

# Kairanga School

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2019: Term 2, Week 6

## What's on top?

Thanks to all parents who have made messages of support to the teachers for their action last week. We know it inconveniences families and children to go on strike, but feel strongly that this action is the only way to make people sit up and take notice of the difficulties that face schools now and certainly in the near future.

One fact that is occurring here (as it has already in other places around the country), is the lack of teachers and the difficulty in getting relievers for sickness and courses. This year it has become increasingly difficult to cover classes, with us now facing reality in having to combine classes for a day if needed. Not ideal, and part of the teacher supply problem! We are hopeful that meetings scheduled for tomorrow between the Ministry, the Minister and teacher unions will have a productive outcome. We'll let you know. There are union meetings coming up later this month to let teachers know what is happening and to decide on next steps.

We have school Cross Country THIS Friday. We are still looking for a couple of helpers to marshal at different parts of the course. Please let Leonie know if you can help. We are very grateful, again, to the Sutton family for the use of the farm adjoining the school, and rest assured Chris and Dana that we will look after your paddocks as best we can. Chris has liaised with Leonie to put in some 'extra effort required' obstacles this year, which will make the whole thing very exciting.

Home & School will be there selling sausages, and the weather looks chilly, so make use of that. Please ensure you read and follow the directions in this newsletter! Note the times. See you all there on Friday.

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

## Board of Trustee Elections

Five good people have put themselves forward for the three vacant places on the Board of Trustees. The candidates 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.

The BoT has governance responsibilities for the resourcing and direction of our school and they represent you and your values & desires for all our pupils in this school.

Last week you received the voting forms in **your mailbox**. We need EVERY parent to play their part: vote and be involved in the process (it'd be great to talk to your child about democracy and the importance of voting and to see you vote). Please read the introductions that came in the voting envelope – each candidate has written this to introduce themselves and say what they would bring to the position. 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 (that's THIS Friday!)** and the election is declared on June 13<sup>th</sup> after mailed votes have a chance to come in. Many thanks to Tara Kearins, who has the responsibility of the Returning Officer.



## International Students

Xin Chao, Bon, Bach, and Tony, who have joined the Kairanga Community for four weeks starting yesterday. We are delighted to have our Vietnamese pupils here to add to the understanding of the world outside NZ. Welcome, and welcome to your Homestay families as well.

## 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.

NO Year Eight lunches this week, due to Cross Country. \*\*\*\*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/Rm7 ASAP.

## 2019 ERO Report Published!

What ERO say about us: *'Digital tools and resources are used appropriately. Leaders are thoughtful and strong relationships with students are evident. Clear, well-defined systems are in place.'*

# Kairanga Cross Country

THIS 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 this 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:** The course will be run on the adjacent farmland.

Access to the land is through the pipe gate at the northern corner, behind 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 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**

**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.

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- 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)
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- 10 x bandaid plasters
- 4 x knuckle plasters
- 2 x pairs pvc gloves
- 1 x cleaning wipe
- 1 x soap sachet
- 1 x CPR mask
- 1 x paper tape roll
- 1 x adhesive island dressing
- 1 x non woven adhesive dressing
- 1 x small scissors
- 1 x first aid guide
- 1 x carabiner



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