to our KNS PTA, a special thank you to Shayne Dear who is doing a great job as president, and to Shelley Smith for your wonderful support as treasurer and secretary. If you would like to join this group please see Mrs Poynter in Room 1 or Mrs Gifford in Room 12. The next PTA meeting is on Monday 30th April at 7pm in the school staffroom.

Well done to the 10 students who qualified to **represent our school at the North Canterbury and Canterbury Swimming Sports** in the coming weeks. All the best to **Bridie Herriot, Kaedin Fettes, Bella Lange, Seth Green, Estelle Herriot, Amber Brownlee, Saki Takao, Dylan Fern, Ayla Ryan, and Oliver Dickson.**

**This year Easter falls during term 1. All NZ schools will be closed for three days:**

- **Good Friday 30 March,**
- **Easter Monday 2 April and**
- **Easter Tuesday 3 April.**

**Students will return to school on Wednesday 4 April.**

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

***Kia Kaha,***

**Kind regards, Jason Miles, Principal.**

## MUSIC LESSONS

Piano, Keyboard, Drums, Guitar. All ages (from 5+) Primary - Senior, and Adults. Contact Maree Thom, maree@mareethom.com; phone 0212609899. www.mareethom.co.nz. Located in Belfast.

## HIGHLAND DANCING

Classes for boys and girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram from 9.30am commencing on Saturday 7th April. For age 5 years and up. All information on these classes can be obtained by emailing caleyhighland@gmail.com or colleenscole38@gmail.com, or visiting the Canterbury Caledonian Society Highland Dancing website. Phone Colleen on 328 8694 or Rosemary 03 312 2579. All enquiries are welcomed.

## 2018 YEAR 1 & 2 *future*Ferns PROGRAMME

The Mother Earth *future*Ferns programme is for all children, school years 1 & 2. It's all about fun and basic netball skills. Starts Friday 4th May 2018 at the netball courts, Dudley Park, Rangiora. 3.40 - 4.30 pm. Please register online at www.ncnc.org.nz/junior-netball/year-1-2.

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS BREAKFAST

This year's BBBS breakfast is on Wednesday 2nd May at the Baptist Church in Rangiora. The guest speaker is Jane McMeeken, Christchurch Family Court judge and former NZ Basketball representative. Her talk will appeal on two fronts, as a judge who deals with many youth cases and as a former NZ Basketball rep, who incidentally has had a daughter represent the Tall Ferns and another who will probably share this honour. Tickets are $40.00, and can be ordered from Stuart Priddy, Principal Loburn School, phone 03 312 8828 or email stuart@loburn.school.nz.

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Kia Ora, greetings to you all**

On **Sunday 11th March we had our school's annual memorial golf tournament for Mr Bob.**
This years tournament was again a very successful event, and one which helps to showcase our school and the positive intent we have for all our children and families. We were able to raise $2200:00 which is put aside to provide financial support to ensure all children have equal opportunities across the many and varied aspects of school life. Please always know that whether it be for **uniforms, footwear, school stationery, outings, sports fees or anything related to a school activity, we are there to help.** Just pop in and see me so we can continue to work together in the interests of our children.

**Our school's new Values and Beliefs.**
Presently we are working with our children to slowly embed our school's new set of Values and Beliefs. These consist of: To be able to **Connect, Respect, Create, Reflect** and to **Be Brave.** As a staff we see this as a daily exercise to help our children understand what each value would **look like, sound like and feel like** as they become a part of our school culture. Each learning space has its own way of celebrating with their children when they observe them using these values, and for now, while this is low key, it is an opportunity for us all to reflect and review what we will ultimately decide on as a school wide practice.

**Play, Eat, Learn**
A number of schools around Christchurch have introduced a new strategy to help provide a calm, settled environment for learning opportunities - that is Play, Eat and then Learn.
Research has shown that the body responds differently to playing and eating. Eating tends to calm while playing tends to heighten the body's response. When eating happens after play, the body has a chance to calm which supports the children to be in a better place for learning.
Over the **next two weeks,** weeks 9 and 10, we will trial this approach over lunchtime. Week 11 will be a time to reflect and help us make a more informed decision around whether we should continue with this approach in Term 2.
**Our school's Breakfast Club,** continues to be successful from **Tuesday through Thursday.** We welcome 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 :-**

**Charlotte Gallagher, Chloe Wilson, Samantha Soufflot, Skyla Harris, Paige Watson, Tyler Davis, Cooper Dalton, Zana Dickson, Dexter Agnew-Kerr, Annabella Gascoyne, Emily White, Phoenix Beecroft, Seth Le Breton.**

## Upcoming School Events

***Whole School Assembly 9.00am Friday mornings***
***All welcome.***

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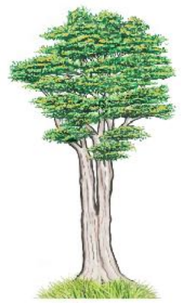
| NC Swimming Sports | Thursday 22 March |
| **Easter Break** | **Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April inclusive** |
| KNS Cross Country | Friday 6 April (postponement 9 April) |
| Term 1 ends | Friday 13 April |
| Term 2 begins | Monday 30 April |
| Class & Individual photos | Thursday 3 May |

## FOCUS ON Tōtara Years 7 - 8




In room 18/19 we have been studying science and geology. We have looked into different rock formations, natural resources, the water cycle and natural disasters and their effects. Through this, we have created a range of different pieces of writing. Here is a snippet of some of our writing:

*Huge smoke clouds emerged from the Volcano on May 22nd. I talked to a local resident John who witnessed this traumatising disaster. He quotes "Me and my son ran for our lives along with my son's friend who eventually had to be rushed to hospital..." - Brooke Dear*

*Everyone shouted out loudly "The ground is shaking!" Tom had no idea what was happening. He said the only reason we went into the mall was to get my wife a birthday present... By Gypsy Keith*

*Everyone could see clouds of grey smoke and rivers of bright orange lava. There were sirens going off... By Kiriama Cooke*

*We all started to peer through the window to see smoke surrounding us, like guards blocking us from a kingdom. "Is this a v..v...VOLCANO?" Mummy added. "I think so" My dad informed us. "Don't panic" My parents yelled. Frightenedly we sprinted... By Paige Watson*

*I was lying in bed and I started to hear crashing and bashing. It was an earthquake. I ran to mum and dad's room, waking them up with my piercing, loud scream. It started to get rougher... By Natalia Powell*

## Our new KNS Values & Beliefs

**Connect** **Create**
**Reflect** **Respect**
**and Be Brave**