

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora

We are now well into term 1, **it has been wonderful to see the children and teachers settling into their learning spaces!** The learning programmes are underway and the children are working hard on setting learning goals for 2017.

Thank you for attending our **Goal Setting and information sharing interviews this week** - these are an important opportunity for our community to connect as children, parents and teachers. If you have not made an appointment there are still times available with your child’s home teacher for Thursday:

There is an **easy online booking sheet** available for parents which is very easy to use. If you use this please ensure there is **at least 30 minutes between each of your children’s appointments**. You are able to go on to book times for both the days - click as follows:

- 1) Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- 2) Click in the 'Parents' box and enter our school code **45f56**
- 3) Follow the three simple steps to book interview times, **please ensure there is at least 30 minutes between each of your children’s appointments**. The system will send an email confirming your booking within a few minutes.

One of our Values and Beliefs is **Opportunity**. It was wonderful to watch our **Year 5-8 Kapa Haka representatives perform with pride at the Kaiapoi Waitangi Day celebrations on Monday**. Thank you to parents and caregivers for supporting our group and to Miss McCall and Mrs Osgood for providing this opportunity for our children. I was delighted to receive an email from someone outside of our school community complimenting us on the performance - *“Some friends of mine saw the KNS kapa haka performance yesterday and asked me to pass on to you how impressed they were with the quality of the performance, and the obvious enthusiasm of the children”*



Other opportunities are underway already including our **Year 7/8 cricket team** who have their first game in the Milo Cup against Ohoka School on Friday, **our Enviro group** has already had their first session at our biota node in Pines Beach, and we have had many children signing up for our **gardening group**, **Jrock group** and **miniball** teams! An insert to this newsletter shows the different **opportunities available to children in 2017** and who to contact about them. As a school we pride ourselves on providing a wide variety of opportunities and I thank the staff and parents who provide and support these.

We are looking forward to our Year 5 - 8 **KNS swimming sports** this Monday 13th February at the Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre. The children will be entering into events across A, B, and C grades. Spectators are welcome throughout the event with the first race scheduled to begin at 11am.

Our **weekly whole school assemblies** are on Friday mornings at 9:05am in the hall. Parents/guardians and extended family are always welcome at our assemblies, we hope you can join us when you can throughout the year. Our first assembly for 2017 will be this Friday 10th February. There will be no assembly next Friday 17 February as we are holding a surplus school furniture sale in the Hall next Thursday & Friday - more information to follow.

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

Greetings to you all as we begin our journey together for another year. It is always nice to be back, and may I say **especially when** we are able to renew our friendships with our children and families. A very big welcome to all our new families and our new entrants who are beginning what we hope will be a wonderful learning experience at Kaiapoi North School.

**Kaiapoi North School is a Restorative School.**

What this means is that, where possible, we will always endeavour to **restore** relationship issues by talking things through, ensuring it is a **no blame, shame or judgemental approach**. What we hope to achieve through this process is to have any incident unpacked by talking through what has happened, who has been affected, and what we can do together to move forward by repairing any harm that has occurred. All children have firstly the **opportunity**, and secondly the **responsibility** to become involved within this process. As staff, we will always encourage this rebuilding process which for most children works well as it is an opportunity to be listened to and have their feelings heard about what has happened, and the impact the incident has had. Where children choose not to want to be involved in this process, even having provided additional time to reflect over things, as a school we will resolve matters through parental/caregiver support, and other avenues at our disposal. If any parent/caregiver would like to ask more about how we implement our restorative approach, please always feel welcome to pop in and see me, as I would welcome such an opportunity.

**Breakfast at Kaiapoi North School**

While very few children or families took this opportunity up towards the end of last year, we will again provide free **Weetbix and milk** for any child as of next week. To begin with however, the breakfast days will now be **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, once again in our school hall from 8:30am through to 8:50am.

