

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 1, Week 6

What's on top?

The head of NZ Rugby, Steve Tew, was on the radio late last week saying that ex-All Blacks go overseas for the big pay packet, but also because their children are young and so it's before the SERIOUS SCHOOLING starts. That really got my goat up! I've never heard such nonsense before – SERIOUS schooling starts early. Parents are first educators and if they speak & read to their kids, and share experiences with their kids, then the scene is set for the SERIOUS schooling to begin: Early Childhood Centres do a good job of SERIOUSLY building on and developing a child's progress, before handing over to Primary Schools, where the SERIOUS schooling continues. Although we develop the whole child (academic, mental, social and physical), we do a very good job of making sure that children can read, write, do maths and connect that to everyday life. Steve Tew may well need a lesson in how SERIOUS primary schooling is, before condemning us to the 'playtime' heap! I am sure none of our parents would ever think that we weren't SERIOUS about our pupils learning. We know children need skills and attributes in order to go onto the other SERIOUS learning at high school. Nothing can happen unless something happened before! Let's not keep this daft idea alive in NZ. WE are serious about education at Kairanga School, as you would expect us to be.

Teachers are attending Paid Union meetings next week to discuss how SERIOUSLY we take our job for our pupils. Our argument is that we need the TIME to ensure that every child is catered for, because that is what is expected and demanded by our modern society. Currently the Ministry is offering us an extra ten minutes a week. Given the workload of teachers and the less-attractive nature of the job, this is ridiculous.

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

Sports Notice.

Co-ordinating all the sports in our school is a BIG job. Jo Lark does this very well. Parents, we need to make this job easier and be organised ahead of time. Please keep your whanau up-to-date with sports opportunities. Announcements come out in advance with information regarding each sport for Kairanga families to consider. Following that a notice will be sent home with interested children to sign up. We don't want anyone saying they didn't know about an event or missing registration dates. Late registrations are a pain to process or try to get accepted by outside sports groups. Please avoid asking for this.

For the Touch Rugby and T-Ball teams this season we trialed **closed** Facebook groups for each team to communicate information, post draws etc. It was a great system and we will be looking at doing that this year for Netball teams too. Check in with our school Facebook page every few days to keep up-to-date.

House Shirt Sponsor/Helpers?

Our House shirts are getting pretty tatty (they're over 15 years old now), and we'd love to get some new ones, but haven't got the funds for them. Is there a group of parents who'd like to sponsor some new ones for the kids out there? Come and see Alastair if there is.

Community Picnic Thanks!

Thanks to our local Wright Tanks for their use of the port-a-loos at the Picnic. We really appreciated it and they were great. If you need port-a-loos for your special occasion, Wright Tanks might be able to help you out too.

School Swimming Sports: Thanks!

We had a great afternoon at Makino Pool last Thursday and all pupils were once again able to enter races, gain points and cheer on their house teams.

Many thanks to the parents who once again transported, timed, helped, recorded and did those jobs so well and accurately. We appreciate it very much.

A special thanks must go to the organiser who held it all together – Leonie Peters, and her computer whizzmaster Michael Boddy. Thank you, you two – you made the day run smoothly.

We are investigating how this day could incorporate the whole school, depending on Makino spaces.

Office Notices:

Engraving of Cups - The Board of Trustees have decided that FROM NOW ON, all cup engraving of pupils names will be at the cost and organisation of the holders of the cup. The \$1200 we spend as a school each year on the large number of cups is better served going towards the needs of pupils throughout the school. If your child is awarded a cup, please note that it is now your job to engrave it within the next six months. We trust you understand this decision.

Staff Texts/Emails: We enjoy the connection we have with our community, but some are asking for special treatment from our staff by texting (NEVER a good idea), or emailing outside of normally-accepted hours. Staff are NOT able to answer these when they are home spending time with their families. Please avoid this, as they need a rest from work, and time with themselves as much as anyone does. Thanks for understanding.

Te Kawa Junior Rugby - IMPORTANT INFORMATION 3RD AND FINAL REGISTRATION DAY!!!

Today (Tuesday 12th March) at the Rec Centre in Rongotea from 6 - 7.30PM

Our committee will be there to answer all your questions and help you out where we can.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

New players, old players, existing players, boys, girls, anyone and everyone from anywhere are welcome!

If you can't make it today you have until the 17th March to register online by clicking the link below.

Registration is essential if your child wants to play rugby this year.

Register online at:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/.../Registr.../Junior-Registration-2019>

Please make sure you are registered by the 17th March.

Kind regards, Te Kawa Junior Rugby

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Please put order, name and money in envelope on THURSDAY, in the office. Many thanks for the support.

Teacher Paid Union Meetings:

Teacher Pay & Conditions negotiations have stalled. There are Union meetings on the 20,21,& 23rd March that we will be attending to decide what the next steps are to get the **time we need to teach**.

KAIRANGA SCHOOL IS NOT CLOSING during this time! Our teachers have made a conscious decision NOT to disrupt our families, and we will be open, covering classes and going to different sessions in order to save parents any hassle. This is a strong indication that our Teachers are committed to our school families and children. We would hope that you are grateful for this and would support us as well in the future.

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MARIST

JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2019

⚽ REGISTRATION DAY ⚽

Sunday 3 March at Clubrooms 1 - 3pm
at Marist Clubrooms, 17A Pascal Street

TRIALS (Age 9 - 13)

Sunday 10 March and Sunday 17 March at Marist Clubrooms.

9yrs - 11yrs from 11.00am - 12noon

12yrs - 13yrs from 12.30 - 1.30pm

REGISTRATIONS CAN ALSO BE COMPLETED ONLINE AT

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