

# Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 1, Week 8

## What's on top?

We live in an amazing time, don't we? I am sure that every generation has said this for one reason or another, but truly I think this is true of us today. I remember growing up having a 'party-line' telephone in our house (look it up!), now we have a phone in our pocket and the world at our fingertips. Our cars are more efficient, faster, safer, they run on roads that are safer, they run on energy and made of material that is becoming more and more renewable.

Two generations ago most young families would have experienced war personally, and women, although they had been workers a lot during WW2, were then turned back to being 'housewives'. Now look at the power of women in the workforce! What a lot has changed. We live in technologically advanced and enlightened times. Or do we?

Before the tragic events in Christchurch, I was thinking about the OTHER issue in that same place: the Measles outbreak. It is very concerning for all of us. Immunisation has proven to be one of the breakthroughs of the last century, almost eliminating childhood diseases that kill or maim, or slow development. How enlightened we might feel we are, that we should ignore this treatment and rely on pseudo-science to keep our kids' safe.

Because we have lived through a period of time where measles, mumps and rubella are not as prevalent as they once were, we may have become complacent. No-one likes to have their child 'jabbed' (I didn't either), it's not pleasant, but it is proven to protect them from serious disease that when caught will have dire consequences.

Parents can decide not to immunise your child, and sometimes there are very good reasons for doing so, but also we need to be prepared to act if there is a breakout in our area. Keeping a non-immunised child at home during an outbreak is sensible – not because they carry the disease, but that they are at a high risk to catch it. Something to think about

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

## Working Bee: Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Start: 9am Finish: 12pm.

We have few Caretaker hours, and so as a school community, we all have a place and a responsibility to help keep our school spick and span and develop it as best we can for our kids. We've set our annual working bee for a fortnight's time and we need to see YOU there. Remember that 'many hands make light work'.

There are a number of clean-up, tidying and maintenance jobs that we need to get on top of, so that our kids have an enjoyable environment to learn & explore:

*Class desk cleaning, Pruning along pathway in the Wetland Area,  
Marking and spraying the football field, Spraying the far end of tennis courts,  
Hanging two TVs on classroom walls, Laying a lime-chip path behind Ruru.*

See the brochure coming out with further details. We need you all there if possible, so please mark this down.



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!  
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### Teacher Paid Union Meetings:

The Teacher meetings that were going to be held are now going to be conducted online, lessening again the disruption to school timetables. Teachers are voting on whether to accept the Ministry's offer, or not. We will let you know what is going to happen.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### Te Kawau Swimming Meet

Congratulations to our swimming representatives for a successful swimming day.

We were so proud of their efforts and the sportsmanship with which our children encouraged all swimmers. The results have been sent through and are able to be viewed through the library window. All our children swam to their personal best and we had a number of children placed in the top three. Congratulations to Scout Carter and Emily Thompson who broke a number of Meet Records.

Special thanks to our parents for your support through transport and encouragement to make the day a success for our children.

### House Shirt Sponsor/Helpers?

We've had a couple of responses for these and currently we are getting the prices in. If you would still like to help sponsor these, please get in touch with Alastair directly. Thanks!

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## 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



There are many opportunities for children to experience different events: iBike, Swimming, Police PCT, Science Technology, and here is a picture of the Road Race Challenge team, that went to the esplanade yesterday. They all did really well, running huge distances, and doing their best. Thanks team and thanks to the parents.

### School Security:

Next Tuesday, we want to have the first reward trip for the Year Eight group. They will be going to Horseshoe Bend in the afternoon. A notice has gone home today, so please send back to Alastair ASAP. Thanks.

### 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.

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