

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 1, Week 7

What's on top?

I had my weekly 'What's On Top' article sorted last Thursday. Then Friday's Christchurch tragedy occurred and I don't really know what to write, or how to respond.

It is tragic, it is the act of a lunatic, it has woken us up to local acts of violence towards our whole community.

Obviously our pupils are our priority. We had an assembly on Monday morning to discuss and answer some of the questions they had and you'll notice the flag at half-mast. And we have been practising our lock-down procedures (we call it our Ferdinand-The-Bull Drill. So we are responding as best we can here at school, but I thought you might like these links might help you in answering your children's questions, as they also try to make sense of the situation. I hope they help:

<https://www.theparentingplace.com/how-to-talk-about/world-trauma/?fbclid=IwAR1c-tOst70WZSajJ32kgExhvpnrzNt9d7ayJDuVxFRqVGOHCXpIRftdNmc>

Have the best week you can, Alastair & The K Team.

School Security: We really appreciate the way our parents look out for our school out of hours. We enjoy the fact that some of our families use the facilities after school and in weekends. We also appreciate that in using the grounds our community also look out for security issues and show initiative in telling us if there is a problem.

If you see strange cars, and goings on, or you see an open door or window, please feel free to contact us and let us know. If appropriate feel free to fix the problem, but please do not go into the buildings and set off any alarm!

We are soon to have chains across the Parent Car-Park, which will prevent some of the comings and goings in the weekends in this space, so BE CAREFUL not to drive in there during the weekends and damage your car! This should be completed ready for next weekend.

Sports Notice.

Co-ordinating all the sports in our school is a BIG job. Jo Lark and Leonie Peters do this very well and are very well organised. Parents, we need to make this job easier and be organised ahead of time. Please keep your whanau up-to-date with sports opportunities and check in with our school Facebook page every few days to keep up-to-date.

We currently have a small hiatus between sports seasons – enjoy the short break and rest!

House Shirt Sponsor/Helpers?

We've had one response to our plea for help for this. Perhaps there are another couple of families who can help? 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.

Congratulations Teams!

Congratulations to our Touch teams for another great season! The U12's were winners and the U14s were well represented in the idle of the competition. Great Kairanga Kids!

Year Eight Lunches are Hot Dogs during swimming lesson season. 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.



Remember to support our sponsors!
They help make our school a great place too!

Teacher Paid Union Meetings:

Due to the events in Chch last Friday, out of respect for what the nation is going through, the Teacher mtgs that were being held this week, are postponed until the future. We'll keep you informed as soon as we know.

Tomorrow's School Review

There are BIG changes being proposed for the future of schooling throughout the country. There are public consultations that are held in evenings for parents, students, BoT members, school staff members, anyone who would like to attend to find out more, ask questions or share their thoughts!

We would recommend anyone interested in this topic, which will affect everyone. The Palmerston North meeting is on the 27th March, from 7-9pm, at the Awapuni Event Centre.

In order to get a place at this free meeting go to this link and register:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/have-your-say-today/>

Office Notices:

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 Kawai 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 cant 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 Kawai Junior Rugby



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