KAPITI
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

## 1 December 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Thank you to those who were able to make it to our hui at the start of the week. It was a small turnout but valuable information was shared and the board looks forward to continuing these sessions termly.

At the final board meeting, whole school data was shared around Reading, Writing and Maths. We have had a positive shift in Writing and a really good shift in Maths while Reading has stayed about the same since the beginning of the 2023 year. It is pleasing to see that our data is improving. We are looking forward to continuing to build our schoolwide data and develop Confident, Connected Explorers. For any of those who would like a full copy of our end of year data, please contact Bronwen in the office and she will send it out to you.

This week, most of you will have had a call from your child's/children's teacher/s for 2024. This was an opportunity for teachers to connect with you about next year, talk through a bit more detail about how the classes will operate and answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your 2024 classroom teacher if you have any further questions or would like to arrange a meeting.


## EPro8 Regionals

EPro8 is a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) based competition for students to take on a range of challenges. Levi, Krish, Alexander and Lewis made it through to the finals and competed in this at Brandon Intermediate earlier this week. They really enjoyed the experience and performed well at the event finishing in 6th position. We are really proud of their achievement!

## Year 8s preparing for college

Our Year 8 students have met with staff from KYS and also with the team at Zeal over the week. They have enjoyed playing games and also getting information about these organisations and how they support young people in Kapiti. Here are a few photos of a fun game we played with Hamish from Zeal.


## Sports

Our tamariki have been continuing to develop their skills on the sports fields and our Warriors team had a good win last night. They have developed their touch skills every week and have had several of the referees comment on their development. Keep up the great work Warriors!

## Au Revoir from Debby

I have enjoyed working collaboratively in the Montessori Class alongside Liz. Learning to teach in the Montessori way has extended the way in which I think about teaching and learning in the classroom. I have been very lucky to work with some fantastic teachers and a great principal, which leaves me feeling really sad to have to leave Kapiti Primary School but I will leave with some fabulous memories. And, I am looking forward to taking up the hobbies that have had to be put aside for a while, like looking after my garden and spending some time knitting or sewing. Au Revoir Kapiti Primary.


## Thank You from Cinzia

My time at Kapiti Primary School has been filled with learning, adventures and connections that I will not easily forget. I have been lucky enough to learn and grow with a very special bunch of children and teachers that I will truly miss seeing every day. To the tamariki at KPS - Kei runga noa atu koe! (You are awesome!)

## Waikanae Pool

Our Waikanae Pool trip is coming up next Thursday. Tamariki are looking forward to it and it is always a fun day down at the pool. If you can make it down, come and join us. Please make sure your tamariki have sunscreen on before coming to school in the morning. Tamariki can bring some money to purchase food from the shop.

## Year 8 Graduation

On Monday 11 December we will hold the Year 8 dinner to celebrate and farewell our Year 8s. Then, on the last day of term, we will hold a special assembly to recognise their achievements.

## Kapahaka/Tikanga Tutor

We have not been able to run Kapa Haka this year and want to ensure our school has a strong group in 2024. We are looking for a tutor who would like to come and support our tamariki. Please contact me if you have the skills or desire to support us heading into 2024 or if you have ideas about someone who might like to take on this role. This will be a remunerated position and we are looking at around an hour per week.

## Start Dates for 2024

School starts back on Thursday 1st February.
On Tuesday 30 January, we will have classrooms open for children and whānau to come down and have a look at their spaces for the year. We will have a sausage sizzle and some fun games to play. This is always a really good opportunity for everyone to reconnect after a long break.

## Student Corner

Next year we are going to be Year 8s and we are going to be in the same class together. We are looking forward to being leaders in the school and good role models for the rest of the school. We will meet new people and make new friends in our class. We are also looking forward to going on all sorts of trips and getting ready for college.

Next year some of the year sevens will move into a new classroom and some will stay in their current classroom. This year, the year eights are leaving for college and the year sevens will become the leaders and the role models of the school. We will miss the year 8 s terribly, it will be tragic when they leave!

Of course before then, we have the christmas holidays and we can spend time with our family and friends and pets, we can also go swimming at the beach or pool.

Olive and Nirvana

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 $6 \mathrm{pm}-7 \mathrm{pm}$ 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: 0211141958 www.facebook.com/SeidoKarateKapiti 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 42023 from sKids Kenakena. For more info, please call Jools Da Silva on 02102543249 or email jools@skids.co.nz

More families qualify for subsidised out of school programmes.

## Find out if your family is now eligible,

 skids.co.nz/OSCAR
## Nan and Tuna - Puppet show for children at Toi MAHARA

11am, Saturday 3 December
In the Waipuna Toi | Community Space at Toi MAHARA, Mahara Place, Waikanae
Suitable for children age 4-10
Free admission
Nan and Tuna have been friends for 70 years and now it is time for one last adventure together. But before they leave they need to find someone to care for the river.

A bilingual puppet show about eels, rivers and friendship.
"Nan and Tuna is an arresting visual poem" - Pantographic Punch
Watch the trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8Cz1X2cMEw
Website link to the event: https://toimahara.nz/events/puppet-show-nan-and-tuna/
Facebook event: https://fb.me/e/45likcdJ2


## Te Wero Pānui Raumati <br> Summer Reading Challenge

Registrations open 4 December 2. Pop in to your library on visit www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/librariies/


## Have your say about community facilities in Kāpiti!

We want to hear about the needs of our community as we consider options for the possible redevelopment of the Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre.

It's really important to hear the views of the Kāpiti community and the organisations that serve our community on what any future development of the Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre could and should look like. We also want to hear what's important about a community space for Kāpiti.

The survey is being conducted by Mobius Research on behalf of Kāpiti Coast District Council. Here is the live survey link:

## U Christmas Celebration <br> aw-Sensary

## Sunday 3 December, 10-11.30am Lorna Irene Reserve, Raumati

FREE whanāu event with Santa and all-abilities play sensory play | ice creams | facepainting | sausage sizzle
www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/UpcomingEvents
Kāpiti
Summer
EXPERIENCE $x+=$


## Ōtaki Christmas Market, 10 December, 10am-2pm

Over 55 stalls: art and craft, health \& beauty products, plants \& flowers, Christmas craft, Christmas Trees

Delicious Kai, hangi, seafood chowder, burgers, spring rolls, ice cream and much more... Free crafting table and facepainting for a Koha. Meet Santa Claus + FREE Photograph: Guess who's coming to town? Santa Claus himself! FREE photograph with Santa between 11am-1.30pm - a cherished memory in the making.

## Ōtaki Kids Market, 14 January, 10am-2pm

The next Kids Market will be Sunday 14 January. Join all the fun of the Kids Market, and tamariki and rangatahi run their own stalls, make craft, baking or sell their products. Registrations / Event details: https://www.otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket

