

Kairanga School

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2018: Term 4, Week 2

What's on top?

So, the Year of Change continues here at Kairanga School!

The changing of the seasons is well and truly upon us and it is good to see the increased light and have the warmth of Summer at last, but that means different kinds of work for our farming families – the paddocks are looking great BTW! Let's hope the rain comes soon!

And with changing seasons, comes changes here at school too. We are starting off with a busy little section of the year for our pupils, with Ag Day and Athletics.

Ag Day THIS Friday is looking pretty good. We are missing the calves because of the implications of MPBovis, but the lambs and goats will be in *full flight* as a result. **The day is looking very different to previous years** (see the note in this newsletter for details, plus the Facebook page, plus the Seesaw), due to the weekday and the different events.

The Athletics next week is looking good too, and we are being supported by some wonderful parents and Feilding High School students too. Please see the note in this newsletter, and the Facebook and the Seesaw!) for how you can help. **Of special note is how you are getting your child to the Track.**

Less obvious changes for school, happening in the background, is the development of a **new End-of-Year Report**, and the **search for our new Deputy Principal**. Teachers and Board are hard at work doing this. As for the new DP, although we have a good selection of candidates who have applied, in my mind is the teacher shortage that we have as a country.

I heard a politician saying today that there had never been so much industrial unrest and that teachers going on strike was an indication things were not right. I suppose he is factually correct – although with nine years in power he could have done something about this before - it hasn't just happened overnight. Teachers' striking is an indication of problems we are facing in schools. **We are concerned about outcomes for children** if good people do not choose to be teachers, or do not stay in teaching because of the workload. As parents, you will be concerned too. Not because you might have to look after your child for a day, but because the education of your child into the future, and the health of your community school. If you are worried, like me, how about sending a message to your MP, or email them, in order to get change happening? I know the teachers would appreciate it very much if you did.

See you on Friday, Alastair & The K Team.



The Yr8 Crew in the Square for their Amazing Race last Friday!

Loud Shirt Day: Many thanks to all the support for Cochlear Implants to make a difference in deaf people's lives. **As a school, we raised \$158!** This is a wonderful outcome and we thank all those who brought along a coin to add to the trail. Many thanks to the McEwan boys who promoted and brought this to our attention.

This is the last coin trail event for the year.

The Hall Committee are calling a meeting in early November, to form a committee to go into the future. This committee owns and operates the Hall, Tennis Courts and Wetland, so it is a very important group for our school to support.

Please consider coming to this and being an active community, to enable our kids to access and benefit from these facilities.

Remember to support our sponsors! They help make our school a great place too!



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Home & School Need:

As part of the fundraising at Ag Day this year, the Home & School are requesting help to get items for the raffle. Please see the paper flyer that's coming home TODAY. Thank you for your help in gathering items. Items can be put in the container in the office. Also, Bernadette Peters Photography Fundraiser – might be a great idea for Christmas, or as a much needed snapshot in time. See the flyer sent last Wednesday.

Agricultural (L&C) Day 2018: Friday 26th October

Here are the last details for our new-look day on Friday:

Timetable:

9-11am: Classes setting up indoor exhibits in the Hall. Judging of these between 11-12.00pm.

11-12.30: *Lamb and goat children go home to get their animal and prepare them for the judging, OR parents to bring animal to school by 12.45pm.*

1pm: Welcome on back-field. Judging of Lambs and Kids begins in two rings.

2.45: **Grand parade** of the farm animals.

3 - 5.15pm: Events and Activities: School children joined by parents for two hours, to enjoy the activities and displays on show. Plenty of 50c activities to do, and food to enjoy from H&S, rides, etc. Rural games as we go - something for the whole family to join in with and enjoy. Milker's can go and milk and be back for awards.

5.30pm: Awards Ceremony and pack-up.

Many thanks for the help so far, especially with the displays and activities!

Year Eight Cakes will be judged as part of indoor exhibits and then auctioned off by resident auctioneers NZ Farmers, what are also coming to BBQ Sausages with us.

If you have a pet (no dogs this year, sorry!), you can bring these into the Pet Tent for others to enjoy as part of the afternoon. Bring at 3pm.

There will be **NO car parking on the back-field** where all the events will be. Instead, any trailers and floats for animals can be parked on the tennis courts and your animal brought through for the judging. We have a number of different activities this year and we need all the space we can get.

Food includes Sausages, Dumplings, Hotdogs, Drinks. All proceeds from the day are going to the H&S Committee to spend on our pupils.

Be prepared to be volunteered for events like the Family Chariot Race, the Road Tug-o-War, the Gumboot Throw.

We have amazing rides on a digger and a harvester too!

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Year Eight Friday Lunches

There are NO Yr8 Lunches this week, due to Ag Day.

Athletics Info briefly:

You'll know from last week's notice:

In line with our Year of Change, the Athletics are a bit different this year too!

Firstly, we are getting **everyone dropped off** at the Massey Track on Friday 2nd, between 8.45 & 9am. You need to bring your child down to the track yourself to ensure they are safely there.

Entry to the Track is via the rear Massey Entrance on Old West Road. Come past the Rugby Institute and parking is in the open Car Park and is free there.

If you cannot drop your child off at the Track, you can bring them to school and there are some kind families offer transport. This is limited to 30 so far.

Activities start at the Track at 9.20am

A slip has come home TODAY to say how you can help on the day. Please return this to school **tomorrow** with any help you can give. **Write on it if you need another family to bring your child to Massey Track.**

The day ends at approximately 2.30pm. Please be there to pick up your child at that time.

Clothing to wear – colour of Houses to celebrate. Shoes are compulsory to wear on the new track, Hats will be needed because it will be sunny and hot. Nutrition is important: Please make sure your child has snacks, lunch and water.

Sausages will be cooked on the day – proudly supported by Manawatu Toyota.

Cricket Reminder:

Join Te Kawanu Junior Cricket this season. Open to any student, all ages, and ability. Focus is on having fun, exercise, being part of a team, and enjoying the great game of cricket. No prior cricket experience is necessary.

Muster day and first training session:

25 October, Thursday 5:30pm at Rongotea Sports Ground. All welcome and free sausage sizzle provided. Parents please note that we will need you to sign in your child at the muster with contact details.

There will be coaching courses available for any interested parents through the Manawatu Cricket Association. These sessions are suitable for parents who want to improve their coaching knowledge or just want to learn some drills for home.

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