

# Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 1, Week 10

## What's on top?

So, it's the end of a busy term? You'll all know we have two weeks holiday coming up. Before anyone sighs and says to themselves 'oh, teachers have soooo many holidays', just remember this time is for both teachers and children. Of course we all need a break to recharge, but you know the teachers will be here or there planning, gathering resources, setting up classes, meeting to make the next term as terrific as the last, and ensuring your children are continuing in their learning. I get a bit annoyed hearing on radio of people who continually say teachers have it easy and all these holidays. If only they knew the reality, (I am grateful that I have never heard this from the Kairanga community, ever).

If teaching was easy, if it really was ten weeks holiday, if the pay and conditions were so fantastic, everyone would be a teacher! The problem this country is facing is that it is not an attractive career option for many who would make excellent teachers, and this is why we are faced with a teacher shortage, have workload issues, and have problems keeping teachers. That's why teachers have rejected the pay offer from the Ministry and we are now facing strikes.

If you'd like to know more, please come in and talk to one of our teachers. They'd be happy to discuss with you. Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

## **Kairanga Home and School are excited to be running a fundraiser selling the multi-award winning 'Kai Carrier' range.**

**Please see our Facebook page "Kairanga Home and School Committee" or the office window for images of the products.**

### **We decided not to distribute these to save on paper!**

Kai Carrier are reusable food pouches and packaging designed to make feeding on the go easy and mess free for the whole family. They have a range of pouches including 'suckie' pouches for pureed baby food, yoghurt and smoothies, sandwich bags, storage bags and snack packs (to name a few!)

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Kai Carrier pouches provide a solution to the single use plastic packaging epidemic facing our planet today. They can help you significantly reduce your carbon footprint, and the small investment will help save your family money.

Kai Carrier takes sustainability seriously and has achieved carbon neutral status for business operations and freight. They have been a finalist in the Sustainable Business Awards (2015, 2016).

For every pack sold we receive a percentage of the sale price. So please help support us and order your pouches today!

**Please have order forms to the office by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**You can include cash with your order however the preferred method of payment is directly to our account:**

**Kairanga Home and School 03 1521 0040440 00**

**Please ensure your child's name and class are used as a reference.**

*If you have any questions please contact Committee Member Mary-Ellen Steele through our Facebook Page or 021 1670 053*

## Lost Property:

Any lost property remaining at end of the term is being donated to the Cancer Society fundraising. Feel free to come and collect (we do do regular hand-outs, so please remind your child to get!)

Children after school: We are having some children injuring themselves, or having some 'tired-issues' after school. Please ensure you pick up your child BY 3.30pm.

Otherwise we'll be sitting them down on the seat outside the office for the rest they need. Thanks for understanding.



## Working Bee THANKS!

Many thanks to all those who came along to the working bee on Saturday morning. We really appreciate it, and so does Eddie the Caretaker! All the jobs were completed by this merry band and we were pretty much finished by 11.30am



**Te Kawau Triathlon**

We were exceptionally proud of our squad of 38 children who represented the school at the triathlon. Great efforts by all entrants to swim (in a cold pool!), bike and run. One of the highlights of the day was the incredible pastoral care of our senior students who looked after our younger triathletes. One of the important qualities of our Sir Ed team is manaakitanga and the practice of giving back to others. This was such a natural process for our seniors that it made for a very successful day.

\*Congratulations to our 9/10 year old team of; **Violet Carter, Chenal Pearson and Molly Storey** who were placed **third** in their event.  
 \*Congratulations to our medal recipients for the individual age events;  
 9 years – **2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jericho Tiakiwai Baker**  
 10 years – **1<sup>st</sup> place – Emily Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Lachlan Drew**  
 12 years- **1<sup>st</sup> place – Elliott Sexton, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jessie Weld, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Danica Ward**  
 \*Congratulations to all our entrants for their perseverance and determination to complete the triathlon – Well Done!

A special thank you to all the parents who transported, supported and spotted children on the day. An event could never be successful without your willingness to give our children 'time' and 'encouragement' – children always remember your support which is such a special part of their skill development.

