

Kairanga School

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2018: Term 4, Week 3



A wonderful opportunity for our Year 8 pupils occurred on Sunday, when they were invited to be a part of the official State Welcome for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex at Government House. We were invited because we have an on-going relationship with Govt House, as part of the inclusive Kairanga Leadership Programme we run here. This programme looks closely at our democracy, and leadership in the community. They meet people who have made a difference in the world, study what leadership is and looks like, plus investigates work experiences.

We are grateful that we were a part of this ceremony and got to talk to the royal pair. Our pupils describe them as genuinely interested in our lives, and that they showed many of the Leadership attributes we have been talking about.

Many thanks to the parents who supervised for us.

Agricultural (L&C) Day 2018: Feedback Please.

We had a great day on Friday at our Ag Day, and we are really grateful to all who helped support our pupils. We'd love to hear what you thought of the day.

If you are so inclined, we have a Googledoc that you can write on, to give us any feedback to highlight what worked well and what didn't. What we could add, so that future days may be successful. The address is:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-UmsgtgDERMb7X0bg4dpKjJjs1UULg48gaCtERKyms/edit>

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What's on top?

The penultimate activity of the BIG Four occurs this Friday, with the Athletics Day at the Massey Track. The weather is looking good, so be prepared for a GREAT day. Many thanks to the helpers and volunteers, for all their efforts. We really appreciate you. Please see the notes for last minute reminders in this newsletter.

All pupils who entered our Ag Day, are eligible to enter the Championship Day (see below – sorry for the size, but that's how I got it. You can zoom in, though!). All pupils entering receive points for the school towards the awarding of the Craig Cup, a very prestigious award.

And congratulations to Brooke, Danica, & Jessie who are travelling to Auckland tonight for the National Young Reporters for the Environment Awards. They received a third place and are presenting their report to this conference. I can't wait to hear their feedback when they return.

See you on Friday, Alastair & The K Team.

Championship Day

Hosted by the Manawatu Oroua Boys and Girls Agricultural Club

The Inter-school Pet Day competition where children compete for points towards the prestigious **Craig Cup**

Your school will have already been gaining points through your school Pet Days Participation & any placings at Championship Day contributes

To be held : **Saturday 10th November 2018**
 At **Te Kawanu Memorial Grounds, Rongotea**
 Registrations from **9.15am**
 Judging Starts **10am sharp**



Lams & Goat Kids only for this year. Placed Pet Diaries for will be on display.
agclub@inspire.net.nz for more information

All children eligible who have attended a registered school pet day
 Raffle \$2, ice-cream truck present on day

It is with sadness that we recognise the passing away of Mr Curtis, a grandparent of our school. Our thoughts, prayer and love go out to the Curtis and Jaslarz families, and extended family.

Reminder: On Monday 12th November, there are the Te Kawanu Cluster Athletics, being held at the Massey Track again. Eligible pupils from our Athletics will be competing alongside all TK Schools.

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Year Eight Friday Lunches

There are NO Yr8 Lunches this week, due to Athletics Day. Water, Juicies and Sausages will be on sale at the Athletics, thanks to the H&S Committee and **Manawatu Toyota**.

Last minute Athletics Info:

There is no postponement date, so this will go ahead.

Clothing/Nutrition: Prepare for all weather – shorts, t-shirt (House colour please), sunhat, sunscreen, sports shoes, sweatshirt, and a raincoat. A substantial lunch/snacks and a water bottle. All in a bag.

Parking at Massey: Park in the Events Car Park (free), via Albany Drive (200m past the Rugby Institute). Go to Summerhill Drive, then Old West Road, then Albany Drive.

Vehicles not parked in authorised parking get tickets and will be razed in the next School Production!

Thanks for all the support and willingness to make this a successful event for all our children. This is our children's opportunity to run faster, jump, throw or 'put' further than they have before.

We look forward to the successes that the day will foster.

Teacher Strike Action: November 13th.

Teachers have voted to strike, as you probably already know in a rolling strike. Our strike will be 13th November.

The teachers union has also entered into negotiations with an independent Facilitator, to try to get agreement on the two issues: Workload and pay. A recommendation may come out this facilitation, but we are not sure. Both sides must consider any recommendation, but are not compelled to accept it.

The strike still stands, and the strike is proceeding at this stage.

Some people have asked if the Teacher Only Day is still going ahead now that a strike is planned. We need to think of these as two separate things. Yes the Today will go ahead, to plan for the end of year events and plan our Professional Development.