

# Kaipaki News



**Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Kaipaki**

**We extend a very warm welcome to Siraya who has joined the wonderful Ruma Weri team recently.**

## **Zero Waste Education with X-Man**

**This week we have been fortunate to have X-Man (aka Paul Murray, but not as in our Kaipaki Paul Murray) from Zero Waste Education visiting our school. You may well have seen him lugging his suitcases full of resources between our classrooms, spreading the message about making a difference in our environment. You might like to have a look at the following website which offers more detail about this valuable programme, which is offered in nearly 500 schools throughout New Zealand: <https://www.zerowasteeducation.co.nz/howitworks>**

**Over the three days, each of our classes worked through age differentiated units with X-Man ...**

**Ruma Weri's unit was called "Is that Really Rubbish?"**

**Fun facts provided by Oli and Jade**

**"We learnt about worms and compost. The worms eat banana skins and apples. But they don't have any eyes."**

**"X-Man had some puppets - there was a jellyfish with a bit of plastic and a tennis ball. He had a snake too. He was showing us how he could reuse stuff you see."**

**"X-Man made me laugh."**

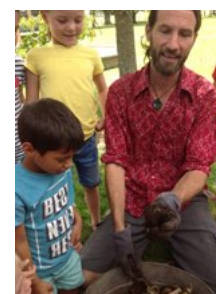
**'Reducing the Waste' was Ruma Rau's topic, which involved a very exciting worm march through the school, not unlike the Pied Piper of Hamelin for those of you who remember that old story.**

**Fun facts provided by Jade, Sasha, and Kody**

**"You can only recycle things with a triangle and a number inside. In New Zealand we can recycle numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, but in other countries it's only 1, 2, and 5."**

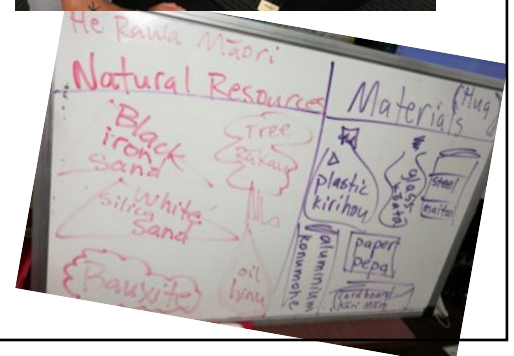
**"We had to learn what stuff to put in our compost and what stuff you couldn't. You can put paper in because it's made of plant."**

**"Worms are really good because they make soil and the soil makes the food grow... and the food helps us grow!"**  
**"If we touch worms we burn their skin because they have different skin to help them touch wetness and so they can breathe when they are in soil. Our skin is more oily to protect us from the sun so if we touch worms the oil burns them"**



***Ruma Peka looked closely at 'Recycling'******Fun facts provided by Danny, Jazmine, Tennessee, Chase, Landon, Georgia, and Aeryn******"We learnt that glass was made from white silica sand."******"We touched some bauxite rock from Australia that they found in a mine."******"We made a timeline - we had to find out how long it took for things to dissolve in the ground like tin cans."******"Things you can't recycle go to a landfill and it stays forever in the ground."******"When you recycle you need to separate things - like take the plastic bit of the tissue box otherwise they can't recycle it."***

*We learnt that the Maui dolphin is almost extinct. They are only found in NZ. They are the only dolphins with a round dorsal fin.*

***'Resource Sustainability' was the focus for Ruma Tiwai******Fun facts provided by Devin and Sacha******"We found out that New Zealand is actually the biggest user of materials in the world. That means we have to stop using products from nature that won't grow back."******There are five chapters to the book - extraction, production, distribution, consumption, and disposal. The things that go in a circle through these chapters are things that decompose. Things that go to landfill just go in a line.***

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### Congratulations to

Evy, Cohen, Tristan, Michael, Lucy, Taylor, Emily, Hayley, Anna, Lena and Blake who represented Kaipaki School competing in the Waipa Fun Run last Sunday. A special thank you to Mr Coutts who gave up his weekend to help on the day, and all the supporters who cheered from the sidelines. For those of you who like to plan ahead ... the most likely date for the 2019 Waipa Fun Run is Sunday 10th March.



### **Paid Union Meeting - Wednesday,**

**21st March 2018**

(NZEI sets the dates and times for these meetings, and it is a requirement that our teachers who are members attend these meetings).

A paid Union Meeting is taking place next Wednesday afternoon for our teaching staff. School will remain open from 12.30 - 3.00 as usual - but only skeleton staff will be on site to allow for our teachers to attend this important meeting. The morning programmes will not be affected.

At 12.30pm we will have one bus run into town, followed by one loop of the local area (3rd bus run) at approximately 1pm. Families are also welcome to collect students early on this day (12.30pm). Please note: there will only be one bus run into town after school (leaving at approximately 3pm), with the 3rd bus departing considerably earlier than normal at approximately 3.25 pm.

