

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

**Kia ora**  
**We have had some unwelcome shaky moments in the past 2 weeks which reminded us of the tough times we have been through as a community.** As we find out what challenges the Hurunui and Kaikoura communities have ahead of them it was nice for our KNS community to show Arohanui and care for others by raising funds to support the well-being of the Waiau School community. **Local schools all held a muffi day and sausage sizzle today with all funds raised going to the Waiau School community. Well done KNS - we raised around \$1100.00 today!**

Last night we **celebrated our Maori Cultural opportunities at KNS.** We gave out **certificates, badges and bars for all of our kapa haka children and Maori Cultural Akoranga programme** participants as well as awarding trophies to our Year 8 high performers. Congratulations to the **Year 8 trophy winners Ryan Wood, Nikita Cooke-Sullivan and to the Akoranga Trophy winner Aiyana Pitama.** It was terrific to enjoy performances from our kapa haka groups in front of a large and appreciative audience. We ended with a very tasty hangi meal. A big thank you to our kapa haka tutors Matua Wiremu, Whaia Debbie (and Lena Te Whata for term 1 and 2) and to our **Maori Cultural lead teachers Mrs Steph Hunter, Miss Bridget McCall and Mrs Tania Reid** for the tremendous job preparing and organising our children for both this event and all other performances throughout 2016. Thank you also to all of the other teachers (Mrs Rust, Miss Turner, Mrs Wright, Mr Chilton and Mrs Osgood) and parents who have been involved in providing Maori Cultural opportunities at KNS throughout 2016. We would appreciate hearing from any other families who would like to contribute ideas or feedback about our opportunities - please see Steph (Rm 12).

**Photo right :- Sila Morris, the 2015 Year 8 Kapa Haka trophy winner handing over the cloak to the 2016 recipient Ryan Wood.**



Last night we also shared our gifted name for our school being **Te Kura o Ruataniwha** (as we are the closest school to the settlement Ruataniwha that was used by Maori on the Cam River). We also shared our new team names from 2017 which better reflect our local cultural narrative. More information will be shared about these however for now the information you need to know is our team names will change as follows:

- Koru - **Raupō**
- Whēki - **Akeake**
- Nikau - **Hinau**
- Kauri - **Totara**

**Congratulations to our two Year 7/8 golf teams who finished 1st in the boys grade (Kane Thompson, Lachie Reid, Ashton Walls, Fletcher Johnson) and 3rd in the mixed grade (Heather Laing, Samantha Barry, Brayden Sole, Lachie Kendrick) in the Canterbury School's Summer Tournament last week!!** Our Kiwi Tag teams, Tennis team and Softball teams also competed well, enjoying their competitions with our **KNS Black Kiwi League Tag team earning the Fair Play award!**

**There is a lot to look forward to in term 4** - below are some key dates for you diary!  
Please keep checking our upcoming school events section of our newsletter and our school website [www.kaiapoinorth.school.nz](http://www.kaiapoinorth.school.nz) for information about term 4 events. Here are some coming up for your calendar at home:

- **KNS Koru and Wheki Athletics** - Wednesday 30th November
- **Celebration evenings** - Performing Arts (6pm Tuesday 29th November), Sports (6pm Thursday 8th December)
- **Athletic Sports** - Canterbury Athletics Wednesday 7th December.
- **Awards events** - Year 7 Awards and Year 5-8 citizenship awards assembly Tuesday 6th December 9am, Year 8 Graduation and Social Tuesday 13th December 6pm start
- **Term 4 and 2016 school year ends** - Thursday 15th December, **12:00pm**
- **Term 1, 2017 begins** - Tuesday 31st January

Community support and assistance is so important in educating and growing positive learners – let us continue to work together to achieve this.

Kind regards, **Jason Miles, Principal**

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have completed another **Cultural Celebration evening.** While it is a very busy time for all as our school year winds down, the fact that we have so many opportunities to celebrate student success with you is something special in itself. There are many programmes and activities which involve our whole school community, many of which could not happen without parent and caregiver support and investment. For this we again acknowledge the community support we receive from you all, and are mindful of how lucky we are, and indeed appreciate how fortunate our students are to have parents who recognise the value they have within our school. May I also take a moment to acknowledge our school staff who work so tirelessly in the interests and well-being of our students. From my observations, I see so much positive input from our staff who endeavour to provide every encouragement for our children. I want you all to know that while we will never be able to achieve success in every instance, the desire to support all children will always be fundamental to how we do things. If you have the opportunity to let your child’s classroom teacher know they are doing a great job, please do so as I know that would be most appreciated.

**Breakfast Programme for all students.**  
This programme has been running at Kaiapoi North School since week 3 of this term. We offer Weetbix and milk to any student who would like to participate from 8:30am through to 8:50am. Breakfast is available in our school hall from Monday through to Thursday each week. While we started with quite a good wee group of children, the numbers have fallen away of recent times. If you would like to join your children, please feel encouraged to do so, as we can very easily find some coffee or tea to share with you.

**School Badges and Bars** for student involvement.  
On Monday of this week I received approximately 1000 badges and bars which will be awarded to our students over the next few weeks. As you are possibly aware, our school recognises student participation and the subsequent success within a variety of areas. Included within these group opportunities are: sport, music, drama, road patrol, debating, library, kapahaka, environmental, and many other service groups. Students need to have had ongoing participation, shown our school’s Values and Beliefs and had a measurable input into the groups success. More reason to both celebrate our students’ success and of course the input of **school staff and parents/caregivers** who have made all this possible.

