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2019: Term 2, Week 5

What's on top?

There's a huge amount happening at present, some of which you know about and some you possibly don't. Therefore there's a lot in this newsletter to give you as much information to keep you informed.

Please make sure you look over the whole newsletter so that you know what's happening and make the most of it all.

Remember that we have the Nationwide Teacher strike tomorrow and the Board have asked all families to keep their children at home that day. We do not have any staff here at all as a result.

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

BoT Elections

So, we have five candidates to fill the three vacant places on the Board. This week you will receive the voting forms in **your mailbox**. This is democracy in action. We are all grateful to the five people who have put their names forward to represent our community on the Board. They will come with a variety of skills and abilities and we want to say thanks to them for giving the rest of us the options for making a strong, co-operative and representative Board of trustees.

This is a very important process and we expect EVERY parent to vote. Read the introductions that will come in the voting envelope – each candidate has written this to introduce themselves and say what they would bring to the position. Please consider carefully the three people you think will do the best job, and send back the voting form to us – by mail, or drop in the voting box in school's foyer. **Votes must be back June 7th** and the election is declared on June 13th.

Many thanks to Tara Kearins, who has the responsibility of the Returning Officer. She has done a superb job thus far.



International Students

This coming week, for all of June, we will have three Vietnamese International Students coming to our school. They are all intermediate pupils and will be in the senior team, to experience a very different lifestyle here. So, 'Xin Chao' (pronounced: 'Seen-Chow' (Hello)). We hope the welcome here to our school will be warm and friendly and that they experience the best of what NZ has to offer.

Home & School News:

*Over the last school holidays sadly our Home and School shed had been broken into and a lot of our stock and equipment **has been stolen**. For our committee this means starting from scratch, we need to replace equipment and purchase stock for our upcoming events, a cost we weren't prepared for. How can you help? **Support our fundraisers and events!***

Buy that extra sausage or hot drink at events, ask friends and family to support our fundraisers, share our posts on Facebook. Every little bit helps our children and our school. Upcoming events and fundraisers where you can support Home and School:

- *First aid kits will be on sale next week, keep an eye out for order forms.*
- *Cross country - where we will have a sausage sizzle, juicies, hot drinks and water for sale.*
- *Kairanga School Disco Friday 14th June.*
- *Cuba Street Bakehouse pie fundraiser will be out near the middle of June.*

*See the note at the bottom of this newsletter about the First Aid Kits that can be ordered. **Order forms are coming home on Thursday***

Year Eight National Young Leader Trip to Wellington

We had a terrific time in Wellington last week, as part of our Kairanga Leadership Programme. We heard seven speakers at the Young Leaders Day conference, with many inspiring messages to use in the future; we met our local MP Ian McKelvie in Parliament; saw Question Time in the Debating Chamber; visited Government House and saw the treasures it contains and heard a lot about our democracy.

Come into the foyer and see the photos on show!

Cups Returned please.

It is good to have the cups being returned for the events coming up. Please return all cups from 2018 and make sure they are engraved first. Unfortunately we cannot any longer engrave at our cost, so please ensure your child's name is on to be remembered for the future.

2019 ERO Report Published!

What ERO say about us: *'Year Eight outcomes show that most students leave Kairanga School achieving at or above expectations in all curriculum areas.'*

Queen's Birthday: Monday 3rd June. This coming Monday it is a national holiday. Remember we are closed. Enjoy your extended family time.

**Calling All Musical Adults:
Kokako Needs You!**



Do you play a musical instrument?
This term Team Koru (The Junior Team) are looking to expose the students to *live musical instrument playing*. If you play a musical instrument we would love for you to come in and play to us and tell us about the instrument. Please see Susan in Room Kokako if you can help out or know of someone who can. We look forward to hearing from you!

Teacher Strike: May 29th

The 'mega' teacher strike is confirmed for tomorrow: May 29th. This means that both primary *and secondary teachers* across the country will be on strike. This action is unprecedented in the NZ history of education and is cause for our country to think careful about what is happening. **This is not a case of greedy teachers out to break a government. It is about the worry we have for the future of education in our country.**

For your information, some of the issues that remain for us are:
Workload: Primary teachers get *10 hours a term* release. Secondary teachers get 5 hours a week. The lack of release time impacts on the teaching in the classroom – and our students deserve better.

Teacher supply: A decade ago we used to get 50 applicants for a teaching job. Principals could choose the best candidate to meet the needs of their school. Now – we see vacancies having no applicants at all. Across the country classes being split because we can't find a relievers. We have jobs being advertised over and over again.

Pay Parity: We fought for this twenty years ago and got it, but over time it has disappeared. Primary teachers are no longer paid the same as secondary. Teachers should be paid the same for equal qualifications – regardless of the age of the students.

We have already endured these negotiations for a year. It has cost us financially. We love our students; We hate striking. We know that it is frustrating (we are EXTREMELY frustrated).



24 May 2019

Dear Parents / Caregivers

As was the case in November the School Board of Trustees once again cannot provide teaching staff for students during the upcoming strike action to be held on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

The NZEI has advised the Kairanga School Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action from 8am to 5pm on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

The Board has considered the availability of teaching staff, and have decided we cannot provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike. The school will be closed during the strike.

