

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 1, Week 1

What's on top?

Wow! What a start to the year! It has been a smooth and concentrated start, with all staff working during the holiday period on making, planning, collaborating, meeting and setting up all that has been necessary to start straight into learning in the classes.

I am so pleased to be leading this school and serving our community. On my way through town today I saw two parents leading their child off to school – she was on a scooter and talking away steadily, and that's when I noticed the parents – who hadn't said anything to their child as they walked along the footpath, or to each other. They were very busy on their phones. I thought to myself 'I've never seen that happen at Kairanga School'. Maybe it's because you all drive to get to school, but my observations have been that collectively you parent well: you talk to your child, coach them, read to them every night, and play with them. You teach them life skills, you build with them, train them, discipline them, and care for them.

I know my image of the two parents and little child today was a one-off, but Kairanga stands out as a place where families care about each other and spend time together, and support their school, their teachers and kids really well.

So, pat yourself on the back and take it from me- you're doing well!

Kia kaha, Alastair & The K Team.

Te Kawau Hockey Club is looking for a few more year 5/6 children to make up a second team to enter into the summer hockey league. Games would be on a Wednesday night sometime between 4-6pm at the twin turfs in Palmerston North. The league goes for 6 weeks from 20th February to 27th March. The cost will be approximately \$25 per child. We can be contacted at: tekawauhockey@gmail.com or 0272929310. Kind regards, Maryann, Te Kawau Hockey.

Welcome!

We welcomed many new pupils to our school yesterday – eight pupils and one Deputy Principal. Welcome to all our new families who have decided to make Kairanga your school. We trust you enjoy your time here. A special welcome to Mr Greg Codyre, our new Deputy Principal. Greg is a very experienced teacher who brings many new and complementary skills to our school. We are looking forward to his leadership and innovation as he joins the Team here.

Lunches: A reminder that from next week we will provide lunches for those who order it.

Monday: Sausage lunches

Friday: Yr 8 Lunches.

Look in newsletter next week for details.

2019 BoT Elections: This is happening in July 2019 and we want YOU to consider serving on the Board of Trustees. There will be two vacant places and are elected positions that make up the governance of our great little school. We have been fortunate in the past to have great people stand and serve on our Board, so who do you know that might be keen and good enough? If you'd like to know more, please come in and see Alastair, or a current Board member.

Kairanga School 2019 Key Dates Terms 1 & 2

*We've provided some important dates coming up in the life of the school. Please note these dates and venues are subject to change – **keep an eye on the school calendar on the website**, because it's up to you to keep up to date and organised.*

February

Fri 22 School swimming – occurs every Friday until March 29th.

Weds 27 School Photos – Kairanga School

March

Sat 2nd Community Picnic – Kairanga School

Thurs 7th School Swimming SPORTS – Makino Pool

Mon 25th Te Kawau Swimming Sports – Makino Pool

April

Fri 5th Te Kawau Triathlon – Sanson School

Thurs 11th Junior Tabloid Sports – Sanson School

School Holidays 13-28th

May

22-23 Year 8 NYLD trip to Wellington

31st Te Kawau Ripper Rugby – Tangimoana School

June

Fri 7th School Cross Country – Kairanga School

Fri 21st Te Kawau Cross Country – Bainesse School

Fri 28th Te Kawau Gymnastics – Sanson School - TBC

July

Sat 6th to Sun 21st School Holidays.

Community Picnic Fun Evening

This annual event, held on the back field, is scheduled for the late afternoon and evening of Saturday March 2nd. More information is coming out soon. Keep the date free and come along to join in the fun and connect with the whole Kairanga Family.

Newsletters

Because of Waitangi Day, we are putting out this newsletter to all in paper form, but from now on, newsletters will be sent out on a Wednesday, via the Seesaw App. These will generally come out in the afternoon. Newsletters are also available each week on school website – click on the **Information** tab.

Office Notices:

Accounts to pay – With this newsletter there are pink slips containing the accounts and fees that need to be paid for several things and activities that pupils do each year. The focus for Term One is on getting all the payments for Swimming, Stationery & Class resources. Please pay as promptly, or set up an AP each week. Many of our families use this to ensure all fees are paid each year. The Eft-pos machine is ready to go to take your eft-pos, but NOT Credit cards.

If there are any changes to contact details at home or for After-school Care, please let us know ASAP to update our records and not waste any time in getting in touch with you when needed.

Beginning School Reminders:

Hats are compulsory in Term 1 & 3. Please provide a peaked cap for your child to wear outside in the sun.

Shoes: Bees are prevalent, plus PE starts, so shoes are needed for foot support and bee-squashing.

Food: It's not been our experience that any child starves while at school. Please don't overload them with extra food, as wastage can be awful. We are trying to drastically reduce rubbish. Placing food in re-usable covers/containers is best.

School Plans to See

We are NOT breaking open all walls and having 100kids with three teachers! We ARE setting about to provide modern learning facilities and flexibility. Come into the foyer and see the plans we have for the remodel of the main school block, which we hope will begin this year.

They include breakout spaces, unisex toilets, redecorated classrooms, and better access and variation of learning spaces. Come in and view for yourself!