

#### 27 October 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

What a busy week we have had with our students representing the school in a variety of ways. It is always nice to hear that our students always give their best and show their team values when representing the school.

#### EPro8

This year, two teams represented KPS in the ePro8 challenge, a series of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) challenges. Our students all did really well finishing 7th and 4th. Our 4th placed team qualified to represent our school at the regional event coming up.

It was pleasing to hear that both teams really shone with their collaborative and problem-solving skills which are strongly emphasised in our school curriculum.





#### Dates

#### TERM 4

# Term 4 Begins

- Whanau meeting KOS
- Labour Day
- Tennis have a go day
- Year 8 Immunisations Aihe to visit Mahi o te Taiao
- Ranginui to visit Mahi o te Taiao

#### KPS athletics

- Ika Nui ti visit Mahi o te Taia
- Staff Only Day 13
- **BOT Mtg**

#### Dec

- Waikanae Pool Visit
- Year 8 Graduation Dinner
- Year 8 Graduation assembly
- Term 4 Ends

#### Basketball - KPS Uira

Yesterday, our Year 7-8 boys played their first game in the local basketball competition. This is the first time in a long while we have entered a team. They were really nervous but played well and enjoyed the challenge. Thanks to whanau who popped down to support us and we are looking forward to following their progress throughout the rest of the term.

#### Netball

Our netball teams celebrated their seasons yesterday afternoon. Both teams improved their skills and knowledge of the game over the year and can be proud of their development. Our junior team won the Year 6 Plate. Thank you to Debby and whanau who coached the team. Without you, these experiences would not be available for our tamariki. Ben Murphy coached the senior team and greatly enjoyed seeing the students grow their game and themselves throughout the season.





#### **Jackbords**

Next year, our senior students will be using Jackbords. What is a Jackbord? The best way to find out is to click the link here: <a href="https://www.jackbord.works/">https://www.jackbord.works/</a>. Jackbords have been designed and created by a local member of the community to help students use technology to develop problem solving skills. An example of this would be to take the Jackbord down to a local stream and use it to measure the water quality. This will be an exciting and motivating way for our students to carry out learning and will align strongly with our curriculum.

#### **Health Consultation**

We are required to consult the community on our Health curriculum at KPS every two years. Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive an email asking for your feedback. We have been working with an organisation called Nuku Ora who have supported the development of our Health and PE curriculum. We look forward to the feedback you can share on what it looks like.

#### Year 7-8 Immunisations

The Public Health Nurses are coming to our school on Monday 30 October to provide immunisation for Y8 students and any Y7 students who have **previously missed their vaccine**. If you have changed your mind or your situation has changed please contact the nurses at res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz, or call the Public Health Nurses on 04 587 2949. If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact the nurses 04 587 2949. If you have any questions or concerns please call the nurses on 04 587 2949 or email res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz,

#### **Donations Scheme**

At the end of every year the school is asked by the Ministry or Education if we will be opting into the student donations scheme. By opting in, the school is provided with additional funding to support student learning experiences at KPS. This year, the money supported various trips, camp and our EOTC week. We will be opting into the scheme again for 2024. It is a great initiative which means we are not continually asking the community for money to support learning.

## Teacher Only Day:

This term the Ministry of Education has put in place a staff only day for schools to implement curriculum. The date is **Monday 13 November**. We ask that you please keep your children at home on this day.

#### Start Dates for 2024

We have finalised our start date for 2024 and will be welcoming back students to school on Thursday 1st February. Keep an eye out for a communication closer to the time where we will invite whānau in before this date to meet teachers, look through rooms and get ready for the year.

#### Student Corner



The clock struck 1:00am when my ears were flooded with the sound of beeping in the hallway. I took a sudden gasp when I realised the fire alarm was making a 'breedling' sound. I leaped out of bed and heat checked the bedroom door in case the fire was in the hall. It was safe, the fire had come from the kitchen and I was the only one who heard the alarm.

We had planned for this; first I woke up my older sister Kimmy and told her that there was a fire. "Oh no! Hurry, let's get Mum and Dad!"

"Ok" I replied as we raced to their bedroom "FIRE, FIRE!" I yelled and Mum and Dad leaped out clumsily to get out of bed.

