

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 2, Week 7

What's on top?

It was great to have all the parents and friends of the school in attendance last Friday afternoon for the Cross Country. This is one of the things I love about this school – the feeling of community connection and interest in what is happening with the pupils.

In what turned out to be pretty good conditions, Leonie Peters organised us (and ran herself at times, it is noted!) and the whole Kairanga Team worked together well. Although Cross Country is different and hard, the pupils persevered really well and there were several stand-out performances. It is good that although academic learning is top priority here, we allow for lots of time for other learning and experiences as well.

There are many children carrying on their Cross-Country success this week at the Inter-school competitions along with the city schools.

Also happening this week is the Environmental Education social action happening at the Brown farm in Rangiotu, where we will be doing some riparian planting (along a waterway). This is learning in action – something we know is important for learners to do: *connect classroom learning with the real world*.

It was announced in last week's budget that low decile schools are getting an extra grant instead of asking for school donations. Unfortunately, this is for decile 1-7 schools, and we are a decile 8! This was an election promise and we hope to see this grant extended in the future to include schools like us. In the meantime, tell your MP how disappointed you are about this.

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

Board of Trustees Elections

These important elections are taking place NOW. Many thanks to all those who sent in their votes before the deadline last Friday. We are now just waiting until tomorrow, for postal votes to come in and then the outcome is tallied up by our Returning Officer. We await the outcome with obvious interest.

Regardless of the outcome, we are grateful to the five people who are standing for election. They each have skills and abilities that would be useful and we hope they all feel positive about their contribution.

When the outcome is announced, we will publish the results in the paper and in our newsletter to let everyone know. The first meeting of the new Board of Trustees is set for next week - Weds 19th June in the Staffroom at 7pm.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Thursday, 27th June & Tues 2nd July.

Annually we offer interviews to all our whanau, to report to you on the progress and achievement of your children.

On Thursday 27th, school is closing at 2pm to allow as many interviews to take place as possible. please make arrangements for your child to be picked up early on this day. School will be open as usual for Tuesday 2nd.

As usual, we will be using the online site www.schoolinterviews.co.nz to make it easy for all of you to access an appropriate time. **Next week I will give you all the access code that will allow you to book your place.** For new families, please ensure you go online in order to secure your place to meet with your child's teacher. You will see examples of their learning, hear how well they are doing, and how you can help at home to support them. You will also receive a Summary of Learning to take away. We all look forward to seeing you all at this major event.

2019 ERO Report Published!

What ERO say about us: *'Clear, well-defined systems and processes are in place to identify, respond and monitor progress of students with complex and health or learning needs...students are well supported with a wide range of internal and external expertise.'*



**Year Eight Lunches are back!
Pizza and Hot dogs are available.**

Pizzas: \$2.50 per slice
Hot-dogs: \$3 per hot dog or \$1.50 a half.
Please put your order in on THURSDAY, so we can organise the right amount of food in advance.
Place order and money in an envelope and place in the Red Yr8 Lunch box on the office desk.

Tennis Coaching

We have been fortunate to receive some free tennis coaching hours from a Manawatu Tennis Sports initiative which aims at upskilling groups of students. Through this initiative a number of our year 5-8 students have received small group tuition from a qualified tennis coach. Special thanks to Victor for his expertise in coaching. We are very appreciative of this opportunity and are lucky to have been gifted a set of tennis racquets, tennis balls and portable net. We look forward to being able to provide similar opportunities in the future.

Child Sickness

We have had a lot of sickness here recently (not just my man-cold!), and have had to send several children home with various ailments. Some classes have had 10 away at once! Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, or you know they need rest to stop a sickness getting worse. It is important that we do not spread the bugs and keep spreading them.

Daily absences can be recorded by text to: 027 318 7666

Year 7/8 Interschool Cross Country - Ashhurst Domain

Congratulations to our senior runners who participated in the interschool cross country yesterday. We acknowledge your excellent sportsmanship, positive give-it-a-go attitude and perseverance. Well Done to Elliott Sexton, Zinzan Deans-Emery, Jamie Tootell, TJ Waudby-Johnston, Brooke Hardy, Danica Ward, Jaya Lincoln, Jessie Weld, and Alice Conger. Special mention to Brooke who was placed 5th in the year 8 senior girls race. We are so proud of you all! Many thanks to Caryn Deans and Matthew Conger for their support and transport of our representatives.

Thanks to the Home & School!

We really appreciate the work that the Home & School do for all of us. This was especially seen on Friday at Cross-Country, where we were served all afternoon by this band of volunteers.

The H&S Committee are very hard working and this is evident at the present time, having just completed the First Aid Kit fundraiser, and going straight into the annual Pie Fundraiser.

Although there's a lot going on, most of this is in response to outside companies timetables too.

Thanks for supporting the work of Home & School in raising funds for camps, trips and learning resources. They are much needed.

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School Cross Country

The warmth of the house spirit more than made up for the cold-but-dry day!

We were particularly proud of the children running in their house colours and the support from everyone to encourage **all our** children to meet the challenge of completing their races. It is times like this when we are reminded of the core values of perseverance, determination and sportsmanship.

An event like this relies on the effective teamwork of a large number of people which starts with our house leaders;

Totara – Jordan Lark and Danica Ward, **Kowhai** – Elliott Sexton and Brooke Hardy, **Rata** – Mitchell Smith and Chase Edmonds and **Rimu** – Zinzan Deans-Emery and Jaya Lincoln. Well Done Team!

Our staff and 'school family' strategically work together to coordinate the order of events to best fit the needs of our children. Special thanks to the Home and School for providing refreshments and our volunteers/marshals; Helen Hardy, Sarah Booker, Jill Nixon, Ben Collis, Matthew Conger and Suzanne Gorrie.

We appreciate the flexibility and generosity of Chris and Dana Sutton for allowing us to train and hold the cross-country races on their farm. This is always a highlight for the children! And they were keen to jump the hay bale hurdle! Love the enthusiasm with which you are prepared to help out in any way. Thank you for sharing in the day. We look forward to the successes of our children with the Interschool cross country events being held this week and the Te Kawau cross country, **next Friday**.

Home & School Fundraising

Early this week, (on Monday), you should have received the orders for the Annual Pie Fundraiser.

This is a good opportunity to stock freezers for a quick and easy food-filler at reasonable costs.

For each pie that is sold, the H&S gets a cut that goes towards resources in classrooms throughout the school. Please use the order form you all received on Monday, to get orders (and money!) from friends, whanau, workmates as you are able.

Orders MUST be back to school by THURSDAY 20th June (next week). Orders are being sent home on FRIDAY 5th June and need to be picked up by you after school on that date.

Extra order forms can be picked up from the Office.

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TE KAWAU'S TOP TALENT 2019

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FRIDAY 14TH June 7pm
Te Kawau Rec Centre
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College Street Normal School

402 College Street - 26th June 2019

Netsafe LIVE is a free event for schools, parents and whānau hosted at College Street Normal School. Netsafe's Education Advisors Anjie Webster and Pauline Spence will be talking about the opportunities, risks and challenges of digital tech and online spaces, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe and foster citizenship online.

SESSION TIMES

Senior Leaders / Pastoral / e-Learning 1:15 - 3:00pm. Learning and leading in a changing landscape – Approaches to developing digital citizenship, online safety and wellbeing across the school.

Teachers and Learning Partners 3:30 - 5:00pm - Developing safe, confident, responsible online citizens in the classroom context.

Parents and Whānau 7:00pm - 8:00pm
 Powerful partnerships – Working together to support young people as they navigate the online world.

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