

**Kia ora. We wish you all a happy new year, welcome back to the 2017 school year!** We have enjoyed welcoming the children back today after the holidays. The beginning of a new year is always exciting with the children and staff seeing everyone after the holiday break. At our welcoming assembly this morning I reminded the children that we want them to do one thing in particular and that is to follow our school vision and **"Strive for Personal Excellence" - try their best in everything that they do.** At times things will be hard and they will not succeed but having a **growth mindset**, persevering and knowing that making mistakes is part of the learning process, will lead to positive results. The important thing is to not give up and try again, seek help, or try something different and new skills will be learnt.



In this newsletter there is information about our **staff for 2017 as well as information about our dates for the school year and upcoming events.** Please diary these events and keep updating them as we progress through the year, your support and encouragement of school events is greatly appreciated by staff and children.

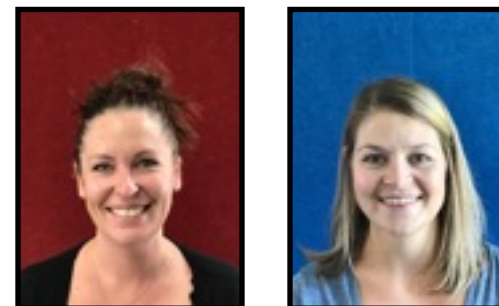
One of our early events is a **Meet the Teacher and goal setting interviews opportunity next Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February.** You will be able to book a time online to share information with the teacher and set some aspirational goals for your child for 2017. A **separate notice** explains this opportunity to connect with your child's teacher/s.

2017 is an exciting year for our school and our community. We are well into the building upgrades which include the provision of new buildings as our roll increases. **The first 2 of these flexible learning spaces look on track to be ready for term 3 with space for 6 home classes in each.** The refurbishment of 4 of our blocks proved to be a lot of work for our contractors and it went to the wire for them to be ready. A big thank you to our teachers, caretakers and support staff for the way you all pitched in to make sure the classroom spaces were ready to go for our children to return to. Thank you also to BOT member Phil Wood for your time and expert eye cast over the progress of the refurbishments.



Kind Regards, *Jason Miles - Principal.*

**Welcome to all new families and staff to KNS.** We look forward to sharing the learning journey with you all and trust your time in our school community is a positive experience. Welcome to our **new teachers** starting today: **Mrs Samantha Coleman (Room 10), Miss Gemma Welsh (Room 6).** We also welcome Tahu Russell as a teacher aide.



**New team names for 2017**

Year 0-2 = **Raupo** Year 3-4 = **Akeake**  
 Year 5-6 = **Hinau** Year 7-8 = **Totara**  
 These new names better reflect our local cultural narrative and environment.

**Flexible Learning Spaces - FLS**

At KNS we are always looking at our teaching and learning practices to ensure we are providing the very best education for every child. In the past 4 and a half years we have been using e-portfolios and moving to working in Flexible Learning Spaces (FLS). This is an ongoing development, with all classes now using e-portfolios and all teachers working in collaborative teams in 2017. These are exciting times as we utilise **best practice teaching and technology to provide a vibrant learning environment where children are encouraged to be confident, collaborative, connected, and reflective life-long learners.** While we are utilising the technologies available these are tools to assist children with their learning and not a replacement of pencils, pens and books! Children will have their home room teacher who will be your point of contact for your child. Other teachers in the flexible learning environment will also be working with your child throughout the day. In working collaboratively children will benefit from teachers combining their strengths. **There are opportunities for parents and caregivers to visit our FLS classrooms.** If you would like to find out more about FLS throughout 2017 and visit the spaces in action please make an appointment to meet with me.

