



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,

Student Behaviour - We are aware of the behaviours that some students display, and manage these within the guidelines of what we are able to do. It is really important that we are made aware of incidents that occur through proper school channels, as this means that we are able to follow them up. When we do not know all of the information this can limit what supports we are able to implement or the actions we are able to take. Advising your child's teacher in the first instance is always the right thing to do. You can find all of our school policies including our Guidelines for Raising Concerns by searching www.schooldocs.co.nz Username - kaitao Password - respect

Last week there were two incidents which involved our students fighting both inside and outside of school grounds, during and after school. This is distressing for all involved. **Fighting is NOT tolerated at Kaitao Intermediate.**

Any fighting is investigated and we deal with any students who involve themselves whether it be setting a fight up, filming it, having their phone used to film it and of course those who actually do the fighting. There are definite differences between bullying, fighting, acts of violence and assault. We take all of these very seriously and act accordingly.

We use the legal processes available to us to keep the majority of our students safe. For example students can be given Stand Downs for 1-5 days. If your child is Stood Down there is an expectation in most instances that you will support them by attending a meeting for planning their successful return to school. If more than 5 days Stand Down occur in any one term students are automatically Suspended.

Being Suspended means that a Suspended student and their family/whanau must attend a meeting in front of the Board of Trustees where the board must decide to:

1. Lift the Suspension and return the student to school .
2. Lift the suspension with conditions, in order for the student to return to school.
3. Extend the suspension
4. Exclude the student from the school - where a student is excluded it is the responsibility of the school to find another school for the student to attend. If other schools refuse to enrol the Ministry of Education becomes involved and can direct a school to enrol a student.

Many times when we investigate fights which occur in and near the school the background includes students trash talking each other or their families on Social media either during the weekend or after school. More than 80% of the issues we deal with at school involve social media and incidents which have occurred outside of school.

We are very experienced in ensuring that matters are dealt with in a way that students are not revictimised, so please do not be concerned that by either you or your child bringing this to our attention that this will make the situation worse. What we do know can make matters worse is when adults reignite the situation by making social media posts about incidents that have already been dealt with using school processes.

If however you ever do see any students from any school in what may seem an unsafe situation and if there is little risk to yourself and can safely support the young people we would appreciate it.

Only last week we hosted a presentation for parents, by a husband and wife team about the effects of social media and pornography on young minds. I was disappointed that very few of our parents attended this event as this is precisely the age group affected the most. Their film will be made available to us and I will invite you to have another chance to see this very hard hitting film which may very much make you more aware of why you need to actively check online usage by your own children. Their research shows that most parents have no idea what their children are doing on their phones. I urge you please to have your child show you their device history regularly, take their phones off them at night or whatever it takes for them and others to be safe online.

Please remember there are 372 students at our school who come here to learn and to take opportunities that come their way. I am very proud of our teachers and support staff who provide great programmes of learning to ensure our students are effectively engaged in their learning. I am also very proud of our students who get on with their learning and don't get distracted by events on social media and come to school to learn.

Student behaviour is something that we all need to work on together. We thank you for your continued support.

Lollipops, Gum and Raro Sachets - We have seen a rise in the number of sweets being brought to school including lollipops, gum and raro sachets. This amount of sugar and food colouring is not healthy and also not helpful in managing the school day. If you are giving students money to bring to school please monitor what they are purchasing with it. Lunch is free, we have fruit in schools and there is a breakfast club at this school so there is no real need for money or additional kai to be brought to school.

Resignation of Whaea Te Arohanui - This Friday the school will use its usual Student celebration Assembly time at 11.30am to farewell our Whaea Te Arohanui who has been our Food Tech and Sports teacher for the past while but previously for the past 18 years she has been a classroom teacher here at Kaitao Intermediate. Any whanau or friends are welcome to join us in farewelling her.

