

KAPAKAPANUI SCHOOL
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Kia ora Parents, Children and Whānau

New Students

A very warm welcome to **Bella-Nika** who started this week. It is great to have you join us at Kapakapanui School!

Cross Country Event



Today our annual cross country event will be taking place at Waikanae Park. The event is about different things for different children. For some it will be to win or make it to the Interschool team, for others it is to not stop running or achieve a time or to run as much of it as they can. For some it is to simply finish or a walk with friends. Whatever the reason for each child my big hope is that they enjoy the experience of exercising. We all know that the more positive experiences children have with exercise the more likely they will continue this through their lives. Kia kaha tamariki ma-give it your best shot!

On a personal note and going back just a *few* years. At Waikanae School I was leading the Form 2 (Year 8) race down the hill from the trig onto the soccer field where the finish line was. I tripped over the newly planted shrubs (something has happened as these shrubs are now big trees), lost my footing and rolled down the hill. I went from 1st to 3rd-such is life!

Thanks to **Mr Wynne** for coordinating the day and thanks to everyone who came along to support the children.

Matariki Breakfast

Please join us with your brekkie kai next Wednesday at 7AM to celebrate matariki at Kapakapanui School. Wrap up warm, bring along your kai and hot drink in a flask to sing a few waiata and huddle together for an awesome very kiwi celebration.

What is Matariki?

Matariki is the Māori name for a cluster of stars which is visible in our night sky at a specific time of the year. In June/July, Matariki will reappear in the dawn sky – signalling the start of the Māori New Year. It is a time to celebrate new life, to remember those who have passed and to plan for the future. A time to spend with whānau and friends – to enjoy kai (food), waiata (song), tākarō (games) and haka. Our tūpuna (ancestors) would look to Matariki for help with their harvesting. When Matariki disappeared in April/May, it was time to preserve crops for the winter season. When it re-appeared in June/July, tūpuna would read the stars to predict the upcoming season – clear and bright stars promised a warm and abundant winter while hazy stars warned of a bleak winter. Because Māori follow the Māori lunar calendar, not the European calendar, the dates for Matariki change every year.



[Click here for more information](#)

New School Logo

Have you voted yet? At the time of writing we have had 330 Responses. The survey will be closed off on Friday. Thank you again to **Nicky Westbury** who is our clever creative designer!

[Vote here](#)

Junior Block Update

Things are continuing to roll on well. The painters are in this week painting the windows and door surrounds, the joinery has all arrived and is being installed. Next week the carpet and autex team will be in and then we are on the homeward stretch. Our plan is to have an opening/blessing on the first Wednesday of term 3 at the start of the day. We will keep you in the loop.

Winter Sports

Awesome to see so many kids running around last weekend. I took in a bit of netball and football. Yay for NZ-few other countries are playing sports!

Start Date 2021

This seems a long way away, however it will help families plan for holidays and work arrangements. The first day of school for 2021 will be **Tuesday 9 February**. Waitangi Day is being observed on Monday 8. The final day of the school year will be December 20 2021.

School Reports and Student Led Conferences (SLCs)

We have moved these from the end of term 2 to early term 3 due to losing 6 school weeks during the lockdown period. These will now be held in week 3 next term (6 August).

Road Patrol

Finally have adult helpers for all our Road Patrol sessions. Now that we man both Belvedere and Rimu Street it is challenging to get enough helpers.

Time to celebrate

Thank you to all twenty of our awesome Supervisors and this week a big THANK YOU to Rachel Mence who has put her hand up to help and take the final slot.

Mindfulness



Last thoughts.....

- Stink one Warriors. Steve Kearney, a Waikanae local and Kiwi league legend, deserved better treatment than being sacked on the phone. I'm going for the other team now!

Scholastic Book club

Thank you to everyone who ordered from the Scholastic Bookclub catalogue. If your order was a gift and you would like it set aside and not delivered to your child's classroom, could you please email libadmin@kapanui.school.nz and let me know. I will then set it aside and email you back when it is ready for collection.

Community News

School Holiday Programme for 5-12 year olds at El Rancho

Our July Winter Kids Camp is different than usual. No overnight stay, it's a 'Day Camp' from 8:30 – 5:30 each day over five days, from 6 – 10 July. Super fun activities and food included! To book head to www.elrancho.co.nz.

ON SITE Before & After School Care @ Kapakapanui School – Fun Zone

Enrolments are now open for 2020! Currently in Rm 24 & open till 7pm! Our fun, safe and friendly 'on-site' before & after School Care Programme has casual and permanent spots available for Kapakapanui School students for 2020. Now even easier to enrol and book ONLINE! Check us out www.funzone.co.nz/after-school-care or contact our friendly Fun Zone Enrolment Team. Alternatively pop into Room 24 from 3pm for an enrolment form. *OSCAR Approved – Childcare Subsidies apply*
E: info@funzone.co.nz | T: 0800 543 9696 | M: 021 711 531.

Kids Holiday Ceramic Flower Power Workshop: Mon 13th and Fri 17th July (you need to come both days) **Time:** 1.30-3.30pm **Cost:** \$75 includes all materials, clay, glazes and 2 firings plus afternoon tea **Where:** Kaye Bustin Studios Waikanae Beach **Cell:** 02102720716 **E:** art@kayebustinstudios.com
[Facebook.com/KayeBustinStudios](https://www.facebook.com/KayeBustinStudios) **Bookings essential** 😊

Celebrate the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults this School Holidays

Visit the website: kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries

Come and join in the fun at Kapiti Music Centre

We currently have a couple of openings for term 3 in the following classes:

Please email us on admin@kapitimusiccentre.org.nz

www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz

School Holiday Programme

<http://artrageouskids.co.nz/aboutus.html>

Horse Holiday Programme

<http://www.kapitiequestrian.com>