

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 1, Week 12

What's on top?

Next week we have two guests in our school – The Education Review Office (ERO). The ERO Team are here to make detailed checks, view classes, see evidence of good practices and policy to ensure our school is well led by the Board and that the staff are effective in their teaching and support of our pupils.

The ERO team are here for three days and will visit classes, interact with pupils and adults, sight paperwork and data about student achievement in our school.

We have had a series of very good reports from ERO in the past, and I am not expecting this to be any different. In my experience this school is not only effective, it is highly effective and successful in planning and implementing learning that sees each child succeed. Plus we have a community who really partner with us – you are active and you support us and your children.

We will be having a welcome assembly for ERO on Monday at 9.30am. If you'd like to come along and join us, please do. You may like to meet one of their team to let them know what you think of **your** Kairanga School. They'd be happy to hear it, I'm sure.

ERO will make a report to the Board approx. a month after their visit and we will make you aware of their recommendations.

Just be aware that teachers are likely to not have much time for a chat next week, as they want to do their best for our school too. Thanks for understanding.

Have a Great Week, Alastair & The K Team.

School Swimming Starts: Next Friday, 22nd.

Classes are attending Swim lessons, each week for six weeks, starting next Friday. Bus trips into town have been arranged and Swim Magic have provided the coaches to instruct.

As part of normal learning, it is necessary that every child comes to school each Friday with Togs & Towel in a bag (named pls).

If your child is already an expert swimmer, they can be provided with training drills from your Swim Club and use this as skill-building each week.

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.

Please contact at: tekawauhockey@gmail.com or 0272929310. Kind regards, Maryann, Te Kawau Hockey.

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

All important dates are on our school website. 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.**

Tawhaiwhai Team Camp: Term 2, Forest Lakes: If your child is in Kereru, or Korimako Classes, then they will be having a camp in Term 2 to Forest Lakes. We have made application for funds to support this camp, but need to pay a deposit now. We are asking each child to pay a deposit of \$10 now please.

Please pay this to the office, in a labelled envelope. Many thanks, Michael and Donna.

Office Notices:

Accounts to pay – Many thanks for the fast response so far to paying the accounts. We need to code things in the office, so PLEASE: when you pay online, can you send back the Pink Slip, so we can apportion the right amount to the right code. It really helps our accounting for the Budget. If you've paid this online, please send the pink slip in to Ann. 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.

After School Care: We are asked almost every day by operators of these care-facilities about who is coming and where are children. Our answer is almost always 'We do not know!' We will always help of course, but we need you help: If your child goes to after-school care, please let us know where to and which days. From now on, children going to these facilities will wait on benches outside the Office under the veranda to wait for the carer. This will make picking up a lot easier (we hope!).

Home Contacts: 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.

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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.

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 100 kids 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!

School Photos

We have the annual School Photos coming up on Wednesday 27th Feb. To get a class, or individual/family pic please fill in the form that comes out early next week and return quickly. Photos will begin from the start of the day and finish around lunchtime.

If your child is unwell that day please consider bringing them in for their class, as a record of their year.

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

Monday: Sausage lunches – order from Rm6 each Monday.

Friday: Yr 8 Lunches: This Friday the Year Eights start their fundraising by selling Cooked Sausages for \$1.50.

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