

#### 8 December 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa.

This is the final newsletter of the year and I want to wish you all a happy and safe break. I also want to thank you for your support over the year. After quite a challenging start to the year, we have seen a huge turnaround in how our students are doing. This is in no part due to the great work our staff have put in and the learning we have been doing together as a staff that supports students to be calm, happy, connected and ready to learn.

Over the last week, students have been connecting with their new classes and teachers for 2024. Your child's teacher will have already been in contact with you, this is part of setting up for a successful start in the new year.



## Thank You Morning Tea

Next Tuesday, we are inviting you to a thank you morning tea for volunteering and supporting our tamariki. Our tamariki have had many wonderful experiences and we can't do this without your help. We would love you to come to our staff room on Tuesday 12 December at 10:45am so we can thank you and share some kai. Hope to see you then.

## 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 Nov KPS athletics Ika Nui ti visit Mahi o te Taia Staff Only Day Community Hui - 5 pm **BOT Mtg** Waikanae Pool Visit Year 8 Graduation Dinner Year 8 Graduation assembly Term 4 Ends

# Regional Athletics

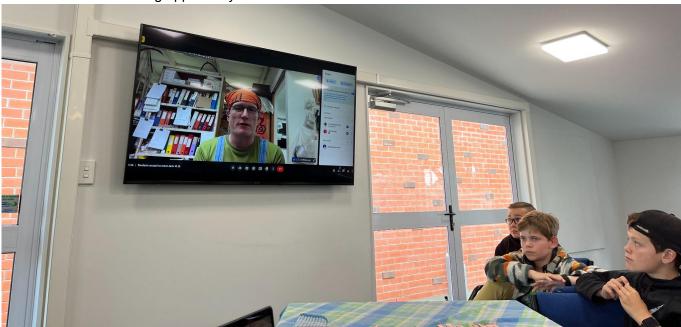
Congratulations to Carmel and Ron who both qualified for the regional athletic event held last week. Unfortunately, Carmel couldn't make the event but Ron went along and performed to a high standard. Making a regional competition is a fantastic achievement for both of them and we look forward to hearing about Ron and Carmel's achievements as they progress through college.





#### Student Council 2024

Next year, our Student Council will be working with KCDC on a project around measuring the water quality of Wharemauku Stream. They will be using Jackboards for this mahi to measure temperature, turbidity and PH levels. Today, our student councillors for next year met Jack who is the creator of Jackbords, via Google Meet. Jack is currently in Singapore but will be back to work with us next year on this project. It will be an awesome opportunity for our students to see how they can use their skills to contribute to our community. We look forward to this project getting off the ground next year and our students who met with Jack are incredibly excited about this learning opportunity.



### Waikanae Pool

We had an amazing day yesterday at Waikanae Pools and our tamariki enjoyed the pool, swimming, playing and having a good time together. Our TEAM values were all on display and it was really nice to see so many whānau come and join us.



### **Final Assembly**

On **Thursday 14 December**, we will be holding our final assembly at **11:30 am**. We invite you down to join us as we celebrate the year and farewell our Year 8s and some staff.

### **Health Consultation**

We haven't managed to get this out yet and have decided to hold off until the beginning of the year. This will give us a bit more time to collect information from you.

### Kapa Haka/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.

## Ranginui's visit to Te Papa



On Wednesday, Ranginui students hopped on the train to travel to Wellington to visit Te Papa. They had an awesome day together and the students pointed out just how much learning could be gained from a trip into town!

#### 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.

#### Tūī and Pīwakawaka Renovations

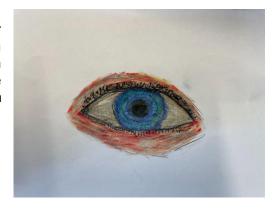
The renovations of our junior spaces are progressing well. Currently, we have our flooring people adding Autex to the walls (as seen in the picture) and soon installing the carpet and laminate flooring. The electricians are adding the final fixtures and fittings as we speak and we are excited about opening this space for the start of the year. We will send out some more images when the rooms are finished.





### **Student Corner**

One of our students has been working hard all year on her artwork and has really dedicated herself to becoming an exceptional artist. Today, she came and showed me her work on drawing eyes and asked if I would share it in our newsletter. We enjoy students succeeding in a range of ways and seeing them motivated to improve.



Have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

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



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# 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:

https://survey.mobiusresearch.co.nz/Community/se/705E3F107FDF8BE4

Thank you for your participation!

# 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