

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 2, Week 8

What's on top?

You will have heard by now about the offer to the teachers to settle their contract negotiations. There are many things to be thankful for and some things that are still unresolved, but being talked about. The NZ Teachers are voting this week on their acceptance or not of the new Ministry of Education offer. Online, there are many different opinions of the offer, so it will be interesting to see what the final outcome will be. We should know by next week.

Here at Kairanga School we are grateful to the many parents who have supported us in this negotiation. We have appreciated mostly the words of support individually, and also the few who have added their voice by contacting MPs, or coming along to the massed rallies. These actions have meant a great deal to us and we are grateful that we operate in this school, with this community.

The outcome of the Board elections has been finalised. The new Board takes up the mantle of power tonight at a hand-over meeting. This school has always been served by good people, willing to put aside personal issues, but take on the task of running a whole school and look at the big picture for all our pupils. I expect that this Board will also operate at this high level of collaboration and trust. I am sure there will be some new initiatives that will come as a result.

I want to thank ALL the candidates for allowing us to have choice and for our parents to have the luxury of an election. This was most appreciated. Every parent in our school has a place to help, support, guide, and volunteer. A BoT election is just one way this is available. Keep your eyes out for a way in which YOU can help to continue to make our school a great place to be!

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

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 the usual times on Tuesday 2nd. This has been on the calendar for some time and you'll be familiar with it.

To get your interview time with us, please go to:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=k8eh7>

Or go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **k8eh7**. From there you can book a time that suits you in the slots available.

Each interview time is 10 minutes. You cannot book an interview time back-to-back (for obvious reasons).

Senior pupils will be in their interview briefly, to explain something about their learning, then the teacher will take over from there to have a confidential conversation with you.

Takahe Parents, NB: Due to a long-standing engagement, Jo Lark is only available for interviews on Thursday 27th. There are plenty of times for you however, but if this date is no good, then we can arrange for your interview in the new term. I expect this will not be an issue.

We always get a high turn-out of parents booking and coming along. We appreciate greatly the part you pay in your child's learning journey.

2019 ERO Report Published!

What ERO say about us: *'Specific literacy interventions show significant progress for students.*

The school is responding effectively to Maori and other children...

Leadership has established clear and consistent expectations that promote a supportive and collaborative environment conducive to learning and well-being.'

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.

**Longburn Adventist College
Open Night**

LAC Open Day & Evening is **Wednesday, 31st July 2019**.
During the school day, we have *five guided tours* available for visitors to see the school with classes running.
The tours of around 45 minutes are available to be booked. Tours can be booked online (*website link below*).
In the evening, starting at 6.00 pm, there will be a special programme held at LAC's cafeteria where the principal and teachers will be available to answer your questions before tours of displays around campus.
Day Tours: 9.30 am, 10.15 am, 11.00 am, 12.45 pm & 2.15 pm
Evening Programme & Tours: from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
For more information and to book a tour, please visit: <https://www.lac.school.nz/open-day/>

AWATAPU COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 30 July 2019
5.30pm to 7.30pm

Awatapu College Gymnasium

Students and Parents interested in joining Awatapu College in the year 2020 are warmly invited to attend the Awatapu College Open Night (including Special Needs Block) on Tuesday 30 July 2019 at 5.30pm. Please assemble in the College Gymnasium. Enquiries at all year levels are welcome.

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

The Levin Caravan Club is staying in our ground during the weekend of 4-6th July (first weekend of holidays).

This is a normal annual activity and it's great to have our grounds used by the community at large.

As a result, the Basketball court will be out of use during this weekend.

They will be here from about 4pm on Friday, through to mid-day on Sunday.

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Boys & Girls Agricultural Club: AGM

Our annual AGM is to be held on Wednesday 26th June, 7.30pm, Colyton School, 421 Colyton Road.

We encourage anyone to attend, particularly those involved in organising school pet days

With regard to M.Bovis and calves, a decision will be made on the night as to whether calves will be attending Championship Day for 2019.

It is up to individual schools and parents involved to make the decision as to what happens at school Pet Day.

