



KAITAIA INTERMEDIATE

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Confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners who demonstrate Respect, Responsibility and form positive Relationships

Term 3 Week 2

30.7.18

Tena koutou katoa

He moana pukepuke e ekengia e te waka

A choppy sea can be navigated

As we look into the future there are a number of issues that are very real for our school and the schools in Tai Tokerau and in particular Muriwhenua. There is a very concerning shortage of teachers. In our schools we are all going to be looking for new staff, and there are not enough to go around.

The teachers union, NZEI and the various principal organisations have discussed their concerns and the issues that exist in teacher recruitment and training. The NZ Herald recently reported that Auckland University have terminated the employment of teacher training staff in their teacher training faculty by 15%. They also reported the need for the government to hire 1500 teachers over the next three years to cope with rising school roles. However, student enrollment in teacher training has dropped by 40% nationally from 2010-2016, and 27% at Auckland University between 2013-2017. Along with that there have been large numbers of experienced teachers leaving teaching. Newshub reported that 1/5th of primary school teachers and 1/2 of high school teachers quit within 5 years of graduating. This is a crisis!

The issue of the teacher shortages will undoubtedly impact on your child's education as in Kaitaia today there are shortages of relief teachers to the point where today 2 classes have had to be split because we have not been able to find relief teachers to fill these positions. This is less than ideal.

The NZEI has asked teachers and principals to vote for a cessation of work (strike) for a day on **Wednesday August 15**. This voting happens this week and early next week.

As teachers we want the very best for our tamariki and we are very concerned about the issues that have led to less

people wanting to be teachers and the number of teachers who are experienced that have left the workforce.

The current negotiations with the government for teachers conditions are trying to address the issues and make teaching much more attractive to New Zealanders.

We absolutely need your support to assist us in helping the government make the right decisions to attract more teachers, and perhaps bring back some of the teachers who have left the profession.

We ask that you support teachers by understanding that there will be some inconvenience for you in having to organise supervision for your children when the strike occurs. We apologise for this as it is not ideal, but we want the very best for your tamariki and need to take action to support teaching becoming an attractive occupation again, and ensure teachers remain in the profession.

We are very grateful for the support you give us, and the positive way you have helped through the paid union meetings that have already been held by picking up your children on that day.

Parents' voice in support of teachers and the work we do for your children is a very powerful persuasive voice. So, please make contact with our politicians to voice your support for us and your concerns about the Teaching crisis.

I'll keep you informed as to the result of the vote, but anticipate that there will be **no school** on that day - **Wednesday 15 August**.

Have a great weekend.



Unuhia te rito o te harakeke, kei hea te kōmako e kō? Ui mai ki ahau, 'He aha te mea nui o te Ao?' Māku e kī atu, 'He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.'

If you remove the central shoot of the flax bush, where will the bellbird find rest? If you were to ask me, 'What is the most important thing in the world?' I would reply, 'It is people, it is people, it is people.'

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

This & last week's lucky winners were:

Rm	2	Nathan Morrissey
Rm	2	Brooke Sparksman
Rm	2	Liam Jones
Rm	2	Charlotte Thorpe
Rm	2	Abigail Bull
Rm	3	Brandon Walker
Rm	4	Olivia Chuck
Rm	7	Giovanni Ryder
Rm	8	Tommy Doyle
Rm	9	Charlise Marshall-Shaw
Rm	14	Tim Parangi
Rm	16	Reihana Taniwha
Rm	16	Te Aramiha Nathan-Kepa

Important Dates to Remember

Aug	17	KIS Science Fair
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Nga mihi

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PB4L Focus

Our PB4L focus this week:

"Being Prepared"

We are prepared for all learning situations by:

- Correct stationery equipment for every lesson
- Correct P.E. gear
- Correct uniform/suitable for the weather
- Be prepared for study
- Enough sleep/food
- Look after belongings (books in class/desk tidy/clothing clearly labelled)
- Be on time

KIS 50th Anniversary

A reminder that if you are keen to come to the 50th Anniversary reunion of Kaitaia Intermediate School there are limited tickets, so please visit the reunion facebook page for information on registering on-line, or contact Whaea Tui in the office.

Registration forms are being emailed or posted to those who have pre-registered and also linked to our website, with costs included. Please share this with as many ex-students as you can.

100% Attendance Term 3

We had 50 students achieve 100% attendance for Term 2. What an awesome effort! The lucky winners of the \$25 Warehouse voucher were:

Rm	4	Alex Daung
Rm	15	Brylee Gardner