

# KAPANUI SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Parents, Children and Whānau,

### New Students

A very warm welcome to **Sophia and Sienna** who both started school on Monday. It is awesome to have you join our school!



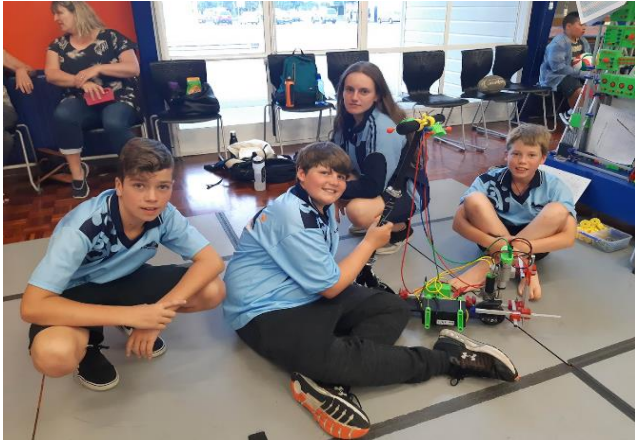
### Nga Kaitoro Trip to Otaihangā Domain

The sun was shining and everyone had a wonderful day at the Domain last week. The children explored the river track, paddled/swam, completed artwork and enjoyed time hanging at another beautiful location just down the road from our school! Thanks to all of the adults who helped out on the day!



### EPro8

A great effort from Ella, Nate, Angus and Ryan who narrowly missed making it through to the next round of the awesome EPro8 competition last Thursday evening. Their 3 hours of engineering, problem solving and technology came down to 1 missing bolt!



## Whānau

Whānau is another really cool aspect to Kapanui School. As most of you will know, all children are placed into one of our five whānau (house groups.) The purpose of whānau is for children and teachers to have a sense of belonging, get to know others and it is an opportunity for senior children to become leaders. The senior leaders plan events, complete safety forms and generally keep an 'eye' on the younger children in their whānau. Mr Brunton meets regularly with the leaders to train them up. Last week was the final whānau of the year. Below are a few pics from Te Waka who planned a fun experience at Waikanae Park, including a visit from our local fire brigade!



## Government Property Announcement

We were thrilled to hear the news that the Government is allocating all schools money to spend on upgrading school property. We will be given almost **\$400,000** which is fantastic! It is early days and the BOT have yet to meet to discuss this proposed funding, however we look forward to deciding on how best to use these funds to benefit our students and staff.

## Staff News

On Friday afternoon, we will be celebrating **Georgia Karaitiana** becoming a fully registered teacher having now completed 2 years of teaching. Congratulations Georgia, the teaching profession is the better for having dedicated, professional and caring teachers such as you in our ranks!





**Whaea Sophie is getting married** this weekend, have an awesome wedding Sophie, we look forward to the pics!!!!

**Rian one of our Teacher Aides** is leaving her position this year but she will be back as a student teacher in 2020 - I am sure you will not regret this decision Rian.

**Student Led Conferences (Years 3-8) Wednesday 11 December** (school will finish at 2pm on this day). Please ensure to collect or arrange for your child to be collected early.

We are holding SLCs on **Wednesday 11 December**, place this date in your diary. This will complete our reporting and assessment for the year. It will be an opportunity for parents to come into class, catch up on their child's learning and view their progress and achievement for the second half of the year. The conferences will begin at 2pm and go through until 8pm for a duration of 30 minutes. Your child will present their portfolio of learning which will include their end of year report. The teachers will spend time with each family and we are hoping for another successful and positive evening.

To book your Student Led Conference, Type or copy the following URL into the browser's address bar.

**<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/kiosk?ecode=nerrd>**

Please call the office or your child's teacher if you do not have internet access.

### **From the BOT-Kapanui to Kapakapanui**

Thank you to everyone who completed the google survey. In all we had 352 responses which is fantastic. We are in the process of analysing the data which will be discussed at our next BOT meeting in 2 weeks.

