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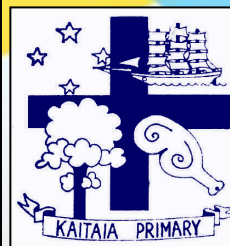
SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS:

Tēnā koutou katoa te whanau. A very warm welcome to you all, hope you all had a safe and happy holiday. Our whole school focus is on Mathematics, Reading, Writing and our Kaupapa for this term is Whakawhanaungatanga. In addition, MANAWA and Mana Potential continue to be intertwined throughout for our akonga.

We would like to welcome our new staff members

Whaea Jasmine Brett in Room 19,
Whaea Teneti Gould in Room 14,
Whaea Aissha Woodcock in Room 11 and our new caretaker Indi Le Vaillant-Meades

Whaea Aissha Woodcock Rm 11	Whaea Teneti Gould Rm 14	Whaea Jasmine Brett Rm 19
		
<p>Kia ora e te whānau, Ko Te Rarawa te iwi, Ko Whangatauatia te maunga, Ko Karirikura te moana, Ko Mamari te waka, Ko Ruanui te tangata, Ko Te Ohake raua ko Te Rarawa oku marae, Ko te Ahipara te kainga. E noho ana ahau ki Pukenui, Ko Aissha ahau.</p> <p>I have recently moved to the Far North to be closer to my whānau and to learn more about my tūrangawaewae. I have beautiful tamariki. I have 11 years teaching experience based in both South and West Auckland. I am passionate and dedicated to teaching and learning. I believe knowledge is power and education is the strongest key to social mobility. I'm looking forward to making connections with our Kaitaia School community.</p>	<p>Kia Ora Koutou, Ko Ruahine te maunga, Ko Manawatu te awa. Ko Takitimu te waka. Ko Tamaki-nui-a-rua te rohe, Ko Ngati Kahungunu te iwi. Ko Teneti Gould ahau.</p> <p>I taught in many schools in Perth in varied socio-economic areas and both metro and rural situations. I have over 15 years experience teaching there and returned in December, 2020. I taught at Pamapurua School last year. My husband and I have established ourselves at Kaingaroa leaving our 2 sons in Perth. We are looking forward to living in the Far North and have met many wonderful people already. I am looking forward to meeting the Kaitaia School community also.</p>	<p>Kia ora, I am Jasmine Brett, the new teacher in Room 19. We are going to have so much fun this year exploring knowledge and bringing learning to life in our class.</p> <p>My passions include history, literacy, poetry, music and the arts. As a teacher I love to use the creative arts as a way to make reading and writing more engaging.</p> <p>I grew up living in various countries around the world and loved the exposure to multiple cultures, perspectives and knowledge to explore. I'm excited to bring this into my classroom.</p> <p>Outside of school I am a singer songwriter and amateur producer under my artist name. I look forward to exploring how I can use my experience in music to create opportunities for Kaitaia Primary School students.</p>



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OUR VISION

"Inspired and resourceful learners for life."
"Kia whakaara kia manawanui mo tona ao"

Thursday 10th February, 2022 (Term 1, Week 2)

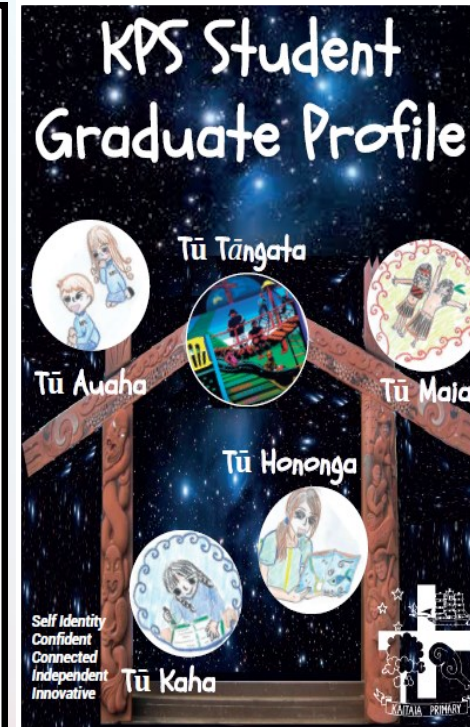
Kia ora koutou!

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break, spending time with friends and family. We've had a bit of work done around our school grounds and some of it is still fenced off. Over the upcoming weeks we'll take those fences down once the areas become more user-friendly for our tamariki again.

The biggest item for everyone at school is the new rule about wearing masks in class for Y4-6 students and the staff that work with them also. Although we didn't make the rule, it is one that we must follow as a school. I completely understand that some of our students and their whanau will receive a mask-wearing exemption because of health concerns and also for those where communication is difficult. I am happy to listen to all requests and work with whanau to sort a safe option for their tamariki. Ministry of Health mask-exemptions must be shown to the school office. We will keep a register of who has mask-exemption at our school.

As always, I look forward to meeting whanau throughout the school year.

Nga mihi
Mr M



JUNIOR SCHOOL News

Welcome back to all our old families and also our new families that have joined us this year.



Swimming starts this week Monday to Thursday. Please help your children to remember to bring their swimming gear on these days. To make life easier...

Please name and label all items.



This term is **Citizenship: Ethnic Stories/Purakau**. Through this topic we will be learning about how belonging to groups is important, the different roles and responsibilities we have as part of belonging to groups and how the past is important to us.



Our Junior School Teachers are...

