



KAITAO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

TE KURA TAKAWAENGA O KAITAO ROTOHOKAHOKA



Kaitao Panui
Bringing School News Home To You

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The Kaitao Panui



Your Fortnightly News Update From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora Koutou,

It is now 2 weeks since we have been back at school, with Auckland Anniversary and Waitangi day making both weeks only four days. We were delighted with how well our Year 8's welcomed our Year 7s to our school. We would like to thank you as parents for supporting the kaupapa of our school ensuring that our new students were welcomed as they entered this place of learning for the next two years.

We need to say to you that we have spent a lot of time over the holidays thinking and planning activities and lessons that will engage, support, challenge and motivate your children. We really need you on board to support us. Schooling is important but your influence as whanau is far greater than we can ever dream of. When your children are home you can continue their learning by reading to and with them, telling them stories about your life, about their families far and wide so they have a sense of belonging and know their place in the world. For example, when I go to the supermarkets I notice some children checking off lists and discussing product choice with parents - that is important learning and because you are very important to them the learning can be deep and rich.

We need you to accentuate how absolutely important it is that your children attend school every single day. Please never give your children a choice as to go to school or not - **it is their job at this age to be at school**. At the end of the year we will be rewarding all students who achieve 100% success.

Our school values are **resilience, responsibility, respect** and working towards **excellence**. It would be great at home if you could also talk about these values because all of them would support in getting all of us to do better in our lives.

Last year we noticed that most of our students achieved success academically but this year, hopefully not interrupted by covid-19, we would expect our children who attend school every day to make excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum including the key competencies of time management and managing themselves.

Time goes very quickly and it is only a matter of 4- 5 years before your children will be looking at either work or tertiary study and they need to be working hard even now to prepare for those times.

Our roll currently is 368 similar to last year's and this makes us a fairly large Intermediate school but small enough that we can focus on each child's individual education. We hope that you will join us in any way you can to make your children's lives better.

Classroom Changes - We understand that coming to intermediate can be challenging. We have placed students in classrooms that we best feel suit their needs. We endeavour to ensure that all students have at least one other student that they know in their class. These may not necessarily be their friends. Intermediate is a time for making new friends and connections and trying new things.

We are currently not looking to change any students to different classrooms. While we understand that some students may not yet have settled and in some instances are still apprehensive, we know that taking time to settle into a new environment takes time. If, after 6 weeks at school students are needing some assistance to become settled please let us know. We MAY at this time consider a classroom change. Any classroom changes will be dependent on classroom numbers. A change might not be to the class your child or you requests.

Noho Marae - We will be holding Noho marae camp over the next few weeks and as it is a very important part of our program, so please again can you support us to get your children to camp. We have noticed how quickly our students feel more of a sense of belonging to their teachers, classmates and the school as a whole once they have been to camp.

We have had a concentrated effort on checking uniforms and ensuring that inappropriate jewellery is not worn so that students can come to school and focus on their learning rather than the distractions. The rules about jewellery also ensure that students can safely play sport and be involved in active activities at any time throughout the day.

Easter Break in 2021 - Please note that Easter this year falls outside of the school holidays . The dates being April 2 Good Friday, April 5 Easter Monday, and **April 6 Easter Tuesday**.

Term 1 finishes on Friday 16 April and Term 2 begins 3 May 2021.

Cell phones - We have now provided a safe for each classroom where ALL student cellphones are to be put IF they have permission from you as parents to bring them to school. They are to be handed in first thing and handed back at the end of the day. Once again a reminder to check constantly that your child's phone is not used to bully, harass anyone or send inappropriate content to others. This does not change the responsibility for the school to be financially responsible for these items in any way. Student devices should be covered by your own insurance.

Whanau Picnic - A reminder that our Whanau Picnic is to be held tonight at Hamurana Reserve from between 5-7pm. Please bring your own kai. We think there is a barbecue there that you can use if you wish. This gives you a chance to meet your child's teacher in a relaxed setting.

