

## 21 September 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa

It was nice to arrive back after a few days away in Christchurch at the New Zealand Principals' Conference. Our tamariki gave me a warm welcome back with lots of questions about where I had been. It is always good to talk with other principals and hear about what they are doing in their schools, but I was pleased to come back and catch up with everyone after a few days away. The highlight of the conference was listening to Professor Russel Bishop talk about how we can support all students, particularly our Māori students, to thrive in school settings.

## Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day - this Monday 26 Sept

As this is a national public holiday to mark the passing of the Queen there will be no school Monday.

# Neon Crazy Day

This Friday is **NEON CRAZY DAY**. Our student council is encouraging all students to dress up in bright colours; there will be a couple of prizes for best dressed students. In the morning, all students will be working in groups to complete 4 fun activities around the school.

## The Brain and Learning

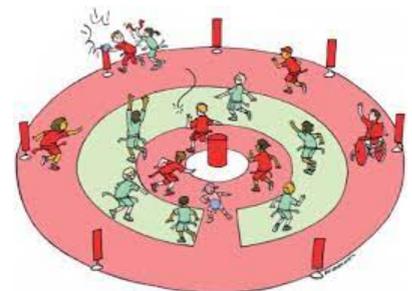
At Kapiti Primary School, we teach our students about their brains and what they can do to ensure they learn at their best. We talk about being "Ready to Learn". While this teaching is still a work in progress, our students are gaining a better understanding of how they can regulate their emotions. These are invaluable skills that can support our tamariki now and as they grow into adults. I've included a link to a video you can watch and you can always ask classroom teachers about this approach.

[The Brain and Learning.](#)

## Whānau Games Afternoon



Next Thursday 29 September, we invite you to come and join us to play some games with our students. The weather is warming and, now our COVID restrictions have been removed, we would love you to come and join us. It will be a relaxed afternoon where you can join in with tamariki to play games and have fun. We hope to see you from 2:15!



Dates	
<b>TERM 3</b>	
September	
30	Assembly 9.10am
30	Last day of Term
<b>TERM 4</b>	
17 Oct	First Day Term 4
15 Dec	Last day Term 4

## Decile System

I want to let you know about a change that is being made to the decile system. Currently, we are a Decile Four school. This relates to the funding we receive from the Ministry of Education per child. Basically, the lower the decile rating, the more money a school receives per child.

The Ministry is moving to a new system called the Equity Index (EQI). The EQI helps identify schools and kura that need additional funding and resources to support ākonga. The EQI gives each school a three-digit number which is tied to a funding rate. This number is **not** a measure of quality. It is not reflective of our schools' teaching, culture, ākonga ability or achievement.

You can read more about these changes including factsheets at the Ministry of Education's website: [The Equity Index – Ministry of Education](#)

## Covid 19

You will be aware that COVID restrictions have changed. The two key changes impacting schools are:

- The removal of the requirement for household contacts to isolate. Instead, they will be asked to test for COVID-19 for five days.
- Masks are no longer required on public transport or school transport and in line with other mask changes, and they are no longer required in our school setting.

Positive cases remain legally required to isolate for seven days. Anyone who is symptomatic, including household contacts, should stay at home and get tested for COVID-19.

## Kapa Haka

It would be awesome for some adults to come down and join our Kapa haka on Thursdays. This will be a fun way to get involved in the school community and to support our tamariki. See you at the slightly later advertised time of 2:15.

## Assemblies

Parents and caregivers are very welcome to come to our assemblies. They begin at approximately 9.10am and each class takes a turn running them.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Te Paua</b>

## Lunch Orders - FRIDAYS ONLY

### TERM DATES 2022

Term 3            25 July to 30 September  
Term 4            17 October to 15 December

## Public Holidays

26 September    Queen's Memorial Day  
24 October        Labour Day

**Enjoy the rest of your week.**  
**Brent McDowell**  
**Principal**

Have a look at our website: [www.kapiti.school.nz](http://www.kapiti.school.nz)

You can request Board of Trustee minutes and information from Carol in our office:  
[admin@kapiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@kapiti.school.nz)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HELD AT KAPITI PRIMARY SCHOOL:



Due to the impact of COVID, unfortunately sKids Kapiti after school care will be closed for the foreseeable future. However, we will continue to have a pick-up service from Kapiti School and take the children to sKids Kenakena, John Roger Hall, Te Kupe Road, Paraparaumu Beach. Please note that the sKids Kapiti Holiday Programme will continue to run from Kapiti School Hall. We are now taking bookings for the Spring Holiday Programme from Kapiti Primary School Hall, and Term 4 from sKids Kenakena. **For more information, please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email [jools@skids.co.nz](mailto:jools@skids.co.nz)**

**Seido Karate Kapiti** Kids Class 7- 12 years Thursday 4.45 - 5.30 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 [www.facebook.com/SeidoKarateKapiti](https://www.facebook.com/SeidoKarateKapiti) First three classes free.

### OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS:

**Spaces available @ Ngahina Kindergarten** – We are a community based, not-for-profit kindergarten where children learn at their own pace alongside others. We offer 20 free hours for tamariki over two. Our sessions run Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2.30pm. For more information please come and visit us 5 Ngahina Street, call us 04 904 6298, or find us online at <https://www.wmkindergartens.org.nz>

Kids Holiday Clay Workshop- **FUNKY FISH**; Design and make a funky fish out of clay on day 1. Leave it here to dry and get fired in the kiln, then come back and decorate it a few days later. **DATES:** Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th October ( you need to come **BOTH** days) **TIMES:** 9.30-11am OR 1.30-3pm **COST:** \$80 per

child includes all materials, clay, glazes and 2 firings PLUS morning/afternoon tea on both days. Bookings essential for children 5 years + Cell: 02102720716

E: [art@kayebustinstudios.com](mailto:art@kayebustinstudios.com)

FB: [www.facebook.com/KayeBustinStudios](https://www.facebook.com/KayeBustinStudios) Adult Workshops also available!

**OPEN REGISTRATION**

**PLAY SOFTBALL**

*Open to all!*

*for more info:*  
[www.kapitisoftball.co.nz](http://www.kapitisoftball.co.nz)

**PLAY SOFTBALL**

**Are you looking for a summer sport? How about Softball?** It's FUN and FAST! We are hunting for male and female players to join us - U7s right up to Seniors. If you are a seasoned pro or a beginner, we would love to have you as part of our club! You can register online at [www.kapitisoftball.co.nz](http://www.kapitisoftball.co.nz) or if you have any questions, get in touch with Kyla on [juniors@kapitisoftball.co.nz](mailto:juniors@kapitisoftball.co.nz) or 027 244 8756. See you on the diamond!



**Find Your Play  
over the school holidays!**

# waka kori

Kāpiti play trailer



Have fun with Waka Kori, our play trailer. It's a treasure chest of loose parts, designed to spark the imagination and inspire creative play for all ages. Pop up play days are free to attend. All are welcome.

**Tuesday 4 October**

Tasman Road playground, Ōtaki

**Thursday 6 October**

Kaitawa Reserve, Paraparaumu

**Tuesday 11 October**

Matai Road Reserve,  
Raumati Beach

**Session times: 10am-12pm**

**All abilities play session**

**Thursday 13 October**

Waikanae Memorial Hall

*Join us for our fully accessible  
play session. It's truly fun for  
everyone.*

**FIND YOUR  
play**

**Kia kaha ki te kori**

Check our website for updates [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/WakaKori](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/WakaKori)

# HOLIDAY DAY CAMPS



## YEARS 1-4

MONDAY 10TH & TUESDAY 11TH

HALF-DAY: 10 - 12.30 (\$25)

FULL-DAY: 10 - 3 (\$45)

## YEARS 5-6

WEDNESDAY 12TH & THURSDAY 13TH

HALF-DAY: 10 - 12.30 (\$25)

FULL-DAY: 10 - 3 (\$45)

(EXPLORING, CREATING, BUSHCRAFT, FIRE-COOKING, DISCOVERING...)

## ANY AGE - BUSHCRAFT SEAT WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 14TH

10 - 12.30 (\$30)

LIMITED TO 6 SPACES

(LEARN USEFUL KNOTS AND LASHINGS AND CONSTRUCT A COMFY BUSHCRAFT SEAT)



Sessions will run regardless of the weather (unless extreme)

Contact Adelle to enquire or enrol: [adelle.wildawake@gmail.com](mailto:adelle.wildawake@gmail.com).

Or visit Wild Awake Nature Adventures on Facebook

## COASTLANDS STAR SEARCH – ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

The world famous Coastlands Star Search is on in Coastlands shopping town, Paraparaumu in the second week of the October school holidays! If you've got a talent - singing, dancing, gymnastics, acting, or anything you think the judges would like to see, then please pick up an entry form from the Coastlands Information Desk, or email [Kelly.dawson@nzme.co.nz](mailto:Kelly.dawson@nzme.co.nz) for a copy. There are two categories – Category 1 is children aged between 5 and 11, and Category 2 is for ages 12-17 (or 18 if still at secondary school). Be in to win **AWESOME** prizes from Stirling Sports, Kapiti Chocolate factory, an annual family pass to Coastlands Aquatic Centre and much much more! In conjunction with “Coastlands Shopping Town”, “The Hits” and “Stirling Sports”.

### **If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dance, or parkour moves, 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** (that's parkour with flips) & **CHEERLEADING!** Inquire about Bigair **BIRTHDAY PARTIES** too! **GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 4 GYM CLASSES & BIGAIRS POPULAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!** Bookings open Mon 19<sup>th</sup> September. Booking in is easy online at [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) or contact your local Bigair Gym office today.

### **3D Printing & Software Holiday Programme**

Whitby Collegiate will be hosting a 3 day introduction to 3D printing and CAD software holiday programme in October. Our IT experts will teach students how to design a 3D model using the modelling computer programme SketchUp. Students will keep their printed 3D designs. No previous experience is necessary. Students must bring their own chromebooks/laptops. Limited spaces available.

Dates: Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 October 2021

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$270

Ages: 10+

<https://form.jotform.com/whitbyenrol/3d-print-cad-software-holiday-prog>