

**KAPANUI SCHOOL**  
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Kia Ora Parents, Children and Whānau

Over the last couple of weeks I have been reflecting on my time at Kapanui School which is coming up 12 months at the end of this term-where has the time gone! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know everyone, learning and understanding how things work at Kapanui. A school which I must say is a really great environment for children! Our school is child centred, family friendly, safe, inclusive and happy which is the perfect conditions for children to learn, grow, and develop!

One of the areas highlighted in our strategic vision surveys and meetings were to develop a broader curriculum to include The Arts, EOTC (Education outside the Classroom), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) and financial literacy. Examples

of these in action are:

- The ASB GetWise Financial Literacy programme happening this week. All classes have a lesson with the ASB facilitator who teaches children about the fundamentals of money-budgeting, save-spend-share, making decisions etc.
- The Inquirers syndicate theme for the term is 'money sense'. They are learning about starting a business, paying wages, currency, taxes, profits etc.
- The Arts programme is well underway with a wonderful music performance last Friday by our 2 bands, ukulele band and choir.
- Large numbers of our children are involved in Artsplash. Children are creating dances, choreographing and singing as a choir.
- We have 4 teams preparing for the upcoming Tournament of Minds (TOM) event which is being held at Vic University next weekend. TOM offers teams of students the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork. Challenges are set in the following disciplines: The Arts, Language Literature, Social Sciences and STEM-perfect!
- Nga Kaitoro (Years 3 & 4) are visiting Ngā Manu where they are learning bush craft, making damper, lighting a campfire. Earlier in the term the Inquirers also spent time at Ngā Manu and the Mahara Galley.
- Rangatahi (Year 7 & 8) are beginning STEM classes and Miss Tristram is running 'Tech Tuesdays' for staff as well as STEM lunchtime activities for kids.
- Today our Kapa Haka performance group had a short performance and workshop from the NZSO which featured traditional Maori instruments combined with the Viola and Trumpet.
- There is a lot of sports taking place as well as learning through play in the junior school where children can explore, experiment, discover, and solve problems in

imaginative and playful ways. And YES, in case you are wondering ...there is still a good balance in the classrooms on the core subject areas of reading, writing and maths. As I said above, there is.....**Lot's going on at Kapanui!**

Pic below from Friday's concert in the hall.



### **Adult Road Patrol Supervisors-Can you help????**

Thank you to those who offered to help with **road patrol at the pedestrian crossing on Belvedere Ave.** We have had 7 volunteers but **require another 3** to be able to get this up and running. If you are able to spare 20 minutes to help out please complete the google form [click here.](#)

The council is arranging for new signs and will also be painting a few lines on the corner of Oriwa Street where cars often park right to the corner which blocks the visibility of children when crossing the road. We will keep you posted.

### **Kindo Online Shop-School lunches and Touch Registrations**

If your child is keen to play touch this summer please register via Kindo tab on the [school website.](#) Select sports and click the circle icon to complete registration. We have over 150 children who will be playing touch which is fantastic. The season begins 15 October and we ask that **payment is made with registration by 30th August** - thank you

Yummy lunches from New World are available **Thursday and Fridays.**

### **Kupu hou**

E hia o tau? How old are you?

E tekau ma tahi oku tau - I am 11.

### **Interesting Parenting Article**

Click the tab to read a great letter written on the other side of being a teenager. Well worth a read.... [Parent's Corner: The Letter Your Teenager Can't Write You](#)

### **Library Hours**

Don't forget that the library is open Thursday and Friday afternoons until 4pm. You are welcome to drop in and take out books or just relax in the library!

### **CCC-Coffee and Chat with Craig**

See you next Tuesday just after hui-all welcome!

### **Congratulations**

To our All Star Victory Cheerleaders who competed in Auckland over the weekend – Chanel, Izzy and Khmia – Kai pai!

### **Absences**

Please remember to contact the school office if your child is going to be absent.

### **Last thoughts....**

- 36-0. A good warm up I reckon!
- Did you see the Black Ferns haka before the test on Saturday. It was amazing!!!!

### **Tennis Tournament**

The annual Kapi Mana Tennis Tournament takes place September 17th at Tawa Tennis Club. Taylor Park Tawa. Entry forms available at school. \$20 per entry to be paid to school by this Friday please (23<sup>rd</sup> August).

## **Community News**

### **Cancer Society**

Can you help collect for the Cancer Society on Daffodil Day Friday 30 August? Please call 298 8514 or pop into shop 14 Kapiti Lights.

### **Kapiti Youth Orchestra's annual concert**

Southwards Car Museum Sunday 15 September at 2pm. Email [kapitiyouthorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:kapitiyouthorchestra@gmail.com) for tickets. 2 adults + 2 kids \$35, Adult \$15, Student \$7. Children under 14 \$5.

### **Do you know anyone born overseas who wants to improve their English?**

Please tell them about English Language Partners 0800 639 5494 [horowhenua-kapiti@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:horowhenua-kapiti@englishlanguage.org.nz)

### **Coastlands Star Search**

Coastlands second week of the school holidays. Pick up an entry form from the Coastlands Information desk or email [Alison.drury@nzme.co.nz](mailto:Alison.drury@nzme.co.nz).