Nga mihi



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Policies and Procedures

*To see all our Policies and
Procedures log into SchoolDocs*

www.schooldocs.co.nz

Username = kaitao

Password = respect

Term 2

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| 11 Feb | Whanau Picnic |
| 23 - 26 Feb | Ngahere Noho Marae |
| 26 Feb - 1 Mar | Maunga Noho Marae |
| 1 - 4 Mar | Moana Noho Marae |
| 3 Mar | Education HPV - Yr 8 students |
| 18 Mar | Westbrook School Gala |
| 22 Mar | Rhythm Interactive Show |
| 30 Mar | Hearing & Vision Testing |
| 31 Mar | Vaccination HPV - Yr 8 Students |
| 2 - 6 Apr | Easter weekend - No School |
| 16 Apr | Last day of Term 1 |



Weekly Awards

Academic Award

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| Alezae Trebes | Kiara Pekasio |
| Addison Fletcher | Jake Young-Gunn |
| Jayde Clarke | Xander Kyle-McIlroy |
| R.F. Flavell-Brown | Brooke Anderon |

Citizenship Award

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| Stevie-Lee Te Waaka | Innocent Deli |
| Tearaia Marsters | lotia Marsters |
| Noah Clarke | Pearce James |
| Alyah Warmington-O'Neill | Ella Hudson |

Cultural Award

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| Michaela Fawthrop | Elizabeth Howard |
| Jimmi Huff | Kaydince Young |
| Cody Scothern | Lulu Walters |
| Reece Williams | Peyton Drummond-Clements |

Kaitao Intermediate School

Caretaker Required

Part Time – Permanent

We are seeking a Full Time, Permanent Caretaker for 30 hours per week. This position will include various caretaking duties including;

- Daily weekly and monthly building and vehicle safety checks*
- Maintain high safety standards that protect yourself and others*
- Plan and operate a maintenance program*
- Develop grounds and gardens*

The successful applicant must have an ability to relate positively with Intermediate age students, whanau and staff. Preference would be given to a person with trade experience.

The successful applicant must have a good work ethic and be able to work unsupervised.

Police Vetting will be required.

To apply or request a full Job Description please e-mail the Principal's PA, Karen Bedingfield at bedingfieldk@kaitao.school.nz. Applications must include covering letter and CV including two referees.

Applications close 12pm, February 19, 2021.

Room 2

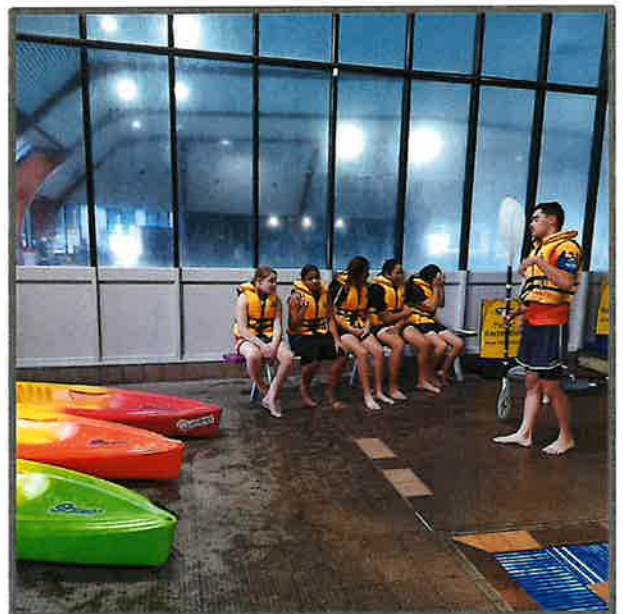
Unison Lakes Safety Programme

Photos of the proud students from Room 2.



Room 2 participated in the Unison Lakes Safety Programme this week. On completing the programme all students received a unison backpack and a pair of swimming goggles.

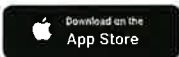






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Term 1, 2021

**At Arikikapakapa, Rotorua Golf Club,
with NZPGA Professional Matt Schofield**

GIRLS ONLY - \$40/6-week Term
Monday 3.45-4.45 starts 15th February 2021

TUESDAY SESSIONS \$40/6-week Term
Tuesday 3.45-4.45 | Starts 16th February 2021
bookings@mattschofieldgolf.com 0276999532

**At Lakeview Golf Club,
with NZPGA Trainee Professional Josh Edwards**

TUESDAY SESSIONS \$45/Term
Tuesday 3.45-4.45 | Starts 16th February 2021
THURSDAY SESSIONS \$45/Term
Thursday 3.45-4.45 | Starts 18th February 2021
info@fourstripesgolf.com 0210720379

WESTBROOK JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Would like to welcome you and your family to our

Muster and AGM

Sunday 28th February 2021

1pm- 3pm

Westbrook School

Come along for:-

- Kick Around
- Sausage Sizzle
- Registrations
- Spot Prizes
- Many More



Any Questions Email:
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Advertising space is 9cm x 6cm.

The cost is only \$25 per term per space so contact us today to secure your space.

Contact Karen on
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