



KAITAO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kaitao Panui
Bringing School News Home To You

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The Kaitao Panui



Your Fortnightly News Update From the Principal's Desk

School Camps

Well it's week 5 and the three team camps are all back at school. Visiting the camps has been a great experience for me and I know that the teachers, students and parents who have been with the camps have enjoyed themselves and have formed strong relationships which in time supports their ability and attitude to learning. It is always problematic to go at the beginning of the year when so many other things are happening but we are convinced doing so enables these relationships to support learning and student hauora throughout the rest of the year. I know a lot of you have been able to see your children on our Facebook page enjoying themselves and taking part in the many activities there.

We had wonderful parent helpers and are so grateful that most of the Student Leaders were keen to stay on and help organize and support the teachers and their fellow students.

My thanks to our Deputy Principal Debbie Holmes, Tracey Papuni and Shaun Kapua who stayed the entire time and to the Team Leaders Whaea Frances, Whaea Vali and Whaea Leonie for their planning and organization of the three camps.

We were all hugely impressed with the large numbers of parents who came to the pre camp meeting prior to camp.

Tech Arts at Kaitao School

The technical arts programs that we have at our school now involve students learning about

1. Hard materials (woodwork)
2. Exo Tech (Robotics, coding)
3. Food tech (cooking)
4. Art

These learning experiences help students build skills in a variety of settings and in addition supports the Key Competencies around such things as self management when they organise themselves and their materials to produce tangible items.

Now that we have those areas going so well we would also like to find someone who could teach music to a small group of keen students who would like to form a school band. They need somebody who is reliable and passionate about music, gets on well with students and who is creative and hard working. It is only for about 2 - 3 hours per week at the moment but this could be extended on a contract basis. If you know anybody who would be interested and you think that they would be suitable please contact my amazing personal assistant Karen Bedingfield.

As you know we now have four new reconditioned classrooms. Room 3 also has brand new furniture being brought in to create a very good learning environment. The re roofing of the Admin area continues to provide a distraction of noise but it will all be over soon with new roofing, new lighting and carpeting of that area.

During the upcoming holidays our students toilets are going to be upgraded so that they are safer and more hygienic for our students.

Two weeks ago we had the Honourable Simon Bridges, Leader of the Opposition along with Todd McClay visit our school to see how our school is doing and also to ask about our lunch program. We also had the Labour Party member from Tauranga Honourable Jan Tinetti and the Labour candidate for Rotorua Claire Mahon visit to also see our school and discuss the Free Lunches programme .

Term 1

18th March	Immunising for Y8 HPV
6th - 10th April	Week 10
10th April	Good Friday
11th - 12th April	Easter Weekend
13th—26th April	School Holidays
25th April	Anzac Day
27th April	Anzac Day observed
28th April	Term 2 Week 1 begins

Is your Child Absent From School?

If your child is going to be absent from school please either:

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Weekly Awards

Academic Award

Te Waiora Waiariki	Maureen Akurangi
Summer Gibbons	Layla Thompson
Harlum Hakeke	Jake Young-Gunn
Azaria Taoho	John Ryan
Dzyiah Graham	Charles Donnelly
Iotia Marsters	Leonidas Te Pairi
Chartruse Taiepa-Hawkins	Layla Thompson
Kaakai Benjamin	Darcy Herwini
Sophie Stiener	Laurel Khan-Kelly
Hoani Patrick-Savage	Novalee Kennedy

Citizenship Award

Royale Kapene	Dontayes Walker
Naquita de Souza	Sarah Whyte
Damon Johns	Nikunj Manu
Benjamin Teka	Talia Pari-Samson
Piper-Renee Reid	Tearaia Marsters
Kylee Phillips-Thompson	Jaxson Fidow
Claudia McPhee	Rain-Maree Tito
Usana Dudley	Saxon Rozeboom
Lachlan Brown	

Cultural Award

Michaela Fawthrop	Cassidy Kapa
Vaatauo Foe	Amie Tiatia
Clayton Myers	Naitarah Hunia
Ripeka Wairau	Tyla Malcolm
Ariki Pene-McLeod	Te Ariki Daniels
Sophie Bloomfield	Lydia Lee
Emma Poumako	Siane Kora-Kouka
Tyson Young-Nelson	Dontae Samuels
Zoe Cullen	

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From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

I have had the great fortune and privilege to spend the last 10 days at camp with all our amazing students, teachers, staff and parents helpers. The three teams over the past 10 days have rolled in and out of camp on their set dates for three nights each. Running camp in this way allowed us to save huge amounts of money on transport, reducing the overall cost to parents. It also helped us to ensure that key staff were out of school for as short a period of time as possible.

Student Leaders at Camp - For the first time we trialled bringing our student leaders to camp for the whole time to allow them to build their leadership skills across all of the teams in our school. All our student leaders have impressed us all with their ongoing commitment to leadership this year, and the eleven students who were able to stay at MiCamp for the duration have been outstanding. We have seen them build relationships with others in all the teams, lead groups, assist with activities, complete copious amounts of chores, remain cheerful, be role models and really challenge themselves by being away from whanau for quite a considerable period of time.

The leaders met daily, during which time we discussed the challenges. They were really mature in the way they accepted feedback and took on board the responsibility their role brings. They could see that despite being a number of days in, that with each incoming group there was huge expectation on them, and they understood this. They accepted that putting your hand up for a role then means having to deal with the good, the bad and the ugly. They realised that by camp three, when they were tired, missing home and needing a rest that there was little understanding of what they had been through or what they were going through and that this meant continuing to show resilience, responsibility, respect and excellence, even when they didn't want to. This was the ugly!. They saw teachers, students, staff and parents come and go, all tired when they left, and kept on going. What a team! I am so proud to say that they made it! They were still smiling to the end, through the good, the bad, and the ugly! Fabulous work student leaders, you have really seen what it takes to be a leader.

