

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

**Kia ora**  
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 2016 the PTA organised events and activities to raise funds and have opportunities to have fun together. Our school community benefited to the value of over \$11,750! Funding went towards many different things including sports uniforms, classroom games, Year 8 graduation expenses, music resources, Kapa Haka and a portable sound system. The events such as the disco’s, 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 Tania Walls who has stepped down from president after more than 7 years of leadership in this role.** We thank you Tania for your organisation, enthusiasm and time! Thank you also to Stef van Meer and Shelly Smith for your wonderful support as secretary and treasurer. Shayne Dear was elected as the new Chairperson of the PTA - thank you Shayne!



We recently held an **ePortfolio information session for parents and caregivers from Totara, Hinau and Akeake teams**, thank you to the 34 parents that attended. ePortfolios report to parents and caregivers in a timely fashion about your child’s achievement. ePortfolios are a tool to display learning, to provide immediate feedback to your child, and for your child to reflect on their learning and on the learning of others (peer feedback). All classes are now using ePortfolio’s. **If you could not attend the session and would like more information about ePortfolios we will be holding another session for parents and caregivers from the Raupo team in term 2** - this session will have the same information about ePortfolios as last week’s session.

**As you know we are always trying to improve our methods of communication with parents and caregivers.** We are increasingly using email as a form of communication and are currently looking at implementing a school app based communication system. Attached to this newsletter is a form for you to share your most up to date contact information. **One of the most important pieces of information is having an email address you check regularly please.** Those families who return this form by Friday 31st March will go into the draw for a \$50 MTA voucher!

Confirming our congratulations to **Mrs Tania Reid who after 17 years at KNS is moving on to a deputy principal role at Cobham Intermediate School in term 2.** We will be farewelling Mrs Reid in our final assembly of the term which will begin at **2pm sharp on Thursday 13th April. This will also be the assembly where end of term certificates are presented** so please note this change of time from 9am to 2pm for this assembly. We are currently appointing a new teacher for Room 7 from the beginning of term 2. **Mrs Felicity Fahey (Room 13) and Mrs Karen Wright (Room 11) will jointly take over the leadership of the Akeake team for term 2-4.**

**MUFTI DAY tomorrow, Thursday 23rd March - gold coin or easter treat for PTA Easter Raffle please.**

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

Kind regards, **Jason Miles, Principal**

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

**Kia Ora, Greetings to you all**

Firstly it seems to me that our normally warm and wonderful March has lost its way a little as we enter Autumn. Maybe we need to be patient, as we do need the moisture, yet a little more warm settled weather would be welcome prior to Winter. Whether the weather has anything to do with student behaviour or not, I guess that may well be up for debate, yet we have had a period where some small pockets of student behaviour has been a little less than desirable. **Respect** is something our school values highly and something we all work hard to model and encourage from others. While it is clear to me that we need to earn respect in terms of how we behave ourselves, it is also important, that as a school, there are times we may need to reaffirm our school’s stance on what our expectations require around respect. It is our belief as a school that we can demonstrate respect in terms of how we communicate, and how we relate to one another as this develops a culture of care and an acceptance of difference. Lately we have had to reaffirm our school’s value of respect, and support children with what respect looks like, what it would sound like and how that can impact on others. While I believe we have endeavoured to be proactive here, may I encourage all families to feel welcome to let us know when things are not as they should be. It will always be that by working together we can ensure that our school is the best place it can be. Please do not read from this that we have major concerns around respect, it is just that we can never be complacent, and there will always be times when we need to review and reflect how we can support the needs of our students who we value very highly. On a different note both Mr Miles and myself are reminded on a daily basis of the **quality** of student work. We have many children arriving with big smiles to share their work which they are so very proud of. To sit and listen to the stories being read, the research being shared or even just the opportunity to read with our children, brings many a memorable moment, ones that certainly remind us both of what a wonderful school we belong to. And always remember we welcome parent feedback, and with it, the opportunities work through concerns together. The partnership we have established together is important to us all.

**Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge**

IN-ZONE STATUS FOR SIBLINGS

Recently we have received a number of queries relating to the zoning status of siblings of current students. At present, due to Ministry of Education regulations, we are unable to enrol any children living out of our school zone. This does not apply to children who were in zone on enrolment and subsequently moved out; or to children who live out of zone but have siblings currently enrolled at our school. If you would like clarification on your particular circumstances, please phone the school office on 327 8803.

GLASS JARS NEEDED

Akeake Syndicate are needing clean, empty glass jars for an upcycling project. If you have any to spare, any shape or size, please drop them in to the school office.

JAMS/CHUTNEYS FOR SALE

The Kaiapoi Community Garden raises money for seeds and equipment through the sale of delicious homemade jams & chutneys using excess produce from their garden. A selection of these are for sale in the school office at a reasonable cost. Great gift idea too!

MOVIE & ETHNIC FOOD NIGHT

Saturday 25 March, Trousselot Park, Charles St, Kaiapoi. Food stalls from 5.45 - 7.45pm; movie “Finding Dory”starts at 8.00pm. Pre-movie music from 6.00pm. There is a gold coin donation for the movie. Come along for an evening of fun & entertainment including a FREE photo booth. Brought to you by ‘You, Me, We, Us’, and sponsored by Challenge Waimak Ltd.

WOMENS’ SELF DEFENCE CLASS

A six week Certified course starting soon. Gain confidence, environmental awareness, practical defence skills through realistic applications, covering close quarter combat, conflict management, weapons, locks & takedowns, warning patterns and reading the signs. Expert tuition with qualified instructor Sensei Kev Merriman 6th Dan, held at Kaiapoi Borough School. \$20.00 fee to cover registration & certification. Visit [www.task.org.nz](http://www.task.org.nz) or contact 02040925056 to register. Places are limited. The course will begin once registrations are full.

CLARKVILLE TWILIGHT GALA

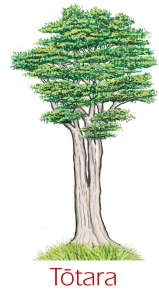
Friday 31 March, 4.00 - 7.00 pm, Heywards Road, Clarkville. Food stalls, childrens stalls, sideshows, white elephant, garden & produce stalls, High Tea cafe, raffles, music & more.... Parking available for gold coin donation. Cash is preferred but eftpos available onsite if required. On rain or shine!

**WELL DONE** to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their **quality work** in the past 2 weeks - Blake Prendergast, Jackson Wallis, Tyler Sandford, Bailey Barker, Lyshia Jones, Khan Lali, Bella Lange, Sarah van Eyssen, Indy Hammond, Connor Hayes, Milan Newton, Eliya Auimatagi, Bella King, Kacey McAllister, Mason Sutherland, Leo Hancox, Zorawar Brar, Maddison Riach, Sam Plunkett, Ashley Harkess, Izrah Tredinnick, Reggie Montgomery, Jack Mustor, Sophie Klein, Rhys Tobin, Sam Auimatagi, Riley Knight, Dominic Fox, Ameira Hancy, Arliyah Fletcher, Paigan Jones, Katelyn Cresswell, Mikayla Drummond, Laffranchi Tongia, Max Dunbar, Christopher Lowery-Aldridge.

Upcoming School Events

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| Whole School Assembly, all welcome.                       | Fridays 9.00am.       |
| PTA Mufti Day for Easter Raffle                           | Thurs 23 March        |
| Raupo trips to Museum                                     | Wed 29 - Fri 31 March |
| KNS Cross Country Day                                     | Tuesday 11 April      |
| End of term assembly & farewell to Mrs Reid, 2.00pm start | Thurs 13 April        |
| Term 1 ends   | Thurs 13 April        |
| Term 2 begins   | Mon 1st May           |

FOCUS on Tōtara  
Years 7 - 8



A few weeks ago our team packed up and went to Waipara Adventure Camp. Many students had to face a wide range of fears around heights. We worked as a team to encourage and support each other climb trees, abseil, master the vertical playground and endure the giant swing. We learned how to be safe with harnesses and trust our peers to keep us safe.

We would like to thank the amazing parents that gave up their time to support our adventures. Without you we would not be able to have these experiences.



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

- *Respect*
- *Responsibility*
- *Quality*
- *Community*
- *Arohanui*
- *Opportunity*