

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2018: Term 4, Week 6

What's on top?

Let's Protect Our Children's Innocence

Recently I have had to investigate some concerns about children's use of the internet, concerning explicit adult material. Thankfully, our network here at school wasn't used for any of this, but it highlighted to me that kids will stumble upon material when left alone to do so, even when they do not mean to. YouTube and other social media seems especially prone to this.

There are weird and some evil things out there and our kids are innocent to it, until they stumble across it.

Here at school our children use the internet for a variety of reasons – research, communicating, publishing, creating links to Scientist, creating ideas, etc, etc. They use devices in open spaces. They use under direction and in a network that is closed to adult material.

Its all very well having a safe network here at school. What about at your home? Do your children use devices in open spaces (not a bedroom)? Do they share with you what they are doing? Does your system shut out inappropriate things? Do you check device histories? Have you talked to your child about good use? Our children are very precious. They need our leadership and our protection, so let's do this together.

Have a great week, Alastair & The K Team.

The Senior Girls Athletics Cup

This has gone missing and we'd love to have a new one for the future. Would anyone like to donate a new one, for Yr 7&8 Senior Girls?

International Students & Kairanga School

It is now official – Kairanga School has become, finally, a signatory to the International Students Code of Conduct. This means we are now able to take long, or short-term International Students. We are excited by this prospect, and although we won't be having a wave of IS pupils, we will be able to enrich the lives of our pupils through having them here.

We are currently exploring how to advertise and connect with the IS community.



Our winning Athletics Team at the Te Kawau Athletics Competition at Massey. They brought home the Century21 Trophy!

All cups for end of year prize giving need to be cleaned & returned to school please. It is important we have these back now to organise this year's event.

Remember!

Teacher Only Day THIS Friday. School is closed.

Year Eight End-Of-Year Activities

As part of the Year Eight Leadership Programme we run, and as a reward for all the hard work this group put into our school on a daily basis, the annual Yr8 Camp to Sixtus Lodge is happening next week. Many thanks for all the helpers and offers of support.

Also, on December 13th, 6-8pm there is the Yr8 Dinner. It costs \$15.00. Parents do not attend this event, and can pick up from The Square pond at 8pm. Any questions, please see Donna.

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PALMERSTON NORTH CHRISTMAS PARADE

Hey kids! Want to take part in the Christmas Parade?

We have a category for decorated bikes. So get you and your bike all looking like Christmas and you could win a prize. All entrants get to take part in the parade.

Entry conditions—you need to be between 4 and 12 years old, and have a bike that you can ride around the parade route. (You can bring a big person to walk with you if you need one). You will need to wear a helmet, so plan your design around that.

Only 50 bikes can go in the parade, so be quick to save your place! Go to www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz

to enter online.

2nd December 2018

2pm Parade Start



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Year Eight THURSDAY Lunches
 Because of TODAY on Friday, we will offer Lunches **tomorrow**: 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.

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 (PaCT), 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 PaCT is a Ministry of Education Tool that ensures schools are able to give accurate Overall Teacher Judgements, about where your child is at against our expectations for the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC).
 In Primary Schools, we cover the first four levels of learning in the NZC. We expect that each level of the NZC will be achieved over two years. A Yr 1&2 pupils will be achieving at Level 1, a Yr 7&8 pupil will be at Level 4.

There will be three pages of information for you of Reading, Writing and Maths. At the top of each page there will be a simple statement that says your child is in a particular Year Group, what the expected NZC Level for that Year Group is, and what Level your child is at.
 In the graph is a blue bar that shows their PaCT Score, and the associated NZC Level.



As an example, you can see in this picture that the NZC level this child is at is Level 2 (blue mark), which we would expect a Yr3&4 child to be achieving and working within.