



KAHUTARA SCHOOL

Opening the gates to our future.
Huakina nga kuaha ma a tatou ao ake tonu.

NEWSLETTER - 3

18th March 2020

Charmaine's Corner

As you know we have a very fluid situation with the Corona Virus spreading around the world. At this stage Kahutara School is open and - given the extremely low rate of infection in New Zealand - is currently a safe place to be. Should the situation change, then we will be informed and will act quickly in the interests of our students, staff and community. At school we are focussing on good hygiene and encourage anyone with illness to stay at home until fully recovered.

The Ministries of Education and Health are keeping in close contact and will advise us of any necessary actions we need to take. We have a pandemic plan that we can put in place if required.

Keep well,

Charmaine

Coronavirus Best Defence

COVID-19, Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence:

- wash your hands often with soap and water before and after eating, as well as after attending the toilet

- cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or your elbow - put used tissues in the bin.

We encourage staff and students to stay home if unwell.

Teacher Only Day

A friendly reminder that Thursday 26th March is a teacher only day. The school will be closed for teacher professional development.

Swimming Postponement

In the light of recent Covid-19 precautions and recommendations we have made the decision to postpone the upcoming Wairarapa Primary School Swim Champs, that was to be held on Wednesday the 18th of March, until further notice. This decision has not been taken lightly but we feel it is in the best interests of all students and families to postpone the event.

We hope we have all your support of this difficult decision. We aim to look at having the event on later in the year.

Kind Regards

Darren Kerr/ Clare Crawford - Principal Sports Representatives for Masterton and South Wairarapa Clusters.



Congratulations to Olivia, DJ and Guy J and for making it into this competition.

We look forward to it being held later in the year.



Kahutara Pool now Closed

The pool is now closed. There will be no more swimming this season. If you hired a key for the season please return it to the office. Thank you

Dear Parents

The past week Hub 2 have been investigating the school rubbish.

We have found some shocking results. In just 15 minutes our class found 398 pieces of rubbish.

62.8% of it is food packaging. Throughout the year the whole school brings a total of 61,800 pieces of rubbish in a year.

We have some solutions to fix this problem.

You can get beeswax wraps from [Greytown Honey Ltd](#) & [PlanetBox](#) provides metal lunchboxes and water bottles and much more. Please stop bringing as much plastic as you usually do.

From Hub 2

JAB Rugby Weigh-in Day



Weigh in day will be at Kahutara School on **Thursday 19th March**. This will be done at lunchtime so parents don't need to worry about being there.

Tuhirangi JAB kids are lucky enough to be receiving free subs this year.

[Talent Wairarapa 2020](#)

Talent Wairarapa is a Wairarapa wide Talent competition, culminating in a grand final at Carterton Event Centre with some large cash prizes for the winner/s. Entries close 31 March.

The heats are at Carterton School on 6/7th May. From there contestants are selected to go through to semi finals at Kuranui College and Makoura College and then if they are successful, onto the final.

Entries can be placed on <https://talentwairarapa.co.nz>

There is a \$5 charge for administration which is put into our youth projects.

Please don't forget to make sure you are signed up to Seesaw and Skool Loop. Skool Loop will be our method of communication in an emergency.

Ask your child's teacher if you aren't already set up.

Pūkaha is currently open

It's business as usual, with a renewed emphasis on hygiene practices in place to ensure the safety of all who visit and work at Pūkaha. Locals who are feeling fit are encouraged to visit the national wildlife centre. Free daily tours of the reserve are available at 12.30pm (included with entry). We're inviting everyone to visit and spend time in the forest, to connect with nature and re-charge. There are proven health benefits to spending time in nature. Keep it local - explore the taonga of Pūkaha. Locals receive half-price entry.

WANTED

A small piece of land to buy. Call Mike Meehan 021 137 3493

Pictures of our School Leaders for 2020 are now on the Board in the Foyer - take a moment to have a look next time you are in the office

Important Dates

Thursday 19th March: Tuhirangi rugby weigh in

Tuesday 24th March: Year 8 Remutaka Incline bike ride

Thursday 26th March: Teacher Only Day

31st March, 7th April: Technology Y7 & 8

Thursday 9th April: Last day of term