Scooters and Bikes at School - Please ensure your children have locks for bikes and scooters brought to school. We have had some incidents of tampering during the school day and are working to come up with better solutions for storing bikes and scooters safely at school, in clear sight of all.

Puawai Draw and Reward - Khalani, Lillee, Daejah, Damon and Jonathon enjoyed a quick treat for morning tea with Mr Palfrey after their names were picked at random for the Puawai Reward.

Kind regards

Phil Palfrey
Principal

Debbie Holmes
Deputy Principal



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Kaitao Intermediate School

Guidelines for Raising Concerns

Our primary goal is to create the best learning environment for the students of our school. We encourage open communication and prefer that you come to us to talk through any concerns rather than discussing them in the community.

1. Discuss the issue with the right person.

- If you have a **general concern about the school or its programmes**, discuss it with the person involved or with a member of the management team or the principal.
- If you have a **particular concern about a staff member or a school activity**, contact the person involved to discuss the matter privately. We ask that you make this direct approach as soon as possible. Be prepared to make a time to discuss your concern if the person involved is unable to talk with you straight away. Be open to listening to the other side of the story to avoid communication breakdowns.
- If you do not wish to approach the person involved, contact a member of the management team or the principal to discuss your concern. The principal or management team member may communicate with the person involved.
- If you have a **concern about your own child or one of our other students**, contact the student's class teacher or the principal to discuss the matter.

If your concern relates to another student, you must not approach that student directly.

- If you have a concern about another **parent, caregiver, or member of the school community** on a school related matter, raise this with the principal.
- If the matter concerns the **principal** and you have not first resolved it by discussion, or you feel uncomfortable directly approaching the principal, contact the board chair.
- If the matter concerns a **board member**, contact the board chair, or deputy chair if it concerns the board chair.

If you approach a board member with your concerns you will be asked to follow the guidelines above, and the board member will inform the principal and board chair.


2. Work towards a resolution.

- In most cases, constructive discussion will resolve your concerns.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of your initial meeting, contact the principal, a member of the management team, or the board chair to discuss further resolution.

If this process does not resolve your concern, you can make a **formal complaint**.

The school monitors, records, and responds appropriately to any concerns about a student's safety and welfare.

See our **flowchart**  for an overview of the **Concerns and Complaints** process.

Release history: Term 1 2019

Last scheduled review	
Last internal review	Term 3 2018
Topic type	Core Generic

Term 1

14 April CBOP Swimming Sports

15 April Whole School Tabloids

16 April Last day of Term 1

Term 2

May 3 Term 2 Starts

May 5 - 6 EPro8

May 12 Vision Testing Catch Up

May 13 Boostrix Education Yr 7

June 4 Teacher Only Day

June 7 Queens Birthday

June 8 Teacher Only Day

June 15 School Photo Day

June 16 Nationals Young Leaders Trip

June 23 Boostrix Vaccination Yr 7

July 9 Last Day of Term 2



Academic Award

Dyziah Graham	Noah Ngarongo
Sakura Te Whero	Patricia Dixon
Michaela Fawthrop	Nigel Harris
Ngahiriwa Morgan	Lachlan Brown
Rowland Uerata	Kiara Pelasio
Tipene Waiariki-Thompson	Hinehou Kopu
Lacey Paekau	Laurrel Khan-Kelly
Teariki Sakeo	Emma Poto
Dylan Hancock	Kellie Yorke
Riley Thompson	Ben Gillies
Peyton Drummond-Clements	Callahn Rauwhero
Alyah Warmington-O'Neil	Kirimaia Hewetson
Kayozz Brown	Emily Armer
Meko Lepaio	Elise Ngawhika
Hunter Huffam	

