

# KAHUTARA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Charmaine's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees for all their work this year. We have a great team and they work hard for our school. The board's job is to see that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of its students. Our current board members are;

Karen Shaw- *Chairperson*

Honor Clark- *Finance*

Alex Polaschek- *Property*

Sharlene Morgan- *Minutes*

Hamish McRae- *Staff rep*

And myself- *Principal*

*Charmaine*

## Teachers Strike

NZEI Te Riu Roa principal and primary members have voted in favour of national rolling strikes. This will be held on Friday 16th November in the Wairarapa region. Teachers and principals are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention.
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.
- Time to teach, and time to lead.

## Teachers' Strike

**The Kahutara Board of Trustees advises that the school will be closed on Friday 16th November 2018.**

## Athletics Postponed

Due to the weather forecast the Featherston Cluster Athletics have been postponed to Tuesday 13th November. We will assume travel arrangements will be the same as was planned for today. If your plans change please let us know. There will be a sausage sizzle and juices for sale.

## Teachers for 2019

**Hub:** Ben and Hamish

**Room 3:** Nycki

**Room 4:** Sarah

**Room 5:** Olivia

Next year we will welcome Sarah Smith to our staff. Sarah is currently working at Martinborough School and we are excited to add her to our wonderful team.

## Wairarapa Tennis Assn Parent & Child Tennis Tournament

Sun 25th November 2018.  
Martinborough Tennis Club,  
Cnr Regent & Oxford Street,  
Martinborough  
Team Format: 1 child & 1 adult. Adult can be parent, grandparent, guardian extended family. Open grade - no age limit, doubles pairing needs to be immediate family (parent/grandparent).  
Grades: 8 yrs & under, 10yrs & under, 12yrs & under, 14yrs & under, 16yrs & under and Open Child or adult to be affiliated to WTA Tennis Club or child

attending a Wairarapa School.

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per team.  
Paid by bank deposit, cheque or cash on the day.  
Match format: Doubles - First to 9 with tie break at 8 all.

**Entries close: Wednesday 21st November 2018**



## Kahui Ako

Last week, the Kahui Ako Principal's meeting was held in the WBS room at Greytown library. We were lucky enough to go to the meeting and present our findings from the student led inquiry. We both presented alongside five other students of the student led inquiry group. Each one of us represented one group of the inquiry and we all had a chance to present our findings and data. What we found out from the data made us realize that a lot of people have the same opinions about certain subjects. We think that being in

the student led inquiry group was a great opportunity and experience and we hope to continue next year.

- Evie and Evlyn.

I was very lucky to be chosen to write a research paper about our student led inquiry. The student led inquiry is a group trying to find out how to improve students learning and make school a more enjoyable work space. We discussed how we could get the answers so we made a survey. Once we got the results in our separate groups we tallied our results. There were only four of us chosen to do this so I felt very privileged to do it.

On Wednesday 31st of October the four of us met at Kuranui College. We discussed what we were doing, it was scary to hear that this paper could go world wide. The paper was telling others what we had found out from our survey. I wrote about our results and our questions. Mrs Holmes said that this was the fastest research paper she has ever seen written. But overall I can't wait to see what happens with our paper. Student led inquiry was great for me because I got to meet new people and find out what students wanted.

By Sinead Latimer.

**Congratulations** to the following students who have been named in Wairarapa Cricket Rep teams for the 2018/2019 season:

Year 8 Under 13s Rep Team

Angus Jaspers

Year 7 Under 12s Rep Team

Nathan Shaw

**Free Transport from  
Martinborough School and  
tickets to Phoenix vs Adelaide  
Utd 7.30pm on Sat 24th Nov  
2018.**

-This is a unique opportunity for families as it means no driving over the hill, no parking needed and you get in for free!

-Complimentary bus transport to and from the game – seats 40 people

-Bus would leave Martinborough at approx. 5pm

-Bus would depart stadium following end of match at approx. 9.45pm

-Complimentary tickets for everyone on the bus – 40 tickets total. An Adult must accompany a child/children

-Complimentary healthy meal provided at stadium for every person on bus

If you wish to go please contact Ngahuaia or Fiona at Martinborough School office to secure your seat.



#### **Learning in the Ngatahi Hub**

Our lovely volunteer maths tutor, Bob Bargh, is seen here working with a group from the Hub. He works with a wide variety of students, teaching strategies for learning basic facts. He also uses his civil engineer background to make connections to real life mathematical problems. Thank you Bob!

#### **Sun Hats**

School Sun hats are compulsory in Term 4 and Term 1. Please see the office if you would like to purchase a hat. They are \$12 each.

**Featherston Amateur Swimming Club** is having a registration evening on Thursday 15th November for children wishing to have swimming lessons with the club. Alternatively, if families are unable to attend the evening but wish to register they are able to email: [swimfeatherston@gmail.com](mailto:swimfeatherston@gmail.com) to get in touch with the club. More details can also be found on our website [featherston.swimming.org.nz](http://featherston.swimming.org.nz)

#### **Kahutara School Term Dates for 2019**

**Term 1:** 4th Feb- 12 April  
(Waitangi Day 6th Feb)

**Term 2:** 29th April - 5th July -  
(Queen's Birthday 3rd June)

**Term 3:** 22nd July- 27th Sept  
(Teacher Only Day Monday 19th August)

**Term 4:** 14th Oct- 18th Dec  
(Labour Day 28th Oct)

#### **Important Dates**

**Technology Y7 and 8:** 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 4th Dec, 11th Dec.

#### **EPRO8 Semi finals:**

Y 7/8: Monday 19th Nov 5pm

Y 5/ 6: Tues 20th Nov 9.30am

#### **South Wairarapa Athletics- Masterton Sports Bowl:**

Wednesday 21st November

**Year 7 and 8 Camp:** Monday  
26th- Friday 30th Nov.

**Moving On Conference:** Year  
8s: Monday 3rd Dec

#### **Year 8 Leavers Dinner:**

Wednesday 5th Dec.

**BOT Meeting :** Wednesday 3rd  
Dec 7pm

**KPC Fun Day/ Fish and Chips:**  
Wednesday 12th Dec

**School Prize giving evening:**  
Thursday 13th Dec.

**Last day of 2018:** Friday 14th  
Dec