**Upcoming school events**

Meet the Teacher/Goal setting	8th & 9th February
Kapa Haka @ Kaiapoi Waitangi Day event	on Monday 6th Feb
Waitangi Day holiday	Monday 6th February
Year 7/8 cricket v Ohoka	Friday 10th February
Year 5-8 KNS swimming sports	Monday 13th February
Hinau camp to Glentui Rm 13-15	Mon 20th Feb - Wed 22 Feb
Hinau camp to Glentui Rm 16&17	Wed 22nd Feb - Fri 24 Feb
Totara camp to Waipara	Tues 28th Feb - Fri 3rd Mar

**Property news - Stay safe around our school**

In the holidays we have continued to ensure our facilities are well maintained by completing scheduled maintenance around the school. A big thank you to our caretaker **Mr Ron Adams** and our assistant caretaker **Mr Keith Richards** for all of your work over the holiday break. **Please make sure you and your children stay safe around our school by observing the safety barriers where contractors are working.**

**Kaiapoi Waitangi Day celebration** - this Monday from 10am at Trousselot Park at the band rotunda - a great community event, come along to support our KNS Kapa Haka group which will be performing!

**School assembly**

**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. Due to a short week this week **our first weekly assembly for 2016 will be Friday 10th February.**

We welcome all of our **38 new children and families to KNS-** in this photograph are our new entrant children, many of whom had their very first day at school today in Room 2 with Mrs Archer! Great to have you all at KNS, what a great looking bunch!



**We are proud of our KNS Values and Beliefs**

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

All the best to our **Senior KNS Kapa Haka group** who are performing at the Kaiapoi Waitangi Day Celebrations as advertised above on Monday! Our **next school newsletter** will go home next Wednesday 8th February. **Newsletters will be fortnightly in 2017**

**A warm welcome to the 38 new children and their families who have started at KNS today:** Our starting roll is 508 children.

**Jack Oldridge** - Deputy Principal  
**Jeff Herton** - ICT Lead Teacher

**Part-time teachers -**

Megan Gilmore, Clare Hazlett, Lee-Anne Warren  
**Support Staff - Office**  
 Julie Garing, Della Wood, Teresa Berry, Ann Hoglund

**Learning Support**

Ann Hoglund, Kathryn Lynskey, Jayne Duncan, Andrea Kendrick, Kirsten Attewell, Tahu Russell

**Caretaker**

Ron Adams

**Assistant Caretaker**

Keith Richards

**Confirmation of classes and teams for 2017:**

**Dawn Anderson** - Assistant Principal + Reading Recovery  
**Kelly Watson** - RTLB Cluster Manager **Claire Osgood** - Music Specialist teacher

<b>RAUPO (KORU)</b>	<b>AKEAKE (Whero)</b>
Rm 1 - Mrs Poytler	Rm 7 - Mrs Reid
Rm 2 - Mrs Archer	Rm 8 - Mr Henderson
Rm 3 - Miss Timbick	Rm 9 - Miss Hansen
Rm 4 - Mrs Gerard	Rm 10 - Mrs Coleman
Rm 5 - Ms Rust	Rm 11 - Mrs Wright
Rm 6 - Miss Welsh	Rm 12 - Miss Roome
<b>HINAU (Hinau)</b>	<b>TOTORA (Kauri)</b>
Rm 13 - Mrs Fahey	Rm 18 - Mr Chilton
Rm 14 - Mr Johnson	Rm 19 - Miss Bayliss
Rm 15 - Miss McCall	Rm 20 - Mrs Hunter
Rm 16 - Miss Butler	Rm 21 - Miss Ludemann
Rm 17 - Miss Matthews	Rm 22 - Miss Turner



**2016 term dates**

**Term 1** - Monday 31st January - Thursday 13th April  
**Term 2** - Monday 1st May - Friday 7th July  
**Term 3** - Monday 24th July - Friday 29th September **Term 4** - Monday 16th October - Friday 15th December

**Pupil absence notification**

A reminder that we have 3 different ways that you can inform our office staff about your child being absent from school. This will allow you to use the most efficient method to contact us before 9am each day. **You can either: phone us on 327-8803 or text us on 027-789-8803 or email [office@kaiapoinorth.school.nz](mailto:office@kaiapoinorth.school.nz)** If your child arrives at school after 9:00am they must go to the office first to report in. Please read the 3 attachments to this newsletter: **KNS Emergency Management Information, next week's Meet the teacher and Goal setting interviews, and our updated 2017 KNS Opportunities list and contact details**