



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

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A great start to 2020

We would like to congratulate all of the year 7's who have had such a great start to their year. We do acknowledge the parenting skills from so many of you and the work that the contributing schools have put in that makes a big difference.

Health & Safety of Students and Staff - Sometimes parents/whanau need to discuss issues with us at school. Please be very aware that we are very experienced in dealing with the many situations that occur in the life of the school although they may be very new to you. Do ensure that anytime you visit school for the safety of ALL students and ALL staff that you do the following, to ensure you as a visitor feel safe at school and that your actions also allow staff and students to feel safe.

SO please

1. Ring first and make an appointment to see the teacher OR
2. Come into the office and make an appointment.
3. If you have made an appointment you must still sign in and wear the official visitors sticker.

YOU MAY NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

Enter a classroom without permission to do so between 9.00am and 3.00pm. See above.

If you do need to pop in and say hello to your child's teacher between 8.30am and 9.00am or after 3.00pm remember you must not reprimand (growl) to any child other than your own - even if you do have permission to come into the school.

At all times when on our school site remember as a Positive Behaviour for Learning School **any aggressive behaviour cannot and will not be tolerated**. Anyone who demonstrates this behaviour puts all of us at risk.

The Education Act 39C protects teachers and students from aggressive behaviour. This act is as follows...

139C Offence of insulting, abusing, or intimidating staff

- (1) Every person commits an offence, and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, who intentionally insults, abuses, or intimidates a teacher or member of staff of a registered school—
 - (a) within the presence or hearing of any student of the school; and
 - (b) while on school premises, or in any other place where students of the school are assembled for school purposes.

School Camps - Mi Camp Taupo - The first of three camps will be going ahead beginning this Sunday 1 March at Mi Camp Taupo. We were delighted with the number of students who will be attending and looking forward to students and teachers being in a setting where they get to know each other in a very different way from school environs. The activities on camp are really exciting; they include water slides, orientation, sling paint, geocaching, climbing wall, challenge ropes and swimming.

Camp Payments - please ensure your child's camp monies are paid in full by the dates below.

Final Payments for **Camp 1 Moana** leaving Monday 2 March is this **Friday 28 at 3.00pm**

Final Payments for **Camp 2 Maunga** leaving Thursday 5 March at **3.00pm is Wednesday 4 March**

Final Payment for **Camp 3 Ngahere** leaving Sunday 8 March is **Friday 6 March at 3.00pm.**

School Buildings - If you haven't noticed already a new roof is being built to cover the main Administration Block and Hall. The office area is also being redecorated so over the next week or so it might look very different until that area is completed. We apologise for any short term inconvenience.

School Lunches - Last week I was interviewed by Hayley Holt from the Breakfast Show on the progress of the Schools Free Lunch trial. Here is the link if you would like to see some of it again.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/premium/news/article.cfm?c_id=1504669&objectid=12310160

School Hauora - Our school currently uses Puawai vouchers to give to students who demonstrate our key values of Showing **Respect**, taking **Responsibility**, having **Resilience** and working towards **Excellence**.

Students Attendance - We do know that students need every opportunity to learn so when a child misses school for whatever reason it is a day's learning lost. To encourage and support your child we have class competitions for classes who reach the highest levels and individual ones. Those students who achieve 100% all year will be taken to the Waimarino Adventure Park near the end of the year. Thank you so much to parents who see that learning is critical to a child's ability to have positive choices in life.

Have a great week ahead.

Phil Palfrey

Principal - Kaitao Intermediate

Term 1

2nd - 11th March	MiCamp in Taupo
2nd - 5th March	Team 1 Moana MiCamp Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
5th - 8th March	Team 2 Maunga MiCamp Rooms 6, 7, 8, 9
8th - 11th March	Team 3 Ngahere MiCamp Rooms 10, 11, 12, 13
10th March	Vision and Hearing Testing
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



Weekly Awards

Academic Award (Term 1 - Wk 2)

