



## Kaitaia Intermediate School

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**“Confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners”**

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Tena koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

I would like to wish you all a very happy new year and a warm welcome to the 2016 school year. I am very pleased to be back. The school year has once again started off on a very positive note with a full complement of teaching and ancillary staff. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated, hardworking team.



The students have all been allocated classrooms and they all look happy and well rested, ready for the challenges of the new school year.

This term there will be a lot happening - this includes swimming sports, baseline assessment data gathering (testing) meet the teachers and some classes may be going on camp. We will also be sending teams to the Association of Middle Schools (AIMS) Games to be held in Tauranga later in the year.

### School Staff

Our staff for 2016 is:

#### Classroom Teachers

Room 2	Vasanti Sima
Room 3	Rob Lopes
Room 4	Latecia Williams
Room 8	Barbara Hall
Room 9	Corey Barker
Room 14	Brenda Nathan
Room 15	Jo Charteris-Axe
Room 16	Margo Christie

#### Technology

Hard Materials Craig Benjamin

Food Tech Jane du Flou

Soft Materials Usha Mangar

ICT Aaron Russell

#### Specialist Teachers

Phys Ed Paulo Montino

#### Office

Tui Ussher and Sheree Blakeborough

#### Teachers' Aides

Sarah Doak, Zoy Murray, Vicky Rehu, Mahara Nathan, Sue Busby, Warren Whareaitu

#### Caretaker

Jamie Beran

#### Cleaners

Maysie Tahu and Faye Kupa

#### ICT Technician

Alvin Alvrez

#### Library/Attendance

Leeanne Isaac

#### Deputy Principal

Allanah Quinn

#### Principal

Sue Arrell

## Resource Teacher of Maori (R.T.M)

Otiria Job

## Resource Teachers of Learning & Behaviour (RTL B)

Justine Gamble

Emily Davey

Keryn Doak

Suzanne Kennedy

Michele Meyer

Susan Stanaway

## Social Worker in School (SWIS)

Anna Tan will be here Tuesdays & Fridays.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

At Kaitaia Intermediate School we develop positive relationships and become successful learners by:

- Staying, *safe*
- Showing *respect*, and
- Being *responsible*

These expectations encompass everyone who works and learns here. We have the same expectations for staff and visitors to the school as we do for the students. We also have the expectation that everyone will carry these expectations to all aspects of their lives. I have spoken to the Y8's asking them to ensure that they carry these values with them when they move on to secondary school and beyond.

Our focus for weeks 1 and 2 is Courtesy – Using Your Manners

## Valentine's Day Mufti



On Friday 12 February we are holding our first mufti day for the year. This is the students' first opportunity to dress up and have some fun. The theme is to wear pink, red, hearts and things to do with romance. There will be prizes for the most imaginative students who dress to the theme. The cost to wear mufti is

\$2.00 and there is no charge if students choose to wear the school uniform as usual. The proceeds will go towards our Tumeke prizes at the end of the term

## Whanau Hui (Open Day) at KIS

We are holding a Whanau Hui on a Saturday 26 February. This is to enable parents/caregivers/whanau to visit the school, and meet their child's teacher in the classroom. The beginning of the year reports will also be handed out at this time. There will be complimentary barbecued sausages.

The technology teachers will also be available to meet with in their classrooms. This will be an ideal opportunity for you to have a look through the technology block. The day will start at 10 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. This day will count as a school day and your child will need to attend with an adult to be marked present.

## School Photos 24 February

The school photos are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24 February. You will receive more information closer to the date.

## KIS Honours

The honours system at KIS has been set up to reward our pupils for participating and achieving in a range of activities. We will be encouraging all students to work towards achieving honours in at least one of the four areas.

## Dux 2016


If your child wishes to be considered for Dux it is important that they enter the University of New South



Wales exams which will be held over the year. All children are encouraged to take part in these external exams as it allows them to measure their achievement against their peers nationwide. The forms asking for expression of interest, are attached to this newsletter

## Mathex and Lit Quiz

Opportunities will also be given to students with a passion for maths to enter the Mathex competition...and those with a passion for literature to enter the Lit Quiz team to represent Kaitaia Intermediate School.

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## Second Hand Uniforms

If parents have items for sale, please bring them into the office with a price, name and contact details attached.

## Duffy Books

The first Duffy Books for this year will soon arrive in the school. The children will select four titles and they will receive two of these books towards the end of the term.

## Assessment

Starting next week the staff will be assessing (testing) all children to determine their beginning of year levels. These same subjects will be tested at least twice more in the year so that we can determine the effectiveness of our teaching. As results are gathered and analysed I will make them known to our community via the newsletter.

## Physical Education (PE)/Swimming

This term for PE the children will be swimming. The students will need to bring the correct swimming gear. Swimming suits/togs, towel and bathing cap. Girls may only wear one piece swimming suits or rash shirts must be worn over two piece suits. Every second Thursday your child will have PE with the Sports Northland co-ordinator. They will have to wear the correct PE uniform i.e. black shorts and blue T Shirt with the school logo.

## Lunchtime Swimming



Our pool is open to all children at lunchtime for swimming. Please ensure your child has a swim cap and **all items are labelled**. Caps are available for sale in our office for \$4.00

## Uniform

The students must wear either a 'bucket' or 'aussie' hat. The hats are available from the school office or The Warehouse. It is great to see the majority of students in the correct school uniform. If your child still doesn't have a school hat or black shoes please make sure that they have them as soon as possible. They are not allowed out in the sun if they don't have a hat and they need to have proper shoes before they can attend technology. Shoes/sandals must be black only. Not black with white or any other colour.

*Please if all parents can ensure all clothing and footwear are clearly labelled. Students are responsible for their belongings whilst at school, we advise not to leave anything laying around and that these are put into students bag to avoid the loss of any belongings.*

## Waitangi Day Holiday

The school will be closed for instruction this Monday 8 February as it is a public holiday to celebrate Waitangi Day.

Ka kite ano

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Arrell".

Sue Arrell, Principal

## Important Dates to remember:

8 February	Waitangi Holiday
11 February	Councillors Assembly
12 February	Valentine Day Mufti
19 February	7 p.m. BOT Meeting
24 February	School Photos
25 February	Room 2 Assembly
11 March	KIS Swimming Sports

## Message from Peter Barnett Far North Cricket Association

Junior Cricket (Year 2-10) will be starting this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 9am at Arnold Rae Park.

## Newsletter

If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, and you have not already indicated on the enrolment form, please indicate on the return slip below:

### Return slip:

Please email me the Kaitaia Intermediate School newsletter. My child's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My name/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_