**We are very thankful that you as our parents help us in so many ways. If the sporting opportunities are an area where you are able to support then here is a 'heads-up' for what we are looking forward to in term 2. Keep these dates free if possible ☺**

<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Te Kawau Rippa Rugby</b> tournament at Tangimoana Year 4-8 involved to make teams Will need: transport, coaches/refs, managers for teams
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School Cross Country</b> All children will be running the course Will need: Marshalls to help on course, parents to help Home and School on stall
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Interschool Cross Country – Year 7/8</b> Personal Choice Details are yet to be forwarded.
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Interschool Cross Country – Year 5/6</b> Personal choice Details are yet to be forwarded
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Te Kawau Cross Country</b> - held at Baines School Representatives due to placings in our Cross Country Will need: transport, support to set up home base
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Te Kawau Junior Gymnastics</b> - held at Sanson School Room Takahe and Tui Will need: parent help (bus for transport)

**Coach Museum Activity Sessions (Feilding)**

**Some sessions to inspire and learn in the holidays**

Sunday 14 April 10am – 4pm 'Old Skills' Day, this is set to be a great family day out with free children's activities such as trying out their skills on some Wash Boards or a bit of Blacksmithing. Gate entry fee are applicable.

Wednesday 17 April 10am – 12.30pm Children's Workshop. \$6 per child. This time round Norm Lind has planned making some pretty funky Autograph Books along with Keepsake boxes. Our Stamp Collecting group is also accepting new members. They are provided with everything they need to kick start their collecting journey. Norm sources stamps from all over the country and the children seem to really enjoy this 'blast from the past' hobby.

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Year Eight Lunches are Hot Dogs for the last time. Full Hot Dog costs \$3. Half is \$2. Please put order, name and money in envelope on THURSDAY, in the office. Many thanks for the support.



### Lunchtime Guitar Lessons Anyone?

In the past we have had lunchtime guitar lessons for small groups of children, run by an independent outside provider. We have had some interest in doing this again, and would be interested if there are parents in our school who would like their child to have this opportunity?

We might be able to get a tutor in, on a user-pays basis, if there are enough children to have it here onsite.

If this interests you for your child, please can you contact the office, or Alastair and we will see what can be offered here.



All sports notices are regularly posted on our school FB page.

**Rugby** - Our Kairanga Kids are encouraged to join our local Te Kawan Junior Rugby Club, as rugby is not organised through school. Teams accommodate rugby players from 5-13 years of age from ripa rugby through to XV aside tackle. For more information see the TK Junior Rugby Facebook page or website. Registrations open around March/April with the season starting in May and goes through to September.

**Touch Rugby** - All ages are encouraged to join Kairanga teams that are organised through school. Teams play at Monrad Park with the competition run by the Highbury Whanau Centre. Registrations begin mid September. Teams play for a total of 10 weeks from October to early March either side of the Summer Holidays.

**Netball** - We have Kairanga netball teams for Yr 1 to Yr 8, depending on numbers. Check out the season calendar on the Netball Manawatu website for season dates as these change each year. This year Yr 1/2 start in October, Yr 3/4 start in March, Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 start in May.

**Hockey** - Kairanga Kids play both summer and winter hockey through Te Kawan Junior Hockey. See the FB page or website for contact details and season dates. The games are played at Manawaroa Park in Palmerston North every Saturday morning. Yr 6 and under are on the grass fields. Yr 7/8 play on the turf. The 2019 winter hockey season starts in early May.

**Soccer** - Kairanga Kids that are keen to play football generally join the Marist Junior Football Club. They have a great programme for younger players especially, with the First Kicks programme which starts in March. Find out more information about all the grades on the Marist Junior Football FB page.

**Basketball** - Kairanga have teams available for Yr 5/6 and 7/8. Registrations open in April. The season starts in May, with finals in September. The Yr 5/6 play on Thursdays and the Yr 7/8s on Wednesdays. This is a long season with games played at the CET Arena on Pascal Street.

**Cricket** - Kairanga Kids join the Te Kawan Junior Cricket Club to play all forms of the game from soft ball for younger players with skills sessions through to Yr 7/8s who play a 9 aside hard ball game of limited overs. The TK Junior Cricket Club are also contactable through their FB page.

**Volleyball** - Kairanga participate in the Term 3/4 competition that goes from September to November totalling around 6 games. It is held in the B&M Centre on Pascal Street. We often have a number of teams at the Yr 7/8 level. Registrations are taken at the end of August.

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