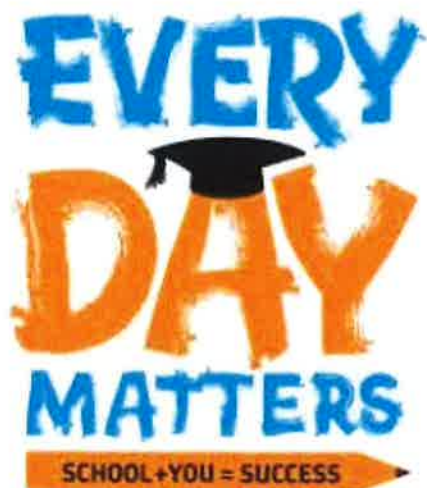
Oasis Taiepa-Hawkins	Cody Archer
Toni Biggs	Naquita De Souza
Tiara Pomery	Kaituna Te Aute
Kieser Low	Jack McKnight
Anna Molony	Jayah Marsters
Lino Koshimizu-Thompson	Kaydince Young
TJ Lee	Riki Sakeo
Elizabeth Howard	

Citizenship Award (Term 1 - Wk 2)

Azmin Dixon	Beau Mead
Chartruse Taiepa-Hawkins	Zephania Hunia
Sienna Toma-Te Moni	Alyssa Mansner
Riddick Kyle-McIlroy	Reece Williams
Jayda Gibbons	Toi Tamaki
Bob Korau	Kaydince Young
Heidi Pope	Te Moona Marsters

Cultural Award (Term 1 - Wk 2)

Sabree Bidois-Mihaka	Toni Biggs
Kylee Phillips-Thompson	Laval Wilson
Natalia Graham-McRae	Ella Hudson
Maia Drabble	Eden Ryder
Te Tarewa Pene-McLeod	Clayton Myers
Iotia Marsters	Tayzin Marks
Cooper Simes	



Is your Child Absent From School?

If your child is going to be absent from school please notify the school by:

- Phoning the school office, press 1 to leave a message
- Email us via our school app
- Or email us at office@kaitao.school.nz

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Welcome to Kaitao Intermediate for 2020. We have loved getting to know you and your child over the past few weeks and look forward to meeting with you more as the year progresses.

We have been fortunate to get lunch in schools program off the ground over the past few weeks. Having made sandwiches for hungry kids last year I know the difference this makes to learning. Many students have commented that they miss the sandwiches and then when asked if it is the sandwich or the chat, have admitted they love the daily connection. I am finding new ways to make sure they see me out and about and can continue to chat with me each day.

The Emerging Adolescent - Children of this age can be difficult to understand as their emotions and behaviours change. They have difficulty managing their friendships in the same ways they did when they were younger as they become more conscious of what others think about them. Adolescents are trying to find out who they are and where they fit in the world. This is the age where they try new things and start to test the boundaries. They need you the most to guide them through this stage. The boundaries still need to be there, and while it might not seem like it, they appreciate this. And remember this is a short period of time which you will look back on in a few years and laugh about. It might not feel like it now, but it honestly does happen!

Relationship Management - As Deputy Principal one of my roles is dealing with disagreements between students and restoring relationships between them. Both myself and our AP deal with these disagreements frequently. Children are still learning how to manage relationships at this age and often need support to be able to fix incidents between them. Often what we deal with is minor, however in the eyes of the adolescent can seem major. Encourage your child to seek help from a teacher early. **Know that we take these things seriously and that we will listen to all sides.** Trust that we have experience in dealing with students and the issues they encounter. Let us know if your child does have the courage to do so themselves.

MiCamp Taupo - Attendance at camps and overnight stays is really important for getting to know students. It is an important part of developing new friendships, seeing teachers in a different light and setting up relationships for the remainder of the year. At Intermediate we have such a short time to develop these relationships and see these as being a vital part of getting to know students and being ready for learning. For some students this can be worrying, however know that we have the experience to ensure that they are well cared for and any anxieties dealt with calmly. Many students mentioned last year how important camp was in feeling as though they belonged at Kaitao Intermediate. We are looking forward to some great times ahead over the next few weeks at camp. Ms. Holmes will be attending all of the camps for all of our three teams over the 10 days.