"Ok, I will take Mum and Jimmy, Mum you take Timmy, and Dad you get the essentials, meet at the tree out back when you are out, ready? Break!" Kimmy ordered. We got to our tasks to escape safely, in the bedrooms Dad grabbed clothes and had spare food in his bedroom incase of nighttime kitchen fires, while Mum grabbed our little brother Timmy from his cot. He was still fast asleep! But Mum got him out and us out. We got to the tree before Dad. We started to get worried but then he emerged from the smouldering fires and got out covered in ash and soot. As soon as we were out, Mum called 111 for help.

Half an hour later, the fire brigade had come to the rescue and eliminated the pyre's scorching sparks of calefaction. We are so lucky to have a plan, and if you don't, you should or you might not be as lucky as us.

By Marshall, Brooklyn and Darren Ika Nui students

Ngā mihi nui Brent McDowell Principal



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### **HELD AT KAPITI PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

**Seido Karate Kapiti** Kids Class 7- 12 years Thursday 4.45 - 5.30pm Beginners Class 12 years - adult Thursday 6pm - 7pm Kapiti Primary School Hall All welcome, any level of fitness or ability. A great family activity. Karate is a great way to challenge yourself both physically and mentally Call/text Karen: 021 1141958 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SeidoKarateKapiti">www.facebook.com/SeidoKarateKapiti</a> First three classes free.

#### OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS:



Due to the impact of COVID and staff shortages, unfortunately sKids Kapiti after school care will be closed for the foreseeable future. However, we continue to run a pick-up service from Kapiti School and take the children to sKids Kenakena, John Roger Hall, Te Kupe Road, Paraparaumu Beach. The sKids Kapiti Holiday Programme will continue to run from Kapiti School Hall. We are now taking bookings for Term 4 2023 from sKids Kenakena. For more info, please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email jools@skids.co.nz



#### **Programme Assistant**

A position has become available at sKids Kenakena for an energetic person to join a team of dedicated programme Managers and Programme Assistants, Applicants must have a passion for growing awesome Kiwi kids. This is a permanent part time position.

Hours of work: 7.00am - 8.45am (2 mornings a week), 2.30pm-5.00pm (4 afternoons a week)

with additional hours available during the school holidays.

Immediate start for the right person. Full drivers licence essential. Training will be given. The successful applicant will be police vetted. Job Description available upon request. **Please send CVs to jools@skids.co.nz.** 

# Toi MAHARA reopening festival 28/29 October – and you're invited!

After decades of planning, two years of construction, and months of preparations, we're excited to invite you to the reopening of Toi MAHARA – our District Gallery.

Celebrations kick off in Mahara Place, Waikanae at 11am on Saturday 28 October with a few short speeches, followed with blessings of a newly carved pou and the taonga in the exhibitions. Toi MAHARA will then be open for visitors! You'll then be able to view the four opening exhibitions as they showcase the four stunning new gallery spaces.

Sunday is tamariki day. We're celebrating the new Mahara Place playground with a free sausage sizzle and face painting between 11am and 1pm. It's kids' only day at the Waikanae library with heaps of fun activities from 11am to 3pm, and at noon the children's exhibition, *Wai Ora/Water Life* in Toi MAHARA will officially open.

Festivities carry on throughout Mahara Place for the whole weekend with a packed schedule of entertainment and displays. Local performers and school groups will take to the stage and various activities will take place throughout Mahara Place. Local businesses will amplify the festival atmosphere by offering in-store specials.

Don't miss out! Mark your diaries and be among the first people to visit our beautifully refurbished Toi MAHARA on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 October!
You can find out more at toimahara.nz



# If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym!

Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression! Bigair classes include **GYMNASTICS**, **TRAMPOLINING**, **TUMBLING**, **FREE RUNNING** (thats parkour with flips) & **CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too! Booking online is easy at <a href="https://www.bigairgym.co.nz">www.bigairgym.co.nz</a>.

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#### **Empowering Parents and Caregivers**

Educational group for Parents and Caregivers aimed at supporting 13 to 24 year olds with alcohol and other drug challenges

3 sessions of:
Open dialogue
Supportive environment
Harm reduction and Drug education
Caring for self and family

Where: Kapiti Youth Support 15 Tutanekai Street
Paraparaumu– (left side building)

Mondays 6pm-7pm Monday 9th, 16th and 30th October 2023 If you are interested in attending please contact Jhial via