I understand the inconvenience but please be assured student safety is our number one priority.

Thank you for understanding and please contact me if you have any queries regarding this decision

Yours sincerely,

Darryl Lark
Chair,
Kairanga School
Board of Trustees

As a help to parents if needed: **After School Adventures** is going to be open for the strike day on the 29th May, and we are taking enrolments for care.

Also for the Month of June, you can enrol at **ASA** and receive your 1st week free

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- 1 x CPR mask
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- 1 x first aid guide
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- 2 x Conforming Bandage Rolls 6cm x 400cm
- 2 x Conforming Bandage Rolls 8cm x 400cm
- 20 x Band Aid strips 7.5cm x 2cm
- 2 x Triangular Bandages 90cm x 90cm x 127cm
- Long adhesive strip 6cm x 20cm
- Adhesive Multi-pore Tape Roll 13mm x 5m
- 3 x Butterfly Adhesive Plasters 7.4cm x 4.5cm
- 2 x Knuckle Adhesive Plasters 7.5cm x 3.7cm
- 4 x Semi-permeable Dressings 6cm x 7cm
- 3 x Adhesive Island Dressings 6cm x 7cm
- 2 x Adhesive Island Dressings 6cm x 10cm
- Combined/Abdominal absorbent pad 23cm x 12.5cm
- Scissors 15cm
- Tweezers (metal)
- 4 pairs large PVC safety gloves
- 10 x safety pins
- 4 x Soap wipes 20cm x 19cm
- 4 x Saline Cleansing Wipes 20cm x 19cm
- First Aid Guide



BUY ONE FOR THE HOME, THE CAR,
THE CARAVAN THE BOAT...



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Kairanga Cross Country

Friday 7th June

Dear Kairanga Family,

Training for our school cross country is well underway. Can you please support your child to be prepared for daily training by reminding them to wear comfortable clothing and adequate footwear for running. Please encourage them to practice at home so that they are able to sustain a period of long distance running with ease.

All looks good for a great cross country event next Friday, 7th June - fingers crossed about the weather! We are looking forward to the children putting their best effort forward wearing a 't-shirt' that represents their house.

**Kowhai - Yellow

**Rata - Red

**Rimu - Green

**Totorā - Blue

Please support your child in being well prepared by;

- Including warm trousers, sweatshirt/jacket to suit the weather conditions. Please send them to school in a t-shirt, the colour of their house.
- Encouraging them to eat a hearty breakfast, we will encourage them to have a good morning tea and a lighter lunch. Lunch will be at 12 noon. Children to bring their drink bottles of water.
- Encourage them to do their very best and not to give up. They will have been over the course they are going to run so they will have a good idea of what it is going to be like.

Important information: All the course will be run on the adjacent farmland.

Access to the land is through the pipe gate at the northern end of room 6. You may choose to stay adjacent to the fence there and view the course. The starting and finishing line is in full view from there.

There is a parents' viewing area, if you would like, on the farmland.

Please note that if you enter the farmland then you need to abide by the health and safety rules that are designated below. We have added as much information as possible because as you appreciate this is not school property and it is not our right to just wander anywhere.

For your information:

**The electric fences will be turned off although there should be no need to come into contact with them.

**There will be no stock in the vicinity of the courses we are running.

**The library toilets will be the closest facility for you to use.

**Children under 5 must be monitored at all times, by their parent if on the farmland. There are troughs adjacent to where we are based. We appreciate that they will not be on any of the course ways as the safety of our runners is paramount.

**Feel free to interact with your child when they are in their house area but please go to them. They are expected to stay with their house and support all runners until the conclusion of the event.

**Please do not go wandering outside of the designated area, only parts of the courses are marked because the children know where they are going - the safety of the children comes first and we do not want them to be distracted or impeded by people in their way.

**After their race, they are able to go (with a designated senior or yourself) and purchase food from the Home and School Stall.

**We appreciate that you understand the strategic thinking behind such an event with the safety of our children at the forefront. Thank you for supporting this by following the above guidelines.

Start time: 1pm on the farm

Welcome. **Proposed guidelines** for the start time of races - (Girls first, Boys second)

As soon as all the competitors of a race are in we will start the next race to keep the flow of the event.

Year 7/8 - 1.10pm

Year 5/6 - 1.35pm

Year 3/4 - 1.55pm

Year 1/2 - 2.15pm

At the conclusion of the last race, we will have prize giving for our recipients (if time allows).

Our Home and School Parents will be running a stall where you can purchase food items.

****To ensure a successful afternoon, we welcome parent volunteers to be marshals. A marshal plays a pivotal role in providing a 'sighting' point' and guide for the children as well as encouraging all runners. If this sounds like you, please see Leonie in Ruru.

Looking forward to a day of successes for all our runners,
The K Team.

Year Eight Lunches

Year Eight Lunches are Pizza Slices AND Hot Dogs.
 Each Slice of pizza and Hot Dog costs \$2.50.
 Meat-lovers or Hawaiian.
 Please put order, name and money in envelope on
THURSDAY (not Friday, because we need to buy the stuff),
 in the office. Many thanks for the support.





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