Please could you indicate arrangements for your child on Wednesday afternoon on the form below. Alternatively please email any of the staff directly concerning plans ahead of time.

- ☐ My child will travel home by bus at 12.30pm (town loop)/ 1.00pm (local loop)
- ☐ My child will be picked up at 12.30pm
- ☐ My child requires supervision at school until 3.00pm

Name/s of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Swimming at Tamahere School**

Today rounds off the series of swimming lessons at Tamahere School. A huge thank you to Rachel Challis (my apologies for the incorrect spelling of Rachel's name in the last newsletter - autocorrect is a great thing except when it is not!) who has given up so much of her time and shared her amazing expertise with us. Everyone has benefitted from your calm, clear instruction Rachel - students and teachers alike. We quite simply could not have done it without you! Thank you!

A big shout-out also to Steve Oliver who has joined in the fun voluntarily - we appreciate your support.

### **Rural Schools Swimming Sports**

Only three more sleeps until the Rural School Swimming Sports which are being held at St Peters Swimming Pool on Monday (19th March). Our whole school will be travelling to and from the pools by bus, leaving school as close to 9am as we are able to, as events kick off at 9.30am.

Because of this time pressure please could all swimmers wear togs to school on Monday morning, with a change of clothes stashed in the swimming bags.

During the day there will be displays in the indoor pool for our 5 - 8 year olds, while the outdoor pool will feature competitive and non-competitive events for the older age groups and more confident deep water swimmers. The timetable has seen constant modification over the last few days as the organisers at Te Miro School have grappled with the constraints of time, numbers of swimmers, and adult supervision logistics. We have included in this mammoth newsletter the most up-to-date timetable available (as of Friday morning).

We appreciate that many of you will arrange your day around these timeframes so we will endeavour as much as possible to adhere to the allocated slots, but apologise in advance for any curve balls that might create havoc with the plan. We will return to school by 3.00pm. You are welcome to take your own child/ren there and back, but please communicate this directly with classroom teachers so that we ensure everyone is safe and accounted for at all times.

#### **All students require:**

Togs - All students to wear togs to school on Monday morning

A change of clothes for return to school

Towels x 2

Goggles (personal choice)

Sunblock

School hat

Drink

Packed lunch

A reminder that the Te Miro PTA are selling lunch packs on the day. Many of you have pre-ordered these with Mandy during the week, however there will be opportunity for on-the-spot food purchases throughout

**RURAL SWIMMING SPORTS PROGRAMME ON NEXT PAGE**

**PROGRAMME****9:20 - 9:25 Free Swim****9:30AM (sharp) Welcome****9:35am Freestyle Heats (some heats may be straight finals)****Competitive**

25 m Freestyle 8 year old girls/boys

25 m Freestyle 9 year old girls/boys

25m Freestyle 10 year old girls/boys

25m Freestyle 11+ year old girls/boys

50 m Freestyle 9 year old girls / boys

50 m Freestyle 10 year old girls / boys

50 m Freestyle 11+ year old girls / boys

**Non-competitive**

25 m Freestyle 9 year old girls and boys

25m Freestyle 10 year old girls and boys

25m Freestyle 11+ year old girls and boys

**10:05am Backstroke Heats****Competitive**

25 m Backstroke 8 year old girls/boys

25 m Backstroke 9 year old girls/boys

25 m Backstroke 10 year old girls/boys

25 m Backstroke 11+ year old girls/boys

50 m Backstroke 9 year old girls/boys

50 m Backstroke 10 year old girls/boys

50 m Backstroke 11+ year old girls / boys

**Non-Competitive**

25 m Backstroke 9 year old girls and boys

25 m Backstroke 10 year old girls and boys

25 m Backstroke 11 year old girls and boys

25 m Backstroke 12 year old girls and boys

**10:40 Breaststroke Heats****Competitive**

50 m Breaststroke 8 year old girls/boys

50 m Breaststroke 9 year old girls/boys

50 m Breaststroke 10 year old girls/boys

50 m Breaststroke 11+ year old girls/boys

**Non-Competitive**

25 m Breaststroke 9 year old girls and boys

25 m Breaststroke 10 year old girls and boys

25 m Breaststroke 11+ year old girls and boys

**11:15 Butterfly Open Heats (no final)**

All ages 25 meters Butterfly

***Short Break (if possible but I don't think there will be time)*****11:45 Finals 25 meters**

All ages 25 meters freestyle

All ages 25 meters backstroke

All ages 25 meters breaststroke

**12:30 Finals 50 meters**

All ages 50 meters freestyle

All ages 50 meters backstroke

All ages 50 meters breaststroke

**1:45 Medley Relay** 4 students

(backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke, freestyle)

