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SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 5 JULY AT NORMAL TIME AND REOPEN FOR TERM 3 ON MONDAY 22 JULY - Happy holidays!

Kia ora Parents, Children and Whānau

Wow the end of term 2 is upon us and we are halfway through the year, where has the time gone. It has been an action packed term and this week is chocka full of fun, varied and interesting experiences for our children!

This morning our entire school was involved in PLAY- until 11:00am. Many schools around the world celebrated global play day as the importance of play in the development of children's lives and education is increasingly being valued. Our children could choose what activities they wanted to be part of, it was great seeing the big kids mucking in with the little ones.

What are the benefits of learning through play?

Learning through play can help schools realise the vision of The New Zealand Curriculum to develop confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners. Almost all of the [values](#) and [key competencies](#) in The New Zealand Curriculum can be developed through play based learning. A range of learning areas can be explored with connections made across learning areas as well as to home practices and the wider world. There is a growing body of evidence to suggest that learning through play brings numerous benefits to students' learning and development.

Thinking skills

Play-based activities enable students to engage in flexible and higher-level thinking processes.

These include inquiry processes of problem solving, analysing, evaluating, applying knowledge, innovation, and creativity.

Interpersonal skills

Play based learning often requires interaction with others and gives students the opportunity to practice language development, cooperation, negotiation, leadership, empathy, active listening, and compromise.

Intrapersonal skills

Play contributes to a child's sense of well-being and can support the development of intrapersonal skills such as self-esteem, motivation, resilience, concentration, persistence, and time management.

Student agency and engagement

Play based learning can encourage student agency and often results in deeper levels of student engagement in learning.

Smooth transitions to school

Schools that have adopted learning through play in junior classrooms report that new entrant students settle to school quickly because of improved continuity between school and early childhood education.



Matariki Breakfast and Celebrations (IF THE WEATHER IS BAD STAY HOME), a final decision will be made later today and posted on Facebook/app if cancelled.

We are crossing fingers that the weather is kind to us tomorrow morning as we are holding our first ever Kapanui School Matariki breakfast.

Come to school tomorrow morning from

6:30am where we will be gazing up at the Matariki cluster of stars, planting a tree, singing waiata and coming together as a school community to celebrate the Maori New Year. Rug up your kids, bring along your breakie (bbqs will be available) and join us before heading off to work...or heading back to bed! All classes have been producing Matariki artwork which will be displayed in the school hall on Wednesday-pop in to check it out! The wishing star “Hiwa-i-te-rangi”

Matariki is a time where you set yourself new goals for the New Year!



The New Zealand Playhouse present: The Tortoise and the Hare

Tuesday 23rd July (first Tuesday back after the holidays). Performing at school 9am.

\$5.00 to your classroom teacher.

We have always been very impressed with the high quality and professionalism of the shows from The New Zealand Playhouse.

KINDO is coming

Next term we will be able to offer our parents the convenience of paying for all trips, shows etc. through a ‘one stop shop’ app called KINDO. We will send more information as soon as we have the app installed and it is ready to use.

Foodbank Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated food items which will be delivered to the Kapiti Foodbank-it was our best effort ever in donations! Room 14 were the class who had the most donations. Thanks to our awesome senior leaders who along with Felicity (Room 16) coordinated this event!



Sports News

Congratulations to our **Year 5 & 6** and **Year 7 & 8** football teams who played Waikanae School in the first leg of the home and away series last week. Kapanui had 2 excellent wins and hold the advantage going into the games next term. Well done to both teams for the manner in which you played the game and how you conducted yourselves!

Thanks to the parents who came along to cheer the teams on and to Brett Waite and Aaron Bailey who are organising this great event for the kids of Waikanae, and to Chris Story who coached both teams!



Congratulations to our **Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby** team who played their hearts out yesterday in the Horowhenua Kapiti NZRFU comp yesterday in Levin. They narrowly lost 8-5 to Waitohu School. Great effort guys! Thank you to **Ritchie and Kate Thorne who supervised the team!**



This morning the Wellington Regional Cross Country event was held at QE Park in Paekakariki. Children selected for this team finished in the top 10 at the Kapiti Schools event the other week so are the 'best of the best' and represented the Kapiti Schools Team. Results will be in the next newsletter.

