Wednesday 27 June 2018 Week 9, Term 2

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

We are nearing the end of a busy but enjoyable term at Kaiapoi North! The children have worked hard in the classroom and had many opportunities to participate in. Thank you to our teachers and support staff for the superb job you do supporting the learning and well-being of our children. Thank you to parents and caregivers for your support with the children's learning and with activities and opportunities. **Our last day for term 2 is next Friday 6th July and we look forward to welcoming the children back again on Monday 23rd July.**

For me term 3 sees a different focus - as communicated previously during term 3 **I will be away from school on a Ministry of Education sabbatical**. My focus will be on investigating "Play based learning" further. **Play based learning assists children to develop oral language skills, particularly when adult input encourages questioning and investigation. Strong oral language leads to effective writers.** I am looking forward to visiting schools implementing this approach and bringing in new ideas to our school to enhance what our new entrant classes have been introducing. **During term 3 Mrs Dawn Anderson will be the Acting Principal, she will be supported by acting Deputy Principals Mrs Steph Hunter and Mrs Felicity Fahey.** I will miss the day to day connection to our wonderful school community, but know the school is in safe hands, and will look forward to being back at KNS in term 4.

Our **Student Led Conferences are next week - Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July**. If you haven't booked your appointment yet please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code ssr76. **Please note classes will finish early at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 2nd July.** We would appreciate you trying to collect your children at this time, however children who cannot be collected early will be supervised in the library until 3:00pm. The Pines Beach/Kairaki bus will collect children from school at the usual time so unless the bus children are collected at 2pm they will go to the library and catch the bus as normal at 3pm. **On Friday you will receive information about how to access your child's online achievement and progress reports.** Please follow the instructions and take a look at the information - this will also be discussed at the conferences next week.

Congratulations to:

- our **Raupo team** and families for an enjoyable **Matariki evening celebration** last week.
- our **KNS choir** for your tremendous performances in the **Kaiapoi Music Festival** that we hosted in our KNS hall this week. Thank you Mrs Mel Poynter and Mrs Claire Osgood for leading this.
- our **Year 5 and 6 boys and girls basketball teams who competed in the Canterbury Schools tournament on Monday,** both teams finished 4th in Canterbury - a great effort! Thank you to Mrs Megan Gilmore for your coaching and leadership and to Hayley Newton and Mitchell Gilmore for coaching these teams.

All the best to:

- our **10 children competing in the Canterbury Cross Country**
- **our Year 5/6 epro8 team** competing in the regional semi-finals in our hall on Friday - so there will be **no assembly this week.**
- **our Year 7/8 basketball teams** who are competing in a **South Island tournament in Oamaru** in the school holidays

We are looking forward to BOOK WEEK next week - character dress up day parade at 9am on Monday morning around the court area (hall if wet).

Let us continue to work together in strong partnership for the benefit of our tamariki.
Kia Kaha,
Kind regards, Jason Miles, Principal.

PARKING

We have noticed cars parked in the areas beside our pedestrian crossing on Williams Street which obstruct our road patrollers view. These areas are clearly signposted as no parking zones and also have yellow lines. Advanced warning that the police have also noticed this and will be issuing tickets to cars parked illegally - please take extra care to ensure you are parking in areas that are not restricted, in the interest of everyone's safety. Thank you.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

Mrs Hunter and I are settling into our new roles. We are enjoying the opportunity of connecting with all students across the school and seeing what is happening in all learning spaces.

It was great helping and seeing Raupō students make their lanterns for their Matariki evening. The students loved this and especially the evening at school that was well supported by the Raupō families.

It has been a busy few weeks with many opportunities that the KNS students have been involved in. We have had winter sport, Kaiapoi Schools Musical Festival, year 5⁄6 Pioneer Basketball and Zone Cross Country.

It was great for the years 5-8 students to finally have a chance to play Friday sport again after all the wet weather. We are very grateful for the parent support through coaching and being supporters on the sidelines. The children love having supporters cheering for them. Here's hoping for two weeks in a row!

Ka kite anō
Felicity

For their passion project, Estelle and Kaylee held a fundraising lunch at school to raise money for the Arian Farm Park. They spent a day helping the animals at the Park and presented a cheque for $264.27. Well done, girls!!

WELL DONE to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mrs Anderson with their **quality work :-**
Amelia Hannah, Grace Clyma, Charlie Bringans, Heath Laird, Ethan Ross, Alipate Drulidruli, Daniel Ecclestone, Celeste Laird, Jaxon Harland-Brown, Nate Prins, Mackenzie Matterson, Charlotte Gallagher, Liza-Marie Smit, Mikey Toli, Scarlett Little, Lyshia Jones, Mitchell Robb, Josh Donaldson, Emma Sincock, Destiny Miller, Mikayla Robb, Emily White, Tufuiopa Manaia.

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly 9.00am Friday mornings
All welcome. (NO ASSEMBLY 29th JUNE)

Kaiapoi Schools Music Festival	25th & 27th June
Student led Conferences Classes finish at 2.00pm on Monday Tuesday normal finish.	Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd July
Last day Term 2	Friday 6th July, 3.00pm
First day Term 3	Monday 23rd July

FOCUS ON AKEAKE
Years 3 - 4

In Akeake we have been celebrating Matariki. This is a Māori celebration where the new year is welcomed and it is symbolised by 7 stars in the sky. We learnt about the history of Matariki and did some fun activities like creating collage stars, writing about Matariki, making kites, reading books and singing songs. At the end of the week, our whole syndicate got together to share our learning and hear a performance from our very own Kapa Haka members. We also got to eat our star-shaped biscuits that we had made to celebrate the occasion!

Our new KNS Values & Beliefs

Connect Create
Reflect Respect
and Be Brave