Staff at Camp - Thank you to all of the staff who attended MiCamp Taupo in 2020, you also were outstanding. The ongoing energy and commitment it takes to lead and attend camp is incredible and you all stepped up and took it on for our rangatahi. I thank you all for the time away from your whanau, the extra hours and for allowing us to do this throughout the weekend. Without your go ahead, we could not have pulled this off. Know that many parents appreciated this commitment which went over and above and that I am incredibly appreciative and proud to be part of team who will do this for students. You are all amazing!

Parent Helpers - You are the most important part of camp. We can't do it without you! Thank you so much for attending, giving your time and getting to know us all. Your support means a great deal to us. Thank you to all of of you who took leave, gave up your time, and provided support not only to your own child but to all our students at camp. It takes a village to raise a child, and you are a very important part of our Kaitao village.

Finally, I thank Matua Shaun and Whaea Tracey who were crazy enough to agree to completing the 10 days alongside me. You both worked tirelessly, stitched things together, saw gaps and filled them, led and supported and helped make everything work. Bring on Noho 2021!

Ms. Holmes
Deputy Principal
Kaitao Intermediate

Room 3 Reflection of MiCamp Taupo as part of Moana Waka's Camp.

Paintball:

There I was with a mask on my head. Looking like a military man. Peow! There goes the paintball hitting someone in the head.

"Opps, sorry" I yelled.

Lucky they had a mask on or that could have been disastrous. I'm running to capture these deep blue coloured flags to take back to our base to win the game but I get shot in the back so I have to drop the flag. Luckily my team mate grabs the flag and takes it back. We have won!

Water Slide:

As I'm getting ready for my turn I watch the previous person just to see what the slide is like. I'm impressed. I go down the waterslide and as I run back up to the top I decide to try the left waterslide. On the way down I realise that it is bumpy like a rough metal road. I didn't like that experience so decide to go back to the right hand sided slide as it's a lot smoother (like butter compared to the left one!) This is my third and final ride. I dry myself off slowly. It is an extremely hot day and this is my last activity.

Deegan Edwards Rm 3

As the bus was reaching our destination I took a look out of the window to see a beautiful sunshine glaring over the lake. Two minutes later we arrive. MiCamp Taupo!

Water Slide:

"Wooo weee!" I yelled. "uh...oh..slow down!"

Splosh! Splish! Splash!

"Ooooh that could have been worse!" I said as I was gripping to the end of the ramp.

"ok...round 2..."

Challenge ropes:

"stay steady Reyne, you got this" I whisper to myself as my harness kept me from falling to my demise.

My heart sinks "Uh oh the spider web" I spoke whilst staring at the beautiful Peach coloured sky. I tell myself not to stop as I lunge to the next stage.....the tightrope!

...but this time I know I can achieve it.

Reyne Waters Rm 3

Sling paint

Bam!!! The irritating feeling of pain entered my system while the sound of stretching slingshots made me shiver with fear. I was cornered. I zoomed into the bushes, my enemies started to identify me as anonymous leaf waving in the bushes. For me, camouflage was ephemeral.

My stubbornness enveloped me. I had become bored with hiding. So I slowly made my way out of the bushes. I had been noticed so I ran into the safe zone to admit my defeat.

Waterslide

Slip slap slip slap!!!

I was screaming my waha off with excitement, my body becoming ever lighter by the second until....the end of the slide made me feel like nothing more than a cow dying of a thousand cuts. I stood up to see my back looking like a lady bug by the way all the stones cut into my back creating funky lines.

The end was near. The slide was getting drier, the kids were getting bored and the weather was getting colder. So with frowns on our faces we sadly left the area arriving into a room full of food and happy faces.

Rico Walker - Onekawa Rm 3



Junior Badminton

When: Every Wednesday (during school term)
Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Location: Rotorua Badminton Hall
26 Tarewa Place, Rotorua
For: Ages 8 to 18 years
Fee: \$5 per night (season discounts apply)

Attendance:
Just turn up and play
Rackets and shuttles provided

Coaching available

For more information please contact:
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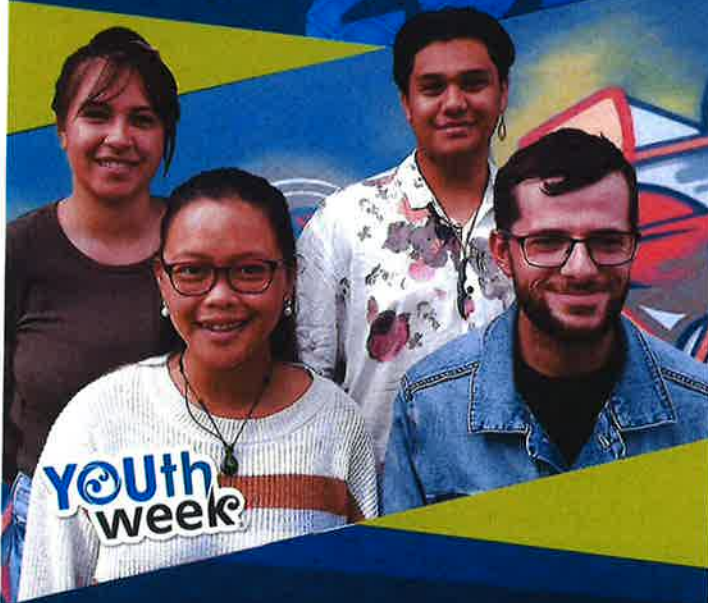
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