Staff

Next term **Mrs Richards** will be back working on Fridays in Room 11 which means we will farewell **Mrs Caroline Herring** who has been working in the class and has been a regular Kapanui teacher for many years. Caro has picked up additional teaching days at Papakowhai School which is great news for her. We will all miss Caro, who as a former 'Kapanui Kid' just loves Kapanui School. Friday will be Caroline's final day-Ngā mihi nui, noho ora mai!

BOT News

The BOT met last week for the first meeting as the new Board. One of the first things we did was to discuss our strengths, attributes and skills of

each member. It is great to have such a varied, professional and capable BOT!

An area we identified as a need is to have Maori representation on the board. As a result of this discussion the Board co-opted **Kiriana Papara** back onto the board. It is great to have Kiriana back to join the team!

Waikanae Walkabout-Home and School Event

Come along for a fun mid-winter's night out at Kapanui School. Form a family team and experience the thrill of the hunt!

By torchlight, you will follow the clues and scavenge the streets of Waikanae, with a few challenges along the way.

DATE: Friday, 26 July, starting from Kapanui School Hall.

TIME: Doors open at 5pm, for collection of walkabout packs (might pay to eat an early dinner!). Briefing at 5:20pm, with 5:30pm start time. Return to the school hall at 7:30pm for supper and prize giving.

BRING: A pen, something to press on (e.g. book, clipboard), torches/headlamps, warm clothing!

COST: \$20/family group.

POSTPONEMENT: Postponement date of Friday, 9 August. If poor weather prevents the event from going ahead on this date The Walkabout will be cancelled and families issued with a \$10 refund.

REGISTRATION: Pre-register your family team online by going to our [school website or clicking here](#)

Thank you to Sam Colledge, Sheree Fifield and Nicki Westbury who are leading this event and to the big team of helpers who are working behind the scenes!



Last thoughts....

- Thanks for a wonderful term 2! Enjoy the holidays, read a few books, ride bike/scooters, walk the river track, go to the park and hang out with your mates and Whānau/Family.
- Is it mean spirited of me to want the Jaguars to beat the Crusaders this week????
- Did you watch the silver Ferns playing the NZ Men's team on the weekend?
Wonderful netball!

Tough Whanau - Waikanae Park, Thursday 4 July - 11.00am-12.45pm

Kapanui Tough Whanau is a teams based event (six children from different year groups - Yrs 3-8) run over numerous obstacles and challenges over a 1km course. Students work as a team to get through the event.

A change of clothes is important because the participants are going to get wet and muddy! A towel would also be useful on the day.

Please note: This is a participatory event, with an emphasis on teamwork and encouragement. There are no merit prizes for finishing first, second or third. Year 1 & 2 students will be doing a smaller version of the course.

A sausage sizzle will be available for \$2 at the event. There is no postponement day - if it is wet, the kids get wet (and muddy)!

Parents are more than welcome to come down and see the event.

A quick overview of the course and event is available here:

<https://youtu.be/gdex8N-C1HY>

Yummy Stickers- fundraiser for sports gear

Please start collecting Yummy Stickers over the holidays, as we start the first week back after the holidays. Stickers are on individual apples or you can cut out the large label from the Yummy Apples bags. This is a great fundraiser for the school. At the end of the term- the class who has collected the most stickers gets to pick the sport gear for the school and some for their class. If you collect a lot of stickers and you would like a sheet at home- you can collect a sheet from the office or from Room 12 Lynnie Gilmore.

Keeping in touch

Have you changed your contact details lately?

Address, mobile number, email address?

Please update your details

admin_2@kapanui.school.nz

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of unnamed clothing in the lost property, this will be out on display this week. If unclaimed it will be given to charity this weekend. **Please make sure your children's clothes are named as we check each item and are able to return named items.**

End of Term 2

School will close on FRIDAY 5 JULY normal time. Term 3 starts on MONDAY 22 JULY.

