

Wednesday, 22 July 2020

Ko te Wenerei, 22 o Hūrae 2020



COMING EVENTS

Mon-Tue 27-28 Jul	Kia Kaha with Constable Kat Parent hui Monday 2pm
Wed, 29 Jul	Manual—bring CONTAINER for cooking
Fri, 31 Jul	Nurse Donna with senior girls—safe menstrual management
Tue, 4 Jul	Whaea Gina— 550m test

Welcome back to Term 3 of a very different kind of year. Hopefully, we will be able to get back to some sort of normality with school routines and learning this term. Over the holidays, the roofers managed to find some good weather to put a new roof on top of the block with Mrs Dimond's room and the computer room, including insulation so they will enjoy being toastie warm and dry.

New Students

Nau mai haere mai Jahziah and Tawhana. Their mother, Karmen is a former student of Kāwhia School and it's always great to welcome the next generation!

Wellbeing@School and FeelBrave Survey

Last term, we decided to conduct a Wellbeing@School (Years 5-8) and FeelBrave (Year 1-4) survey with our students to obtain a snapshot of how they were feeling because of the lockdown and huge disruption to their schooling.

We then compared the results to last year's and they are very pleasing.

For the FeelBrave Survey, children were asked to rate five statements about themselves—I like myself, I have lots of good friends, I know what to do with my worries, I know how my brain works, I know ways to calm myself down. This year scored an average of 95% positive—that's only 1% down from last year.

For the Wellbeing@School survey, the overall average rating was 93% positive compared to 86% positive last year. Also, from their point of view, the overall aggressive student culture has reduced from 23% in 2019 to 7% in 2020. It was a good opportunity to meet one to one and find out how they were feeling and address any concerns they might have had. The table below is a summary of each category and some samples of the many questions that the children were asked to rate:

Sadly, our current senior mentor, Will Helu, has moved on to a new job with Wintec. We thank him for the time and effort that he put in to creating true trusting relationships with our senior students and his genuine interest in their wellbeing, especially when they transitioned to Ōtorohanga College. We wish him all the best. He will be helping Thrive Trust to find another replacement as fantastic as he is.

Area	2019	2020	Sample Questions
Climate and Practices	82%	93%	I feel I belong at school Teachers ask for our ideas about how students can get on better
Teaching and Learning	92%	97%	Teachers think ALL students can do well Teachers always take action if someone is being hit or bullied Teachers care about how I feel
Community Partnerships	93%	99%	My parents, family and whānau always feel welcome at school Teachers and parents work together In the area where I live, people get on with each other
ProSocial culture and strategies	79%	83%	Students treat each other with respect If other children are mean to me, I know how to ignore them or walk
Aggressive student culture (lower the number the better)	23%	7%	Do other students leave you out in a mean way? Are you bullied by other students?



This term we will be focusing on Cross Country. Students need to bring appropriate clothes to run in EVERY day of the week for training. Their aim is to improve their time from the day before.

If you want to also get fit, join us around 2.40pm each day—just before school finishes. We run 2-3 times around the block. What better motivation for your children than to see you training as well.

Whaea Gina from Project Energize will be visiting this term to do a 550m assessment at the beginning and end of this term to measure progress.

The Interschool Cross Country is scheduled to be held at PiriPiri later this term. The date is yet to be set.

Coming up this term:

- ◇ Life Education Trust
- ◇ Planting with Envirocare and Onepu Trust
- ◇ Manu Kōrero (speeches)
- ◇ Kia Kaha with Constable Kat

About Kia Kaha

Kia Kaha consists of a comprehensive range of anti-bullying resources to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safe practices that they can use to build and maintain successful relationships throughout their lives.

Bullying behaviour harms children and their educational and life outcomes. Bullying is not new and is an issue that all schools face.

Constable Kat will be here next Monday and Tuesday to support teachers with this programme and there will be a parent hui at 2pm on Monday for those wanting to know more about the programme.



Dr John Burton

Congratulations to Dr John and Sue Burton for the blessing and opening of the new Kāwhia Health Centre rooms at the end of last term. We are thankful to have been a part of the celebration and appreciate the support of Koro Hone and Whaea Mere for this special occasion.



Mrs Patsy Scott



Koro Hone Puke
Nanny Margaret Whitiora



Te Kura o Kāwhia