

KAPANUI SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Parents, Children and Whānau,



New Students

A very warm kia ora welcome to **Reid and Chenayde** who started school last week. (Sorry we missed getting your photo Chenayde, hope you feel better soon). It is awesome to have you join us at school!

Parihaka @ Whakarongotai Marae

We had a wonderful time at the marae last Wednesday. Our Rangatahi (leaders) were stunning with their karanga, whaikorero, waiata and speeches. Parihaka was a significant episode in NZ's history, which makes the learning for our tamariki so much more meaningful at the marae. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and help out. It was also nice to stroll through the streets of Waikanae as a school!

Languages Day

We had an awesome day yesterday celebrating languages in many of our classrooms. The school was buzzing with cooking, dancing, puppet theatre, art and chatting away in languages other than English.



From the BOT Kapanui to Kapakapanui

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the google consultation form. It is important to hear the views of everyone. We will keep the survey open for another week. Please encourage your friends and family members to fill it out. At this stage we have had over 160 responses. The majority of people are supportive of the change from Kapanui to Kapakapanui. There has been some feedback on the following....

- **Costs** involved in rebranding, changing uniforms, signs etc. Please note that costs will be minimal. We will not be immediately changing anything, other than the old blue sign in the front garden. In time sports uniforms, hoodies, hats etc. will change and this will be a gradual process. Some people have suggested we relook at our current logo. We will investigate this and because the logo would be created digitally there would not be a huge cost. **We do not see costs as an issue at all.**
- Some people, including children, are concerned about having a long email address. We may change or shorten our email addresses which is a relatively simple task. Two local examples are

Paraparaumu Beach School and Paraparaumu College. Both schools use PBS or PC in their email address. We could do something similar e.g. craigv@ks.school.nz

- The large majority of people love the idea and their comments are along the lines of ***“Great idea to change it to something with so much meaning and history”*** and ***“It’s the right thing to do. Good stuff.”*** ***“We must respect the people and the language by restoring the school name to what it always should have been. What’s in a name? The status we give it. Excited about the change. Thank you.”***
 - We will keep you posted, [please click here to access a google form](#) to provide us with your views. We look forward to your feedback.
- Ngā mihi-Kapanui School BOT

Staff News

Last week **Danielle McMurchie**, who has been on maternity leave this year, won a promotion to Assistant Principal at Te Horo School. We were looking forward to Danielle returning after having this year off, however we are thrilled for her. Danielle has previously worked in management and was keen to get back into that role. All the best Danielle!!

Welcome Emma Addington, working as student teacher in Room 14 with Barbara Beaumont.

Open Classrooms-Next Monday 10-11am

Have you had a decent look around the different classes at Kapanui School? Is your child moving syndicates next year and you are curious about what the classes look like? We are holding an open classrooms tour next **Monday between 10 and 11am**. We will meet in the staffroom for a quick cuppa and chat, then our senior children will take you on a tour of the school. You can ask questions, look in the classrooms and get a feel for how the school operates at different levels. Hope to see you there!

Junior Classroom Upgrade

Last week the plans went out to tender for the upgrade to our 6 junior classrooms. This process takes 3 to 4 weeks. We are unsure of when the job will actually begin as a number of things have to line up. These are....

- Tenders come in within our budget.
- We meet KCDC and MOE requirements and consent.
- Availability of contractors and when can they start?

If everything goes to plan **work may start** over the Xmas break and go through term 1. If they do not all line up then work will begin later. We are hopeful that work can start sooner rather than later, however due to the unknown we are in limbo for the next few weeks. Anyone who has ever had major building work completed at home will be aware that things sometimes go to plan and sometimes there are delays. We are not getting ahead of ourselves until we have confirmation that the work can proceed.

Whenever the work does begin we will have to find somewhere to house 6 classrooms, approximately 90 children. We are considering a move to the hall, as this is really the only space available. The hall is large and with some clever and creative thinking we will be able to achieve a nice environment for the children and teachers. Using halls and staffrooms are not uncommon during major property works in schools. This happened twice in my time at Te Horo School and I have seen it happen at a number of times in other schools. Please be assured that the **children do cope** and after the construction period, about a term, they will move into wonderful new modern classrooms which will be the envy of the school!

Mindfulness Parent Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along, we had a great turn out, over 40 people. We hope that you found it informative and useful!