Piercings - Please be reminded that there is a school rule (outlined in the prospectus) that students are allowed one ear piercing and earrings are to be small studs. A number of large studs have appeared this year as the fashion changes. Please restrict the size of earrings for school. Tongue and nose piercings are not allowed at Kaitao Intermediate for health and safety reasons.

Parking and Pick ups - For the safety of students and other traffic please use the parks on the school side of Bell Road to wait for students, or use the front half of the turn around bay along the driveway to park. The back part of the driveway and parking is for teachers only and is coned off at the end of the day. Please ensure that the disabled car parks are used only if you have a mobility sticker. It is advised not to park on the other side of the Bell Road as children then run across the road to your vehicle and put themselves in danger. It also annoys the neighbours when their front verge is driven on, particularly when the weather gets wet and the lawn is damaged. Please also be mindful that students are getting used to there being two driveways for them to cross at the front gate. Take care coming into and going out of the driveway and stick to the 5km speed limit within the car park area.

We are particularly impressed this year with the calibre of student leaders and the way they have adapted to their roles quickly and efficiently, providing effective leadership across the school. We are looking forward to a really fantastic year in 2020 and absolutely adore all the lovely students we have here at Kaitao Intermediate.

Naku noa atu

Debbie Holmes (B.Ed, DipT)

Deputy Principal - Kaitao Intermediate School

Te Ruma Tahī

Theme: Ko wai au?

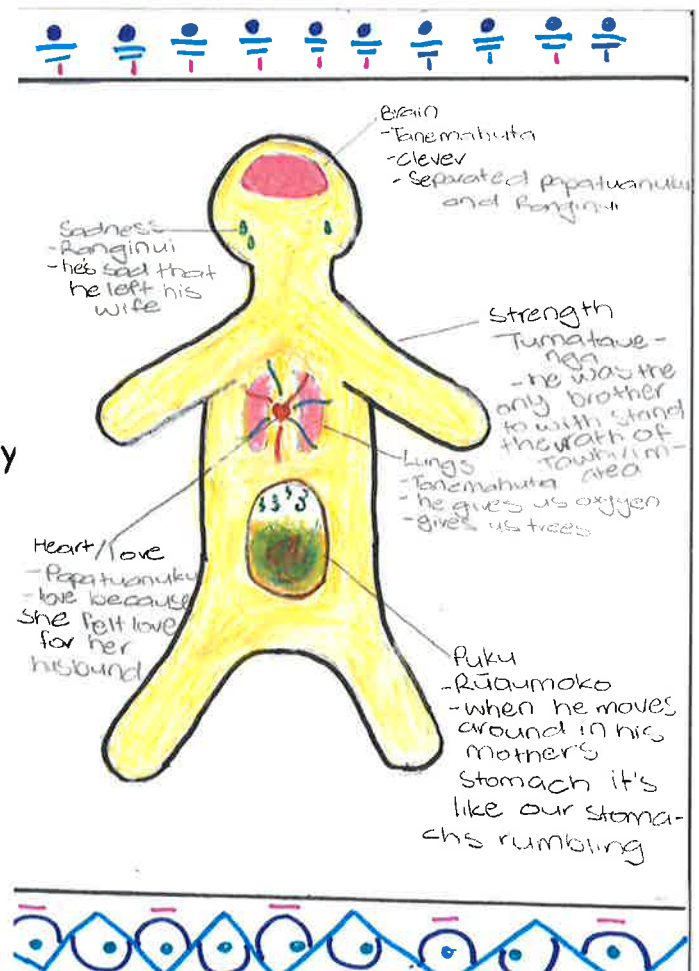
Te Ruma Tahī has been learning about who we are, our whakapapa and how we connect to our Kaitiaki or Tupuna. We started learning about Kaitiaki such as Ranginui and Papatuanuku and their children. We call them Kaitiaki because in Te Ao Māori they are guardians of whenua, wai, ngahere and many other aspects pertaining to our world. We call them tupuna too, many of us who whakapapa to Te Arawa descend from Rangī and Papa.

We learnt about what Whiria te Ako means to us, all of our learning is integrated with a Scientific Focus. Whiria te Ako also means that we can choose our learning journey, while keeping with our theme - Ko wai au.