Community News

House of Sound in school music lessons

House of Sound provides professional but fun, curriculum based music lessons during the School day. Classes are 25 minutes long and are in groups of 3 - 5. Options available are: Mean Beats (Percussion and Drums), Six String All-Stars (Guitar), Cool Keys (Keyboards) and Star Finders which is an introduction to music for year 2 & 3 Students covering Piano, Ukulele and Percussion. Mean Beats, Six String All Stars & Cool Keys are only available for years 4 and up.

To enrol your child in these fabulous music lessons grab an enrolment form from reception

or go to www.houseofsound.co.nz and click the "enrol for in-school music lessons" button.
For more information please email:
info@houseofsound.co.nz

Funzone Holiday Programme (Over the Holiday's)

5+Days booked - **\$41.00 per day ***

4 Days Booked - **\$43.00 per day ***

3 Days Booked - **\$45.00 per day ***

2 Days Booked - **\$46.50 per day***

1 Day Booked - **\$51.00***

2-5 day rates is spread over the whole school holiday period.

Enrol at www.funzone.co.nz

**See schedule for additional excursion costs.*

Kiwi Egg Scavenger Hunt!

Link to our Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/419323308915022/> Full details below.

Waikanae Gym Club Holiday Programmes

on Wednesdays 10th and 17th for 6-11 year olds, from 10am-12noon. Cost is \$15 each session.

Please contact waikanaegym@gmail.com if you child is interested.

Coastlands Aquatic Centre

Week 1: 8 July—12 July

Week 2: 15 July—19 July

Otaki Pool

Week 1: 8 July—12 July

First week = \$42.50 per child (5 days)

Second week = \$42.50 per child (5 days)

Or both weeks = \$70 per child (10 days)

Sam's Art House, 6 Tongariro St, Paraparaumu Term 3

We have been open now since Feb 2019 and our Art and Drawing Classes are filling up with fabulous, creative kids! Enrol your child now into one of our awesome classes. We have Creative Art Classes for 5-10yr olds on Mondays and Fridays, 3.30-5pm and 9-13yr olds on Wednesdays 3.30-5pm. We have Drawing Classes for 5-10yr olds on Tuesdays 3.30-5pm and 9-13yr olds on Thursdays 3.30-5pm. All materials are provided, including afternoon tea. Enrolment is for the full term. Please email if

you are wanting a trial class before committing to a full term. To enrol check out www.samsarthouse.co.nz or email sam@samsarthouse.co.nz

July School Holidays

We have our fabulous July School Holiday Programme coming up. Bookings open now. We have a full week of awesome activities, from 8-12 July, morning and afternoon sessions including 2 pre-school & sibling sessions. We have early drop-off, late pick-up and lunchtime options. Family discount, all materials and morning/afternoon tea provided. To enrol check out www.samsarthouse.co.nz or email sam@samsarthouse.co.nz

Kakariki Nature Play's School Holiday Programme

\$60/full day, \$30 half day.

Matariki at Nga Manu for 4 - 8 yr olds.

Lots of bush play, storytelling, natural crafts, damper on the fire pit and more.

Tues 9th 9.15 - 3pm, Thur 11th 1- 4pm and Fri 12th 9.15 - 3pm. Tuna and Slime at Kaitawa

Reserve for 5 - 10 yr olds. River play, constructions, storytelling, natural crafts, hot chocolate by the open fire and more.

Tues 16th 9.15 - 3pm, Thurs 18th 1 - 4pm and Fri 19th 9.15 - 3pm. For further info FB Kakariki

Nature Play, annaburns.enrich@gmail.com or ring Anna 021 02430430

NEW! The GO Club's Winter STEM Holiday Programme

LEGO challenges, edible science and something to make and take home every day! Limited spaces available due to our high adult to child ratios. You can also book now for our Term 3 after School Clubs! **Love the LEGO Masters Australia TV Show?** Then you'll love our 3 day LEGO Masters Inspired workshop for kids 8+.

Check out all the info at www.enrolmy.com/the-go-club or email Alexandra at thegoclubnz@gmail.com