**Together our hope is that we continue to work collectively** in the interests and well-being of all. This is, I believe, how we can continue to maintain the positive relationships we have worked hard to establish over many years. to establish over many years. **Ka Kite Anō, Jack Oldridge**

SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS

All school fees accounts, particularly for Year 8 students, should by now either be cleared or have an automatic payment operating. Please advise the school office immediately if there is a problem with this, otherwise **all accounts are expected to be paid before the end of the year.**

BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

A reminder that the Breakfast programme is available to all families in the school hall 8.30 - 8.50am Monday to Thursday. All welcome.

RAINBOW REWARDS

The following students have earned Milo with Mr Miles - Zoe Sole, Jazmin Piper, Cara Sewell.

SELF DEFENCE TRAINING

GKR Karate is offering a limited number of FREE TRIAL class passes to students & parents. An excellent introduction into self defence & safety awareness. For dates & locations call/text Anthony Kaiaruna on 0210308376. If you would like a voucher for a free karate lesson, valid until 11 December 2016, please see Julie in the school office.

THANK YOU TO KNS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Heath family have asked us to pass on a huge thank you from them with the following message:- “The generosity from the staff, pupils and their families after our devastating house fire in July was so immediate and helped us enormously at a very stressful time. We will never forget your kindness.”

Erin, Gary, Bridie & McKenna.

SCHOOL POLICIES FOR REVIEW

Our School Policies are all available for viewing on our school website. We have a regular schedule of review, this term the policies up for review and feedback from parents and staff are the Education Outside the Classroom and Sun Protection Policies. If you would like to provide feedback please do so by 30th November by following these steps:

- Visit our website - [www.kaiapoinorth.school.nz](http://www.kaiapoinorth.school.nz)
- Click the About us icon
- Click on Policies and procedures
- Follow the instructions on the page

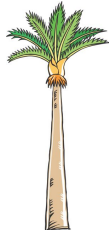
If you would prefer a paper copy please see Teresa in the school office.

**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 - Tyson Hunt, Josh Prasad, Leah Hooper, Grace Braun, Hazel Herriott, Danni Cook, Ashton Hoglund-Knutsford, Destiny Miller, Isaac Ross, Amelia Fisher, Lilly Jonsson, Jack Reynolds, Ruby Lange, Calais Wilson, Charlie Lawrence, Dylan Sherriff, Savarna Nutbrown, Cooper Sutherland, Bailey Barker, Nico Williams, Awarua Butson, Dominic Fox, Tyler Nicholson, Michael Toli, Eden Muir, Isla Gane, Jack Lee, Linkin Hurring, Riley Fitzgerald, Leo Van Meer, Molly McKinney, Kate Robb, Jacob Gray, Harvey Little, Koupa Cunninghame.

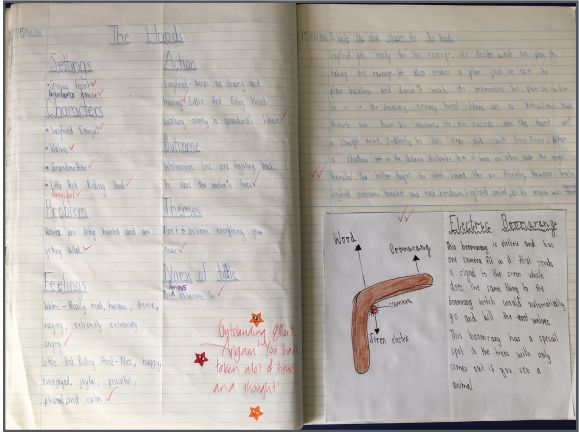
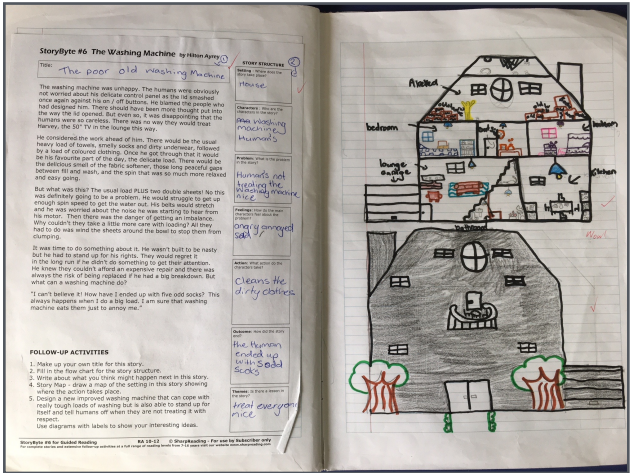
Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly, all welcome.	Fridays 9.00am.
Breakfast Programme 8.30 - 8.50am	Monday to Thursday
All welcome.	
Koru & Wheki Athletics	Wed 30 November
Celebration Evenings -	
Performing Arts 6.00pm start	Tues 29 November
Sports 6.00pm start	Thurs 8 December
Year 7 Awards assembly 9.00am	Tues 6 December
Year 8 Graduation & Social, 6.00pm	Tues 13 December
Term 4 ends 12.00pm	Thurs 15 December
Term 1, 2017 begins	Tues 31st January

FOCUS ON NIKAU SYNDICATE YEARS 5 - 6



In Nikau we have been using the Sharp reading programme. This trains our brain to think while we are reading, not just at the end. Here are a couple of examples of our thinking from Jamaica Brown-Riley and Angam Vraich.



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

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