And finally, always remember that if there is anything you would like to share, good or otherwise, I am always available to listen and provide the best support I can. It is only through working together that we can make a positive difference within our school.

**Ka Kite Ano, Jack Oldridge**

SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS

Statements for school fees accounts will be sent home next week. Payment for camps needs to be made before the camp takes place, or there must be an automatic payment plan in place & operating. If you have any problem with payment, please contact Julie in the school office.

LUNCH ONLINE

Kaiapoi North participates in the Lunchonline programme to enable our students and parents to access healthy lunch options as a reasonable cost. Visit [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) or phone 0800 565 565 to register and purchase. Current options are Pita Pit and Sushi. Once ordered, the lunches are delivered to the school by 12.30pm in time for the lunch break each Wednesday.

BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

A reminder that the Breakfast programme is available to all families in the school hall 8.30 am - 8.50am Tuesday and Thursday. Free Weetbix and milk. All welcome.

MUFTI DAY

There will be a school mufti day next Tuesday 14 February in support of International Congenital Heart Defect Day as we have affected children at KNS. Gold coin donation from children who chose to wear mufti. Thank you for your support.

NORTH CANTERBURY NETBALL  
‘HAVE A GO’ DAY

Saturday 18 February, 10.00am - 11.30am at Dudley Park netball courts. All Year 1 - 6 children are invited to come along, have fun, learn new skills and play a game. Fee to attend, please register online at [www.ncnc.org.nz/junior-netball](http://www.ncnc.org.nz/junior-netball).

KAIAPOI NETBALL CLUB  
REGISTRATION

For Year 5 - 8, registration open online now at [www.kaiapoinetball.co.nz](http://www.kaiapoinetball.co.nz), or contact Angela 0210655186. Registration night has been held, unfortunately this information was received too late to be included in our first newsletter for this year.

HOTSHOTS BEGINNER TENNIS

At Kaiapoi Tennis Club (next to Aquatic Centre), ages 6 - 10 years. Cost is \$30.00 each for a 6 week course. Held Tuesdays after school starting 14 February. Hotshots is a TennisNZ programme for children to learn tennis skills through fun games and activities. For enquiries and enrolments please email [kaiapoiuniortennis@gmail.com](mailto:kaiapoiuniortennis@gmail.com).

RUGBY LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Northern Bulldogs Rugby League Club junior registration at Murphy Park, Raven Quay, Kaiapoi on Tuesday 14 February 4.00 - 6.00pm, or Thursday 16 February 4.00 - 6.00pm. New players please bring proof of ID. Contact Jenny Scott 0211128626.

**WELL DONE** to the following children who have been to see Mr Miles or Mr O with their **quality work** in the past week - Zander Loper, Haylie McDonald, Emily Dutton, Isla Gane, Bella Lange, Bridie Herriott, Samantha Sharp, Mica Watson, Josh Prasad, Savanna Wilson, Reggie Montgomery, Joshua Hooper, Maddie Frampton, Nina Braun, Oliver Beeby-Stockdale, Lleyton Barrow, Asha Tointon, Mason Sutherland.

Upcoming School Events

Whole School Assembly, all welcome.	Fridays 9.00am.
Breakfast Programme 8.30 -8.50am	Tuesday & Thursday
All welcome.	
Year 5 - 8 Swimming Sports	Mon 13 February
Mufti Day	Tues 14 February
Term 1 ends	Thurs 13 April
Term 2 begins	Mon 1st May

FOCUS ON RAUPO

Years 1 - 2

Discovery Time in Raupo.

Welcome back everyone.

A special welcome to our new school families from the Raupo teaching team.

Classes are busy at the moment establishing routines and getting to know one another.

We value Discovery Time each Friday as it gives everyone the opportunity to create, explore and problem-solve. Such guided play sessions encourage children to pursue their own interests and develop collaborative skills too.

Parents are always welcome to come along and join in the fun. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are keen.

Check out some photos of our self-directed learning opportunities



We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs

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