

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2019: Term 2, Week 9

What's on top?

There was a really interesting NZ Herald article this week that I read. American-based, but still relevant to our life here. It centred around the reason why a teacher had decided to leave the profession. 'Let me tell you why those who ooze passion for teaching are leaving the occupation...' the teacher said.

She didn't believe that kids had changed. What she found hardest was that parents had changed and kids were finding life harder than generations before.

I would agree to a certain extent: life has changed for parents. We are all working long hours and find it hard to stay in one place, let alone get ahead. The days of one parent working have pretty much long gone, and it is fairly unique to see that these days. After-school care has become a BIG feature with vans taking children to places to wait for busy parents to finish work. Days are busy ferrying children around to different places for extra-curricular activities and weekend are full of sporting events. Schools are asking for more help and support.

But it's absolutely unfair to put any blame on one group (ie parents, or teachers). Life in general has changed from when we were kids. People are all doing the best they can and making decisions that they believe are going to help.

I think the hardest thing for all of us is to put children at the centre of what we do and how we do them. What is going to benefit them and help us as a family. Chasing after more and better is not necessarily the way forward, but often leads to frustration and weariness. Perhaps contentment is an answer?

So, where I'm leading is this: one of the things I am most proud of, of Kairanga School & Community, is the strong sense of connectedness – people know each other and are willing to lend a hand to each other. I see adults sitting outside classes at day's end, talking and laughing, getting to know each other and their children. I hear of groups that get together and support each other. Kairanga is pretty special like that. In a world of increasing change we need all the help we can get.

That's just one thing of many that I shall miss when I leave...

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Tomorrow: Thursday, 27th June,

Next Week: Tues 2nd July.

Tomorrow, Thursday 27th, school is closing at 2pm for Parent Interviews. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up early on this day. School will be open the usual times on Tuesday 2nd.

Thanks to all those who have booked times to come and see teachers and hear about their child's progress. This is very much appreciated and welcomed.

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 some things about their learning, then the teacher will take over from there to have a confidential conversation with you.

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

If you missed out on an interview time, please make a time with your child's teacher for early next term – they are keen to see you.

2019 ERO Report Published!

What ERO say about us: *'Well-Embedded processes promote and improve teaching. The development of leadership is promoted and supported. **Children learn in settled, inclusive classes!** They are supported to become self-managing learners.'* What could be better endorsement of what we do here and how we do it! Well done everyone.

**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.



Our New Board of Trustees.

Our new Board have begun their journey of governing the school together! They are (l-to-r): Jeremy McLachlan (Chair), Rebecca Argyle (Community Liaison), Jo Lark (Staff), Natalie Campbell-Parlane (Community Liaison), Jonathan Murrow (Property) & Howard Martin (Treasurer).

Their first meeting was a biggie (see below), but they have great ideas, energy and wisdom.

Feel free to say 'Hi' when you see them in the playground.

Alastair is Leaving!

You all received a letter from the Board of Trustees yesterday, to inform you that our Principal, Alastair Schaw is leaving us for a new position in the Ministry of Education next term.

Although we are a bit sad, we are also happy for him as he progresses his career in new directions.

We are grateful for the time he has been here and delivered great leadership and development in our school. This place is a different school from when he started almost 13 years ago!

Alastair's last day will be Friday 26th July (end of Week One next term).

Greg Codyre will be stepping up into the Acting Principal's role while the search is on for Alastair's replacement. This means that we will have a long-term reliever in the senior class, while Greg takes up the reins. Chris Ricketts, a regular reliever in our school, and with strong senior teaching experience will be teaching in Karearea, with Greg's close involvement. Greg will still be running the Enrichment programmes next term.

Although not the same as now, this situation is no different to what would have occurred in Term Three with three teachers being involved in the senior programme.

The Board has already begun to start the process to advertise, interview and select the new Principal. No timeline for this is set yet, but we will work with a consultant to help. If you have any questions please feel free to come in and talk to us.

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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.

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.

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/>

Other Schools Info:

PNBHS: Thursday 1 August 2019 OPEN DAY

Guided Tours: Day Session – 9:45am, Evening Sessions – 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Sessions begin in the Speirs Centre at the times stated above and are followed by a tour of the school. College House Hostel Tour Times – 11.30am and 4.30pm.

PNGHS: The information for enrolments in 2020 will be on their website from Monday 22 July, the first day of term 3.

FAHS: OPEN DAY Thursday 20 June 2019. Parents and students are warmly invited to attend Open Day sessions as follows. Assemble in the School Hall at 1.15 PM & 7.00 PM.

Boys & Girls Agricultural Club: AGM

Our annual AGM is to be held on tonight, 7.30pm, at Colyton School, 421 Colyton Road.

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

See you there!

Raewyn Hills

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

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.

Home & School Fundraising

Annual Pie Drive:

Many thanks for the amount of orders for this annual event.

All orders must have been handed in last Friday.

Orders are being sent home on FRIDAY 5th June and need to be picked up by you after school on that date.

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