### **Parent Helpers Morning Tea**

Please join us for a thank you morning tea on **Monday 9 December @ 11am**. The staff put this on each year as a small token of their appreciation for the wonderful support and help they receive throughout the year. See you there!

### **School Lunches**

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

### **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** 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.

## Celebrating Student Success

### Mountain Biking

A great day was had by all. Kapanui had some outstanding results.

- Milah Ayson. 1st year 5 girls.
- Keegan Davidson 2nd year 6 boys.
- Rafferty Ayson 1st year 7 boys.
- Oliver Westbury. 2nd year 7 boys.
- Holly Gibson 2nd year 8 girls.

For those of you who would be interested in **more** great Mountain Biking races and rides, check out the **Dirt School Facebook** page. They have a great Summer Series of races starting in February next year. It would be great to see more students get involved in this activity. Give it a go!

### Student News

On the 30th of October, Te Rōpu o Kapakapanui, travelled to Aotea College to perform at Kia Puawai "To flourish". This was a gathering of 4 schools from the Kapiti region who got together to perform Kapa Haka and waiata.

Matua Rangi Halbert together with Ben Ngatiā, have spent several years collecting and teaching songs/waiata for these schools. Our school is lucky to have Matua Rangi as a Tutor.

Kapanui's group performed 6 waiata including the poi. We all felt proud to represent Kapanui and we all did the best we could. The evening was entertaining as we could watch the other schools perform.

Ngā mihi to Matua Rangi, Brooke, Sophie, Donna (Kapa Haka lead teachers)

Report written by Poppy Quinn

### School Sunhats

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

## Community News

**The GO Club** is back for the Summer Holidays! We are running for 3 days this December, for girls and boys 6 and over. Build (and break!) loads of LEGO! Create beautiful Christmas crafts; and get FROZEN on Friday and make ice cream! See more here, and stay tuned for our January program, from the 13th-31st!

[https://enrolmy.com/the-go-club/activity/31-The\\_GO\\_Club\\_December\\_Holidays](https://enrolmy.com/the-go-club/activity/31-The_GO_Club_December_Holidays)

### Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club is running a holiday programme in January 2020 for children aged 5yrs+ who are confident in deep water & can comfortably swim 25mtrs. Tuesdays & Thursdays – 6th-23rd January. Choose 10am-11am &/or 4pm/5pm. \$10 per session. For more information please call Barbara on 027 485 8888 or make your booking via our website <https://wellingtondiving.org.nz/holiday-program>

## Kidney Health New Zealand

Our national appeal is due to take place on 12 March 2020. Please email [michael@kidneys.co.nz](mailto:michael@kidneys.co.nz) to discuss how we can work together to improve the lives of those with kidney disease and to spread the prevention message.

## Christmas Market

Waikanae Memorial Hall 15 December 9.30 – 2pm.

## Carols on the Coast

Saturday 14 December, Kapiti Primary 4.30 – 7.00pm

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

## January School Holiday programme

Kākariki Nature Play's January holiday programme, at Kaitawa Reserve, Paraparaumu. Now open for bookings. Please contact Anna for details on 021 02430430 or FB Kakariki Nature Play.



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### Swimming Lessons

Holiday Block: 6 Jan - 31 Jan 2020  
9:30am - 11:30am

Lesson Fees		Lesson Dates
1 Week: Mon-Fri (5 Lessons)	\$50	Week 1 : 6 - 10 Jan
Additional Children from same family	\$30	Week 2 : 13 - 17 Jan
		Week 3 : 20 - 24 Jan
		Week 4 : 27 - 31 Jan

*Term 1 Lessons Start 3 February 2020*  
*Monday - Thursday 3:15pm - 5:15pm*  
*8 Weeks \$80*

Lesson duration is 30 minutes with a qualified instructor  
Lesson times/days are subject to change depending on demand  
Private lessons also available