

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of

2018: Term 4, Week 4

What's on top?

Thank you all for the support for the recent Athletics competition. When we all, as a school community, join together and support our pupils, things work magically!

The day was great! There were many opportunities for our pupils to shine and enjoy the day.

At Kairanga School we try hard to develop the whole child – academically, socially and physically, and events like this help us do it.

It is also an opportunity to develop resilience and persistence, for there are times in our lives (and Athletics might be one of them, or perhaps it's performing in Production?), when a child will try their very best, but might still end defeated or downcast. Having safe opportunities to fail are good in the long run for kids and it's up to us as adults to support our children through this process.

One of the great things about our school and the community, is the support of all the parents for every child, no matter what. We are truly a village, raising each other's children in many ways – trips, events, supports, coaching, etc, etc. I am grateful that we are like that.

Have a Great Week, Alastair & The K Team.



Our congratulations to Brooke, Jessie and Danica, for their **third placing** in the national Young Reporters for the Environment competition, Video Section. This placing acknowledges their commitment and quality of ideas in their video, which can be seen on YouTube using keywords '**Oh the Places Plastic Will Go**'. Well done team!

Kairanga Athletics Thanks To All

We are so very proud of our children!

But what we are most proud of is our team – made up of our teachers, parents and friends of the school, the Feilding Sports Ambassadors, our house leaders, our Home and School and our cheerleading supporters – and of course the efforts of the children themselves!

This is what makes a strong team and allows our children to be part of a safe and encouraging environment that fosters the development of skills both through performance in an athletic activity and through personal development in demonstrating sportsmanship.

What a day we had and the pride with which we feel in witnessing the achievements of all our pupils is priceless. Success comes with participating to your very best, in recognizing others' abilities and being an active Kairanga School citizen.

We wish to acknowledge you all, for the contributions made and for 'uplifting' our children.

As they go into the future they know what it is to be part of an effective team. Our aim at Kairanga School is to develop and strengthen a diverse skill set to be lifelong learners.

Well Done team!

Feedback Please.

We've had some feedback about the AG Day and how it was received, but we'd like more! If you're interested, please go to the Google doc at this very address:

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

Also, the travel to the Athletics Day seemed to go well and helped the organisation of the day. How well was this received by you? **Please let either Leonie or Alastair know** what you think, as we are inclined to do this again next year.

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



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TeKawau Athletics: Monday 12th!

We have 35 representatives in the Kairanga Team.

All participants need to be at school before 8.40am, ready to go.

If forms have not been returned, please do so NOW, by 9am tomorrow, to confirm participation and organise transport.

Thanks again to the crew of Kairanga Parnets who are helping at this event and the H&S supplying our food needs:

- Snack pack chips 50c
- Sausages \$2
- Coffees \$2
- Juicies \$1
- Water \$2

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 TeKawau Memorial Grounds, Rongotea
 Registrations from 9.15am
 Judging Starts 10am sharp



Lambs & 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



Here is young Jaya: she just finished her season for the U13 Manawatu Rawleigh Girls Hockey team. She had a fantastic season and the team finished 4th in their Rawleigh National Tournament.

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Year Eight Friday Lunches

Lunches this week will be oven-cooked chips, served hot and with or without sauce. Only \$2 per serving.

Please put in your order on THURSDAY, in a named envelope, with the money and order on it. Thanks for all your help in helping the Yr8s support their activities.

End of year Reports: December.

The End of year report forms are undergoing a change this year, as we review and incorporate better thinking into them, and use the Progress and Consistency Tool, to ensure that reports to parents on progress and achievement are clear and accurate. We will be informing you of changes in each of the next few newsletters to prepare you for the information you will receive.

The first change you will see is that of the comments on the New Zealand Curriculum's Key Competencies. Teachers will be making specific comments using their observations and information from subject areas to report on your child's development of these. Key Competencies are very important. They are capabilities for living and for life-long learning. The Key Competencies are: Thinking, Understanding Symbols and Texts, Relating to Others, Managing Self, and Participating and Contributing.

These are BIG PICTURE character traits, and they are seen throughout learning.

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 for 2019.