



# KAITAIA INTERMEDIATE

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

## Term 3 Week 6

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### “He waka eke noa”

We're all in this together

### Kia ora Whanau

Kaitaia Intermediate School has been working with an independent company, “Harrison Tew”, who specialise in Emergency Management Plans for schools and educational facilities. The procedures we have in place allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

Our entire school, including our students, have all participated in training sessions this week. On Wednesday morning, we conducted a school-wide lockdown exercise under the guidance of “Harrison Tew”. We are pleased to inform you that our students responded safely, maturely and with a nature of controlled urgency.

The revised lockdown procedure is now a part of our emergency procedures. We will be implementing emergency protocol exercises each term to ensure all staff and students remain familiar with our processes.

Should you hear of a lock down or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

Any information pertaining to an emergency occurring at the school will be updated on our website as regularly as possible.

We believe that the procedures that we conduct for lock downs and evacuations should be seen in a positive light, as it places us in an excellent position should one occur. It is important that we practice these, as we don't want our first lock down to be the real one.

We thank you for your support.

As you will be well aware your child is growing and changing as they move into puberty and adolescence. This is a critical time for children. Their brains are growing and changing and their thinking changes too. Their bodies are changing as they move from being children into young adults. In boys they have around 400% more testosterone in their blood initiating the changes. This can also cause them to be more inclined to aggression, having a shorter fuse and acting more impulsively. This is also the case for girls.

During this time of extreme personal change, emerging adolescents want to behave more like adults and want to have greater responsibility for making decisions and often push boundaries. This is all very normal although it can be very challenging to both parents and teachers.

A very important thing to remember is that young adolescents need lots and lots of sleep due to their growth.

Many of the staff are noticing that many of the children are very tired and it is impacting on their learning. So, if you can ensure your children are getting lots of sleep it will make a difference to their attention, focus and engagement in class and therefore their learning.

### NMSSA Assessments

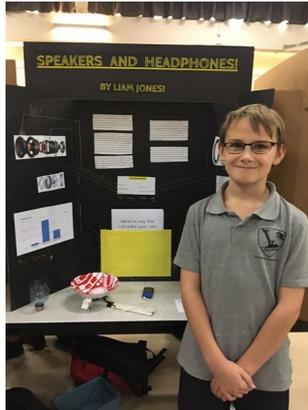
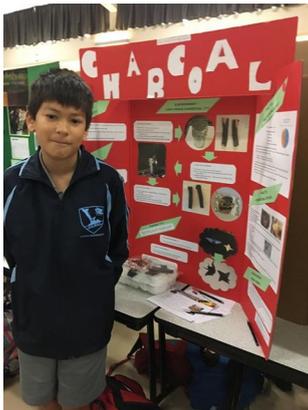
Otago University has worked with us to randomly select students for a number of assessments covering Maths and Social Studies areas of the curriculum. Children from all across New Zealand are contributing to this study. These assessments are to take place at KIS next week.

These assessment results will contribute to understanding how well students are progressing against the curriculum. We appreciate all those who have permitted their children to take part in this study.

### Regional Science Fair in Kerikeri

Last week's KIS Science Fair winners travelled to Kerikeri for the Regional Science Fair last Wednesday. We took a whopping 16 students. A big thank you to all of the parents who drove students and shared the day with us. Out of 10 entries, 6 placed at the regionals. Their prizegiving is

tonight in Kerikeri. The students who placed are Ash Lucich and Larry Isaacs-Hobson Rm 4 - "Rocket Fuel", Kazuya Newman Rm 4 - "Charcoal", Indianna Foster and Tyra Morphett Rm2 - "Water Safety", Odyssey Travers and Phyness Heremaia Rm3 - "Amoozing Weight Gain", and Olivia Chuck and Remy Herbert Rm 4 - "Dettol Wipes".



## KIS Disco

Thank you to all of our parents and staff who helped make last night's AIMS fundraising disco a success. We had over 140 students participate! Very, very special thank you to Remy's dad, DJ Venom who volunteered as DJ. He had everyone up dancing! Thank you also Oddy and Debbie Cloete who baked hundreds of cupcakes for our event.

## NZ Playhouse "Shakespeare, As You Write It"

On Thursday September 6th at 9:10 in the hall we will have a visit from NZ Playhouse. They will be performing "Shakespeare, As You Write It" this year. **The cost is \$2.00.** The school will subsidise the rest.

## Kaitaia College Orientation

On Wednesday September 19th at 2:00, the Kaitaia College principal along with some staff will come to talk to the Year 8 students about enrolments. There will be a **whanau hui at 3:00** in our staffroom for any whanau that have questions about the college.

## 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.

### PB4L Focus

Our PB4L focus this week:

**"Being kind to one another by using respectful language"**

Show respect

- I will use polite language in class and in the playground.
- I will use an appropriate voice level in the classroom.
- I will use polite tone to speak to adults.
- I will be kind to those around me.

Act responsibly

- I will use a civil (polite) tone.
- The voice level I use in the playground may be different to the one I use in class.
- I will not respond to vulgar language by using the same kind of language.

Be safe

- When disputing a point, I will use a polite (if firm) tone of voice.

## KIS 50th Anniversary - 19 & 20 October

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.

### **Colour fun Run/Walk**

On Friday 28th October at 10.30 a.m, Kaitaia Abundant Life School is hosting a 5km colour fun run/walk through our streets. They are fundraising to build a shelter over their courts. The cost is \$7 per participant and we are hoping to encourage the WHOLE school- students and staff alike - to participate in this event. Each student will need a white t-shirt and some covered shoes to walk/run in. We understand \$7 is an expensive fee, but you are more than welcome to start paying this off to the school office from now until the event. This is a great opportunity to show our support for another local kura, as well as work together to complete the event as a whole kura, and have some fun alongside one another at the same time.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

<b>Sept</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>NZ Playhouse "Shakespeare, As You Write It"</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>KIS Speeches</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>Far North Cross Country Peria</b>
	<b>9 - 14</b>	<b>AIMS</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>KC assembly and whanau hui</b>

**Nga mihi**

**John Rutherford**  
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