

Kairanga School

Building firm foundations for a lifetime of learning.

2018: Term 4, Week 9

What's on top?

Almost the end of the year and its reflection time: It's been a year of change in many ways, and most things have worked well, but some things will continue to need tweaking.

Along with staff changes, there have been changes to the way we do things in class, report to parents, communicate with the community, celebrate with the community, sports, learning, new DPs, new programmes, lots of professional development, and many lessons learned along the way.

I am all busy making and setting up the plans we have for 2019, while making sure that the end of year is a pleasant and successful one for all.

2019 is already looking really good, and hopefully it will be a settled one. End-of-year Reports are coming out on Friday (when we get back from the Picnic), and are new and detailed in the way they report to you on the progress of your child.

We have been told that the Education Review Office will be here early in the year, to do its external review on us, and publishing their verdict on how well we operate as a school. I am looking forward to this coming in week 3 of the first term.

This newsletter is the last for 2019 and has details about the last few events that you need to be aware of prepare for. Please remember that you can go onto the Kairanga Website at any time and see the calendar of events. You can be responsible too.

Lastly, many thanks to the coaches, transporters, supporters and helpers over the year. We are all very grateful to be working and serving in this place along with you, for the good of our pupils!

**Have a great week and a Kiwi Christmas Holiday,
Alastair & The K Team.**

Year Eight End-Of-Year Activities

This Thursday, December 13th, 6-8pm is the Annual Yr8 Dinner. It costs \$15.00 (pupils to bring the money and pay themselves). Parents do not attend this event, and can pick up from The Square pond at 8pm for photos. The young men are asked to dress up in longs, shoes and a collared shirt and tie (borrow grandad's!), and the young ladies are asked to dress up in a dress and shoes. Any questions please see Donna.

2019 BoT Elections: This is happening in July 2019 and we want YOU to consider serving on the Board of Trustees. There will be two vacant places and are elected positions that make up the governance of our great little school. We have been fortunate in the past to have great people stand and serve on our Board, so who do you know that might be keen and good enough? If you'd like to know more, please come in and see Alastair, or a current Board member.

End of Year Picnic

This happens each year at the Makino Pool in Feilding. It is a lovely time together, in a relaxed and connected way. We love having all our community come if they can – for a part of it, or all of it. Adults are welcome to come and swim along with us and be part of their child's school-life in this way.

Hopefully the sun shines and the children don't burn (they will, of course, be reminded and told to be sunsmart all day!).

As well as coming and enjoying the fun, we do need help to get there and back, as the bus seats up to 75.

All little people can go on the bus (and avoid the car seat rule), but we would love parents to take other pupils to and from the Makino Pool.

If you can help, please add your name to the list in the office to indicate your ability to help.

We leave at 11am and swim between 11.30am and 1.30pm. We will have a break for a school picnic in between.

All pupils will need their normal clothes, plus their togs and towel, hats, lunch, drink bottle.

We will have games and fun outside the pool too.

Come and join us and have some fun! We all need and appreciate being together.

School Plans to See

Please feel free to come into the foyer and see the plans we have for the remodel of the main school block, which we hope will begin in 2019.

They include breakout spaces, unisex toilets, redecorated classrooms, and better access and variation of learning spaces.

Come in and view for yourself!

School Prize-Giving: Monday 17th 6.30-8pm, Kairanga Hall.

The annual prize-giving is a chance for our whole Kairanga School family to join together and celebrate ALL our pupils in different ways. We can especially enjoy the performance of the pupils in the songs they are sharing for you, but it is also an opportunity for you to come and see the children who have stood out and are being rewarded for participation, perseverance, excellence and service in our school. I think it is a way of celebrating YOUR input into each of our children.

For our Year Eight pupils it is a chance to remind us all of what is important, to thank us and tell us what they hope for in the future.

We all expect a good turn out, with all our pupils in attendance and creating a positive atmosphere to send our Yr8s away with our blessing and best wishes. The Hall doors open at 6.30pm, with you and your children coming straight there. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.