

# Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 2, Week 1

## What's on top?

Hi All, and welcome Back! I was telling the children on Monday about the great term ahead – there are so many events and things to be involved in and learning about, plus a couple of camps as well (Tawhaiwhai Team next week already!). Keep abreast of events, timings and these opportunities via the school website. Look at the bottom of the home page for the calendar that is regularly updated. Plus, of course, make sure you read the newsletter!

There is some disruption brewing with the teacher negotiations continuing: we have union meetings next week. I know you will all thank our teachers for not inconveniencing anyone here, as we have decided to go to these in a staggered way: combining classes during next week's afternoons, keeping the school open and thus keeping you from having to make other plans for children. This was not necessary, but this is indication of our care for our pupils and our school families.

Teachers feelings about this are running high. We are asking for pay that will attract and keep good people in the teaching profession (we have an aging teacher population nationwide, and not enough graduates), to help keep good people – many graduates leave within the first five years of teaching, but the bigger issue is with workload and we are asking for an increase in release time to do the many tasks that teachers and communities expect (we are not even asking for the same as secondary teachers!).

We need your support too: if you happen to know your MP, drop them a line and tell them how you feel and the value you place on us and your child's education.

Even the Opposition in parliament agree with all our requests, (which is interesting as when they were in government they had a different opinion of us, but that's politics!). Teachers do feel undervalued and disappointed about these negotiations. It is very likely that if negotiations don't improve then strike action will happen. That will be a great inconvenience to us all. Apart from the inconvenience, though, is the outcome for education into the future.

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

### BoT Elections: Nominations being called for SHORTLY!

Our BoT sets general direction for the school, and represents the community in seeing great outcomes for our pupils. Board members contribute to the team by discussing and resourcing different ideas in the school and they make decisions for the school based on information that is collected and feedback from the community. It is rewarding and worthwhile work. We need to fill three vacancies on our Board.

If you might be interested in learning more about the role, Alastair is running information sessions: next Weds and Thurs from 3.05pm (convenient for pick-ups). They will finish by 4pm.

Nomination forms for those putting themselves forward for election will come home by 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Three places to fill. If we get three or less nominations then the positions will be filled. If we have more than three we have a vote.



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### International Students opportunity

As you will be aware, late last year we achieved our accreditation to host International Students. These are students from other countries who pay to be here for short term periods. In partnership with Freyberg High School we now have the opportunity to host our first three fee-paying Vietnamese students for a four-week period in June. We are asking for expressions of interest from any school families that may like to host one or more of these children during their time here. The children will be aged between 11 and 13. If you would like more information, or are interested, please email Alastair, [principal@kairanga.school.nz](mailto:principal@kairanga.school.nz)

# TE KAWAU'S TOP TALENT 2019

CALLING ALL PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE CHILDREN WHO LIVE OR GO TO SCHOOL IN OUR TE KAWAU CLUSTER!!!!

START GETTING YOUR SOLO OR GROUP ACT READY. SINGERS, DANCERS, COMEDY, TRICKS, INSTRUMENTS

PRIZE MONEY TO BE WON FOR YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL

**AUDITIONS: FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June 4-7pm**

**LIVE SHOW: FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 7pm**

FURTHER SHOW DETAILS TO COME OUT SOON!!!!!!

**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!**

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**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 or Facebook Page or 021 1670 053*

**A curly one:** We really do understand that there are many different family structures these days, and we are very sensitive to split family stresses, BUT we are often asked to be the go-betweens amongst parents who might not talk as well as they once did to each other.

Being the big people in your children's lives means that you still need to communicate with each other and not get us involved – particularly around who's paying for what, or permissions slips, trips, etc. Each parent needs to know what's going on. So, if it's your week on and a note comes home, PLEASE make sure the other side knows what's going on too. We do the best we can and we ask that you do too. Thanks.

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**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. So far we have about three pupils wanting this and are in negotiations with a tutor to meet this need. If this interests you for your child, please contact the office, or Alastair and we will pass on the information when we know.

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