Mountain Biking

Tuesday 26th November

Waikanae Park 9:30-2:30pm Years 5-6.

This event was originally scheduled in term 1.

Te Horo Band Jam

Thursday 21st November

Te Horo School 9-12:30

Both our **school bands** and our **ukulele** group will be performing.

We will need help with transport please.

School Hoodies

These are selling well. The last day for orders for this year will be 28 NOVEMBER. Go to Kindo to place your order.

School Lunches

Ezlunch orders via Kindo will stop on 6 DECEMBER and resume next year.

Scholastic Book club

The last issue of the year for Scholastic Book club is coming home this week. Lots of great gift ideas for Christmas. If you would like your order to be set aside and not delivered to your child's classroom, please email the library at libadmin@kapanui.school.nz and you will be contacted by email when it arrives. Online orders only please by 25th November.

School sunhats

These are compulsory term 4 and term 1 and available to purchase via KINDO or the school office.

Contact Details

Please ensure that you inform the office if your contact details change.

Road Safety

Please be vigilant when driving and parking outside our school, our kids are precious!

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

BYOD is **Bring Your Own Device**. This is available at Kapanui School for children in Year 5 and above. **We recommend Chromebooks or laptops** as a keyboard is essential for ease of use. Currently Noel Leeming and Harvey Norman are selling HP and Lenovo chrome books for **under \$350**. They are light, functional, quick to start up and operate, have a keyboard and are perfect for school use. Our local colleges also use chrome books so devices purchased at primary school can be taken on to college. If you would like to read more about [BYOD at Kapanui School please click here](#) or go to our website and click on the BYOD tab on the home screen.

BYOD is not compulsory, however there are benefits for children's learning at school and home if they are able to bring their own device to school each day. We do have class sets of chrome books, however the costs of upgrading these is a substantial cost to the school. Chromebooks will easily last for 4 to 5 years if looked after by the children.

Reducing Waste and Rubbish at Kapanui

We are making an effort to keep our school tidier and to reduce the amount of soft plastic and rubbish at school. Please make an effort to remove plastic wrapping and consider ways to stop plastic coming into school. We are still asking children to take their rubbish home with them. A few tips are

- Use a lunchbox with compartments so food can be neatly stored in a fairly airtight fashion.

- Use reusable plastic containers for nuts, raisins, chippies instead of bringing the soft plastic packets to school.
- Bring to school REAL fruit instead of fake fruit sucky things!
- Ditch the glad wrap, pottles and as many unnecessary plastics as possible.

All of these are simple and easy things to do and will keep our school cleaner and will ultimately save the planet!

Last thoughts.....

- Wow the cricket season has arrived, go the Black Caps!
- Liverpool 3 Man City 1-yea haaaaaaa!

Community News

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd

January, May, July & August next year we will be welcoming a new group of exchange students from all over the world. These students are really excited to live with a Kiwi host family, attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months and live like a local. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student and have a truly rewarding experience for the whole family. www.studentexchange.org.nz

Christmas Market

Waikanae Memorial Hall 15 December 9.30 – 2pm.

Te Horo Country Garden Tour 2019

Raising funds for Te Horo Hall earthquake strengthening

16 & 17 NOVEMBER

**Te Horo
Country Garden
Tour
2019**



 More details on Facebook

TICKET VALID FOR 1 DAY ONLY...

13 FABULOUS GARDENS TO SEE

Tickets \$20

Available from Early October at:

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17th November 9 – 5 pm (last entry @ 4). One day entry is only \$20 and tickets are available now from the Te Horo Garden Centre, Watson's Garden Centre and First National Real Estate in Otaki, Harrisons Gardenworld in Peka Peka and Palmers Plimmerton. You can also order tickets via the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TeHoroGardenTour>

Kapiti Women's Triathlon Pre-Xmas Training Tag a friend who you think would love to come along. More information is available on the website <https://www.kwt.org.nz/training> LACE UP YOUR SHOES!!! Come join this friendly, constructive running session with experienced women from the Kapiti Running and Tri Club 6pm this Thursday 7th November at the Waterfront Bar carpark. <https://www.kwt.org.nz/training>

Carols on the Coast

Saturday 14 December, Kapiti Primary 4.30 – 7.00pm

<https://www.facebook.com/KapitiCarolsOnTheCoast/>