After learning about Kaitiaki such as Rangī and Papa, Tanemahuta, Tawhirimatea, Haumietiketike, Ruamoko, Tumatauenga and Whiro and identifying their characteristics we then made scientific links to us by completing a paired activity. We drew a person, labelled specific parts of the tinana and identified how our Kaitiaki was connected to us as people.

Curriculum links are:

Te Ao Māori, Te Reo Mātatini,
Nga Toi, Putaiao - Human Biology



Room 2 Cinquain Poetry

Students will be able to identify the common structure of Cinquain poetry and write their own examples. These Cinquain poems reflect the students learning here at Kaitao Intermediate School.

Tisharn Houkamau - Athletes

Athletes
Reckless Action
Jumping Flipping Running
Movement Hockey Harmless Netball
Technique

Daneka O'brien - School

School
Useful Aircon
Sports Running Walking
Happy Class Happy Learning
Subjects

Manaia Kahu - Running

Running
Difficult Tiring
Sweaty Pumping Workout
Achy Hot Sore Feet
Sport

Hunta-jay Thompson - School

Beautiful Place
Talking Writing Playing
An Absolutely Fantastic Class
Learning

Deja hanz -Koba [dog]

Husky
Fluffy Sneaky
Eating Playing Sleeping
Happy Koba Being Mischief
Doggy

Nevaeh Katene- Maths

Maths
Plus's Adding
Times table Takeaway Division
Learning An Interesting Thing
Helpful