Thanks

Raewyn Hills

Secretary/Treasurer

(06)3287970 027 696 2819 agclub@inspire.net.nz

Year 5/6 Interschool Cross Country - Ashhurst Domain

Congratulations to our representatives who participated in the interschool cross country last Wednesday. We acknowledge your excellent sportsmanship, positive give-it-a-go attitude and perseverance. Well Done to **Sam Cole, Emily Thompson, Emily Pocock, Cooper Robinson and Lachlan Drew.**

Many thanks to Michelle Drew for her support in managing the team and to our parents who assisted with the transport.

Home & School Fundraising

Early last 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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Enrichment's Tree Planting Experience

On the 13th of June we went to Rangiotu. We went to a local dairy farm and planted 200 trees along a stream. With the help of Horizons we managed to plant all 200 trees in 30 mins. It was pouring down with rain and really cold, but we didn't give up. In fact, we didn't care at all. All of us kids were jumping in puddles, getting our hands dirty and just having fun in the moment. I personally really enjoyed the day and I am so grateful that we were given the opportunity to help our planet and clean out a stream in need. The day was fantastic and I hope to do it again.

By Jaya

Walking through the sloshy mud, water trickling off my rain jacket. A shovel in my slippery hands, digging holes to put the roots of the tree into. 30 minutes zoomed by and we had finished planting 200 trees. Did you know that trees are planted by streams so that when they grow, big bugs fall off and land in the water? This is 80-90% of a fish's diet!

By Lilia

Kids running through the mud,
Gumboots getting stuck,
Grabbing shovels one by one trying to get the job done.

The stream flowing as clear as day,
Little trees getting ready to grow,
Mud drying on hands,
Cold freezing rain pouring down,
The day wasn't the nicest,
But we got the job done.

By Jamie

I enjoyed planting trees, especially when we had to slosh through mud and water to get to the planting site. The place where we planted trees was beside a stream. The water was so high after all the rain. The people from Horizons helped us - Logan, Margot and Megan. First Logan taught us how to dig a proper hole for the trees. Next, he taught us how to move the roots so that they grow with more room. When we started digging the holes I found it hard but the more I did the easier it got. Moving the tree roots was easy. The weather could have been better as all the time we were planting it was raining. My jacket filled up with water. I had to itch my head but my head and face got covered in mud, so I went home for a shower.

By Marcus

I looked around to see if there were any scrunched up noses because of the weather, but there weren't. Every person had a positive attitude. They knew planting at least one tree would help our Environment (UN Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life On Land). Try looking up the Sustainable Development Goals online with your parents to find out what they are.

By Victoria.

Special Absences: If you are planning a special event trip and know in advance that your child is going to be away, PLEASE send an email to office@kairanga.school.nz to let us know. It's fine having a conversation with your child's teacher, but a teacher has hundreds of conversations each day. Please ensure the dates and reason for absence are recorded by the office. Please send your email to: office@kairanga.school.nz

NETBALL MANAWATU PRESENTS

Mid-Winter Holiday Programme

Come along and join us for some fun, exciting games and activities to support the development of netball skills

When?
 Tuesday 16th of July; Year 1-4
 Wednesday 17th of July; Year 5-6
 Thursday 18th of July; Year 7-8

Where?
 Vautier Park, Puriri Terrace, Palmerston North

Time? 9am - 3pm daily

Cost? \$24.00 per day - Including a recovery swim

To register:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/97577>

For more information please email:
ashleighkate@netballmanawatu.org.nz

We look forward to having you participate




Te Kawau's Got Talent!
 Congratulations to our pupils - Victoria Gorrie (Dancing), Callie Turner (Tap Dancing), and Gabby Bael (Singing) who entered the TK Top Talent competition last week. We are so proud of these individuals for entering and sharing their talent – not an easy thing to do. A special congratulations to Victoria Gorrie who came second and won \$50 for the school – to go in books for the library on environmental education.



Share Time

Manawatu

3 to 6 July 2019

The Regent Theatre
 Palmerston North

Tickets available from TicketDirect

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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.

Register here (FREE) [Netsafe LIVE Palmerston North](#)