

KAPAKAPANUI SCHOOL

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Kia ora Parents, Children and Whānau

New Students



A very warm welcome to Ava, Alison and Luke who all started on Monday-welcome to school-isn't it great being 5!

Health and Safety Covid19 Update

Thank you for your support since returning to school last week. There has been a lot less adult congestion in the school grounds, people have been signing the contact tracing register and we are all using hand sanitiser...a lot!!! A reminder that only parents of young and vulnerable children need to be coming into the school grounds, it is great to see older siblings stepping up and supporting the younger ones while

parents wait in their car, driveways or other designated areas. This is also building up independence and resilience with your children.

All in all it has been a smooth transition back to school and of course the kids have loved being back with their mates and teachers!

\$50,000 Playground Grant-Transpower Community Fund

During the lockdown period I received a call from **Transpower** confirming that we were successful in obtaining a \$50,000 grant for a new playground. This is sensational news and we are extremely grateful to Transpower for awarding us these funds! Over the next few months we will be getting the process underway which will involve gathering feedback from our children, staff and meeting with playground companies. Exciting stuff! We will keep you posted!



New Core Boards

Have you seen our new coreboards? These are communication boards that help us share ideas and talk in different ways. They have "core" vocabulary on them - the words that we use the most. https://youtu.be/vB_brGVYg7w

Teddy Bears School Picnic-Friday

To celebrate the end of the lockdown, schools around the country will be having a Teddy Bear hunt. On Friday our school will be having a Teddy Bear School Picnic. Children are welcome to bring in the Teddy who helped support, entertain and most importantly unite us together as a nation.

SPCA Donations-Room 2

A keen group of Room 2 girls (Camea, Lily, Laura and Ava) want to help the SPCA. If you would like to donate some pet food, please send it along with your kids to school and they can drop it into Room 2. All donations will go straight to the SPCA-thanks girls!

Chromebooks

There are a few more of these still at home, can they all be returned to school ASAP? Thank you.

Touch Shirts

Please return all touch shirts to the Library or Office. Touch bags to be returned to Room 8 – thank you.

School Lunches – Monday and Friday – order via KINDO.

Whakatauki/Proverb-a great message for us all!



Mindfulness

This is one of our focus areas this year at school, it builds on the learning and work we did around this in 2019. Mindfulness is about being in the 'now' and noticing the sounds and sights around us. Mindfulness helps us to increase our ability to regulate emotions and decrease stress and anxiety. Mindfulness helps us to focus our attention and to observe thoughts and feelings.

All classes are integrating aspects of mindfulness into their class programmes. We are aiming to provide our students with strategies and techniques that will have a positive impact on their mental health. You may be interested in the following article

[Focus on the now to ease anxiety around coronavirus, mindfulness coach says](#)

2020 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions

Once again this year the University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in Term 3. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year. Entry forms are available from the school office (form attached). All entries in by Friday 5 June please.

Pupil Attendance

If your child arrives to school late they need to sign in on the tablet at the office please. This way the office staff will not ring asking why your child is not at school.

Junior school clothing

We are in short supply of young children's leggings/track pants for years 1-4. If you have any at home that you are finished with, we would be grateful for them (no jeans thanks). Packing a spare pair in your child's bag is also a good idea.

Last thoughts.....

- Work in the junior block is rolling on. Pic here of the plastering