Maia-j Te kiri - Dog's

Dog's
Loveful Cutie
Doggy's Running Around
Friendly Loyal Cuddly Pooches
Hungry

Reitu Meelker-Puppies

Puppies
Fluffy Happy
Running Playful Jumpy
Hungry Little Animals Cute
Loveful

Tyler Franklin - Camp

Camp

Sparkling Water

Walking Swimming Sleeping

Wooden Bunk Bed Cabins Outdoors

Activities

Harlan Rangiwaha - School

School

Funny Place

Talking Walking Jogging

Happy Fun Fantastic Class

Writing

Raeven Adams - Tech

Tech

Hard Work

Designing Working Drawing

Creative

Houston Graham - Sports

Touch

Training Running

Coach Learning Passes

Playing as a great Kaitao Team

Challenge

Reipae Meelker-Netball

Netball

Awesome Sporty

Serious Throwing Fun

Throwing The Interesting Ball

Playful

Kingston Wiringi - Kaitao

School

Lunches Yummy

Children Study Ladder Run

Resilience Listen Eat Look

Office

Phoenix Tito - Lunches

Lunches

Cold Dry

Burgers Hot Dogs Wraps

Free Kai Is Good

Yummy

Jade Crosbie - Lunches

Helpful Energy

Yummy Filling Eating

Useful Delicious Different Lucky

Hungry

Ella Begley - Bunnies

Shy

Fluffy Healthy

Bunnies Hop Around

Playful Cuties Soft Fast

Bunnies

Crystal Head-Jessy - Brother

Jessy

Loving Moody

Protective Kind Failing

Biggest Fun Crazy Family

Brother

Room 6 - iPad Class

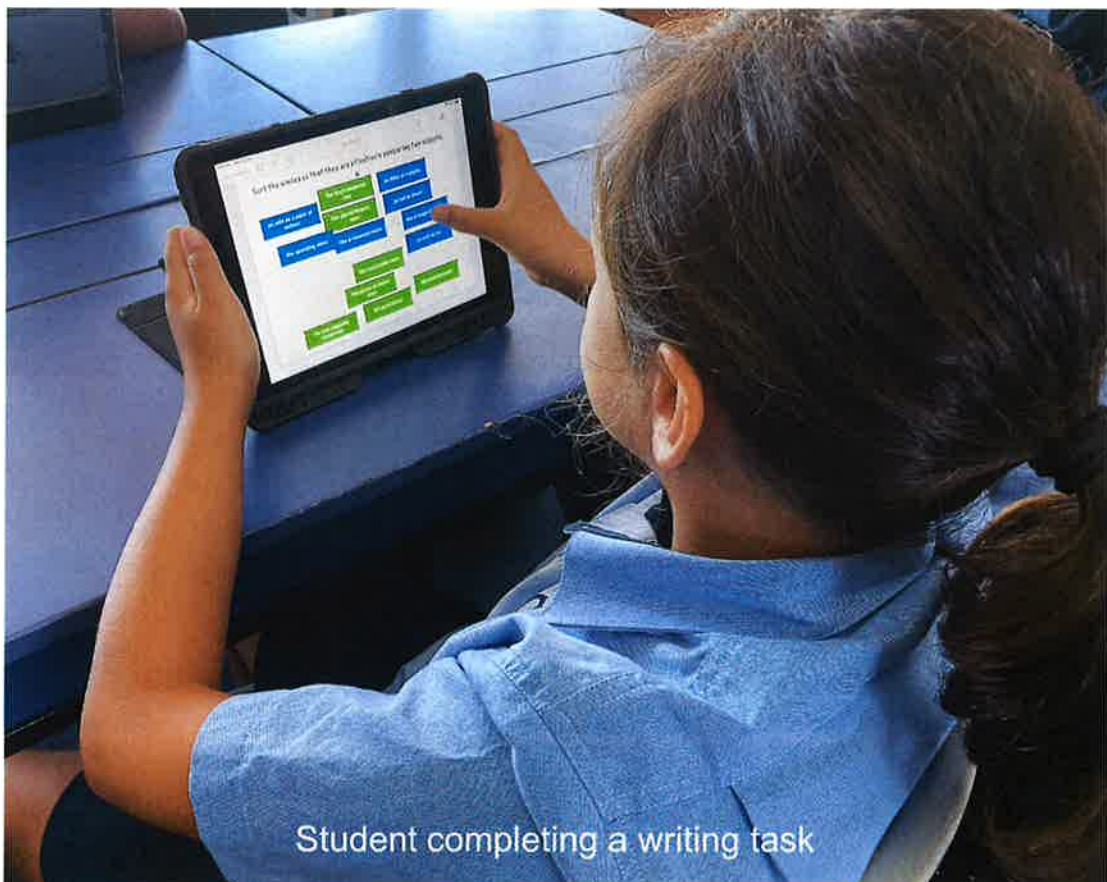
In Akoranga Auaha, Kaitao's iPad class, we have been enjoying learning with the use of our iPads. As a teacher, I love seeing my students so engaged in what they are doing, but how do the students feel about it?

"I like being in the iPad class because I get my work done faster and stay on task. I get to experience new apps and ways to work with them." - Zephania Hunia (Deputy Head Girl)

"I can enhance my education with all the different things we do. We're not stuck with just maths, reading and writing. Also, I like using technology." - Layla Thompson (Year 7 student)

"I love the iPad class because we get more choices when we are doing our work." - Toni Biggs (Year 7 student)

There are still spaces available in Akoranga Auaha for new and existing Kaitao students. Please contact Leonie for more information, frenchl@kaitao.school.nz.



Student completing a writing task

Emergency Management Plan

We have recently engaged Harrison Tew® to set up our Emergency Management Plan. Harrison Tew is an external company established by ex-police officers to work with schools and to train schools in “best practice”. Kaitao Intermediate has taken this extra step for the safety of staff and students at our school.

We will be working with the community at large in communication should an emergency occur at the school and that our school has the safest conditions in place for students, staff and any visitors on-site, including training.

If an emergency occurs our main sort of communication with parents/caregivers will be via our website, we will also communicate via text and email at the start and conclusion of an emergency. Please monitor our website to receive regular updates if the emergency, lock down or otherwise is prolonged.

Over the next week all students will receive a notice to update your details for our records. Please check the information we have and add any information that may be missing e.g. mobile phone number, email address



LAKES DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

VISION TESTING

A Vision and Hearing Technician from Lakes District Health Board will be testing the year 7 & any year 8 students who were missed last year at school on Tuesday, 10 March 2020.

If you **do not** wish to have your child tested, please sign the form below and return to the school office.

I do not wish to have my child's vision tested.

Child Name _____

Room Number _____

Name of Parent/Caregivers _____

Signature of Parent/Caregivers _____

Date _____

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