Citizenship Award

Anahera Joass	William Hornfeck
Kirimaia Hewetson	Zoe Cullen
Teariki Sakeo	Hunter Picknell
Ari Makai	Hinehou Kopu
Siane Kora-Kouka	Michaela Fawthrop
Sakara Te Whero	Courtney Carson
Kylee Phillips-Thompson	Kiara Pelasio
Noah Ngarongo	Ahleeah Reid
William Peake-Gerrard	Lucas Howe
Olivia Ward	Meko Lepaio
Jayde Clarke	James Asher-Nevin
Callahn Rauwhero	Dyziah Graham
Lachlan Brown	Laurrel Khan-Kelly
Sophie Bloomfield	Kiahla Oti
Harmony Bailey	Max Porteous

Cultural Award

Admya Papuni	Kiara Pelasio
Ahleeah Reid	Millie-Mae Dawson
Patricia Dixon	Shakura Te Whero
Elizabeth Howell	Michaela Fawthrop
Shanu Cooper	Anahera Joass
Tipene Waiariki-Thompson	William Hornfeck
Emma Poto	Ngahiriwa Morgan
Callahn Rauwhero	Rowland Uerata
Kaeyah Baker	Sophie Steiner
Kellie Yorke	Kaitlyn Brake
Brooke Verrills	Levi Maxwell
Cody Scothern	Jack Virbackas
Dyziah Graham	Ari Makai
Cortez McMeeking	Lacey Paekau
Morgan De Thierry	Tui Makowharehihi
Ella-Rose Davis	James Fisher

Is your Child Absent From School?

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

- Phone the school office and press 1 to leave a message
- Send us a message via Hero
- Or email us at office@kaitao.school.nz

Well done and congratulations to all our sport teams who have been competing over the past four to five weeks. A very big thank you to our coaches and supporters who have been helping our students at the games and competitions.



Sport tournaments

Bay of Plenty Junior Futsal Tournament

This was held in Tauranga in Week 7. Our girls team represented our school. Thank you to our principal Mr Palfrey for supporting the team and driving the team to Tauranga. Acknowledgements to Whaea Jess who continues to coach our teams. FUTSAL is played every Sunday at Rotorua Girls High School Arena.

Cricket

Over the past two weeks we have been attending a cricket tournament held here in Rotorua. Our team improved in every game. It was an exciting and learning experience for all of us.

A huge appreciation and thank you to the coach Daniel Fisher who has exceptionally helped our students and the team. Thank you so much coach Daniel.

Cricket has finished for the season and will restart again in Term Four.

Touch Tournament

Last week a Super 11 Touch Tournament was held at Westbrook Park that involved 11 intermediate schools from around the Bay of Plenty and Gisborne. Our students did their very best and the competition was hard. Thank you to our staff and parents who supported our students on this day and the Tuesday competition with Rotorua Touch Association. We are very grateful for all that our staff and parents do to give up their time to come along and support our students. Thank you so much.

Touch has finished this season and will restart in Term Four.

SPORT UNIFORMS

If you have any school sport uniforms please return them to school. For those who paid a bond please collect a sport uniform bond form to take home for parents to fill out so we can refund your bond.

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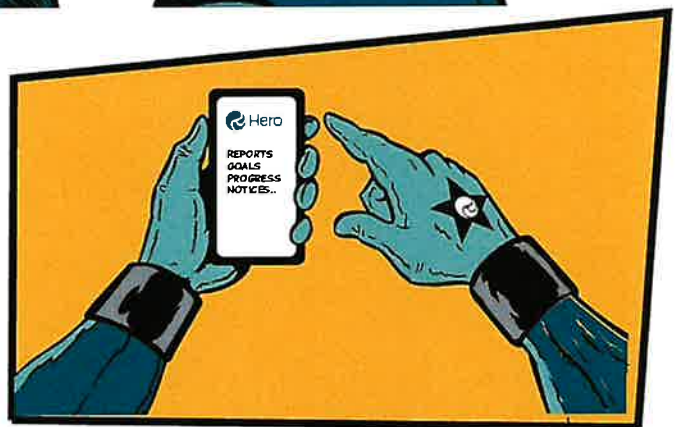
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