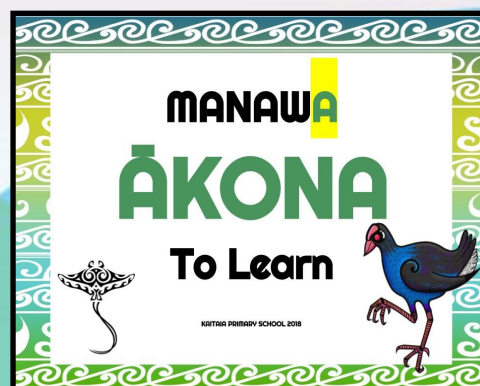
- Rm 1 Mrs Sullivan
- Rm 2 Whaea Rere
- Rm 3 Miss Burnage
- Rm 5 Mrs Smith
- Rm 6 Whaea Jac
- Rm 8 Miss Morton

Special Education- Mrs Steele
Assistant Principal- Ms Duncan



We are learning to be good friends, share and take turns. Sometimes we can have upsets and we are also learning how to make ourselves feel better when this happens to us. Ask your child's teacher about the MANA Potential programme that supports this learning.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS:





Community Notices

Year 4-6 students wearing masks at school in 2022

Kia ora whanau,

It's been a great first few weeks back at school, wonderful to see smiling faces and tamariki keen to catch up with their friends and to get back into their learning. There are a few changes in schools all across our country this year with one of the biggest being that our students from Y4 and up need to wear a face mask on the school bus and when they are in class. Having a school with 5 composite Y3/4 classrooms, you can understand that this change was going to be difficult to explain to our kids. It's hard for many of them to understand why half the class has to wear a mask and half doesn't. They're all together each day after all.

To help our Y4 tamariki get used to the new mask wearing rule, I thought it would help if the Y3 students in their classroom did so too. I knew this decision was not going to suit everyone's point of view, so I was also willing to be flexible and listen to parent requests when they came in. Of course, I know that our Y3 tamariki don't have to wear the masks at school, it was always about showing awhi (support) to their Y4 classmates.

In our school values "MANAWA" the "N" stands for Ngawari (Kindness and Understanding). The initial decision I made was based around that school value. I guess whanau, this is me asking for a bit of Ngawari for the first decision I made about wearing masks at school. In return, I need to show everyone else Ngawari too so I submit the following:

If your child is in Y3 and you would prefer they don't wear a mask in class, please just let your child's teacher know that this is the case. No mask-wearing exemption is required. Your Y3 child is already exempt from the rule. If however, you are okay for your child to continue so show Ngawari and Awhi (support) for their Y4 classmates, then that can also continue to happen.

If your child is in Y4, Y5 or Y6 and you don't want them to wear a mask in class, then you need to apply for a mask exemption through the Ministry of Health and provide the school with an exemption certificate. We are happy to accept those because they are issued if a child's health would be endangered by wearing a face mask over long periods of time. We will keep a register of who has mask-exemption at our school.

Quite a lot of info there whanau. I hope it makes sense to you. As you can imagine, it has been a bit confusing at times trying to get all these new rules sorted and manageable on a day to day basis covering all the different learning settings and situations we have at school. Please be patient as we try to do the best for your tamariki.

As always whanau, we absolutely value your support. It really does mean a lot to us at Kaitaia Primary School.

Nga mihi
Mr M

Mana Whenua

Effective teachers connect to and value the place where we live.

Mana Tāngata

Effective teachers value every child's whakapapa and their aspirations.

Mana Ūkaipō

Effective teachers connect to, and value the people of our community.

School Notice



Bus Reminders

Parents must write a note or let the office know before 2 pm if there is a change to the normal routine for their child/ children if they travel on the bus. Each child is marked off on a roll in the Junior School and in the Senior school each afternoon so it is important that we know if they are being picked up or are going home another way.

Bus Bay

Our school bus bay needs to be kept clear for our buses between 8.15 and 9am and from 2.30 - 3.15pm. We have over 250 children getting on and off buses during these times. It is crucial that our bus drivers vision is not blocked by other cars. Please help with this issue parents before we have a terrible accident!

Mr M

Absenteeism

Our KPS school website has a online forms tab to report absences and a update contact details tab. Alternatively parents can txt absences to the office mobile 02108422405. Parents can also still call the school phone number and leave a absentee message. Parents please update your contact details if details have changed.

Many Thanks
Office Staff

Mana Whānau

Effective teachers make children's knowledge and experiences integral to their teaching decisions.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

WHEN	WHAT
Every Friday 9.00am—10.30am	We will have mini Assemblies for Junior, Middle and Senior School every Friday between 9 am and 10.30am. Unfortunately, these assemblies are closed to the wider public.
Banking 8.30a.m.	Every Friday – ASB only. Please contact the school office if your child would like to start school banking. It is a great way to teach them to save.
11 February	Junior/Middle/Senior assemblies from 9am—10.30am
14, 15 and 17 February	Y5/6 swimming @ the town pools from 12.50pm—2.20pm
18 February	Junior/Middle/Senior assemblies from 9am—10.30am
21, 22 and 24 February	Y5/6 swimming @ the town pools from 12.50pm—2.20pm
23 February	BOT meeting @ 5.15pm in our Senior School staffroom
24 February	School newsletter due home today

Have a safe and happy holiday break everybody!
From the children, staff and BOT of Kaitaia Primary School.

Mana Tū

Effective teachers are confident resilient role models and self motivated learners.