**Freestyle Relay (if time) 1 boy and 1 girl from each age group****2:00pm STAFF RACE (if time)****END OF MEETING 2:15 PM.****Indoor Pool Programme**

9:30am to 9:40am Morning Tea

**9:50am and 10:30am Jelly Fish –****Children who are reluctant putting their head under.**

- Kicking on side of pool
- Safe entry
- Washing machines (hands on hips shoulders under turning from side to side)
- Attempting to sit on the bottom
- Jet boat (blowing lots of loud bubbles with hands right out in front)
- Starfish – front and back
- Hold bar or board and kick
- Pick up rings from the bottom

**9:50 am and 10:30am Seals ( non swimmers who like to get under)**

- As above...
- Glide with hands out in front pushing off the side of the pool
- Kick across the pool front and back with board
- Kick with no board front and back
- Dolphin dives for those who want to
- Big splash (jumping in)

**9:50am and 10:30am Dolphins (swimmers)**

- Safe entry
- Glide with hands out in front pushing off the side of the pool
- Kicking on back and front without board
- 1 length freestyle
- 1 length backstroke
- 1 length breaststroke
- 1 length dolphin dives

**11:00-11:30am Free Swim****12:00 Break for lunch****12:30 - 1:30 Tabloids outside on grass area behind the Gymnasium****1:30-2:15pm Watch the finals or the seniors.**



## 2018 Camp - 26th - 28th March

There are not very many days left now before we head away on our annual whole school camp. We are so excited about the planned itinerary and the great accommodation that awaits us. We are most grateful to the 17 parents and caregivers who have offered their support on camp - what an amazing number. We are so lucky!

Hopefully the camp gear list has made it home via school-bag mail over the last couple of days. We will also send these lists home electronically ... just in case!

**There is one important addition to the list - togs and towels are required please.**

We will also send home a camp timetable and contact list for staff next week to ensure you know what's happening and when.

Next Thursday 22nd March at 7pm we will be holding a camp meeting for any adult who is joining us on camp. The purpose of this meeting is to share organisation and camp booklets with you prior to the big day.



### X Race

This great family event for children and parents is being held on Friday 23rd March from 6.00 - 8.00pm at Te Koutu Reserve. Darin Armstrong (New Zealand Home Loans) has kindly donated 2 free passes for the Cambridge event. Please email Kim at [principal@kaipaki.school.nz](mailto:principal@kaipaki.school.nz) by next Wednesday 21st March to be considered for one of these tickets.



Friday, 23rd March 2018, 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
TE KOUTU RESERVE, ALBERT STREET, CAMBRIDGE.

Enter now at [www.xrace.co.nz](http://www.xrace.co.nz)

### PTA NEWS

Its up to us...

Thank you to the parents who came last week to talk with us about how Kaipaki parents can support the school in fundraising for vital things like the bus, sports resources and learning equipment for our kids

We'd love all our parents to get involved in some small (or large) way this year so please have a quick read of the one pager attached - we need your feedback on fundraising ideas. And mark Thursday May 17th in your diary for our first event - an Hawaiian disco!

Have a lovely weekend,  
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**Copy of last meeting minutes attached:**

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## Electives

Last Friday saw the start of our Electives programme which will occur every alternate Friday afternoon until the end of Term 2. It was the most amazing privilege to walk around and share in the learning that was occurring in every corner of the school site. A huge thank you to everyone involved - a real example of bringing Learning to Life together! We can't wait until next Friday after-noon!



## Rural Schools Triathlon

We'd also like to acknowledge our eight athletes who took part in the Rural Schools Triathlon event on Monday 12 March at Cambridge High School. Congratulations to: Felicity, Devin, Emily, Jarnd, Harry-Jaye, Blake, Sacha, Moir, Aimee and Isabel who competed on the day, completing a fairly demanding course in the pool, on their bikes, and around the field (running).

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## Communication with School

Maintaining communication with our families is a key aspect of school. We use a variety of electronic and paper methods to keep in touch.

Our school office is manned from 9.00am-2:30pm Mon-Fri.

Facebook is a useful way of keeping track of the wider aspects of school life. We update this regularly and send notifications of important/urgent matters such as issues with the bus.

Emails are another way we keep in touch, with newsletters e-mailed every 2 weeks (usually!) on Thursday/Friday. Please inform us of any changes in email address so we make sure they arrive in your inbox.

You can now also contact the office, classroom teachers and the school bus using the following mobile numbers. **Please call or text them directly in the first instance if you have a question or query relating to your child/en.**

**Ruma Tiwai** (Mrs Garvitch)

022 042 2309

**Ruma Peka** (Mrs Marsh)

022 042 2318

**Ruma Rau** (Mrs Coutts)

022 042 2317

**Ruma Weri** (Mrs Ellis)

022 096 6589

**School Office** (Mandy)

022 690 5174

**School Bus** (Bianca)

027 918 6288

### What's Happening Soon: Kaipaki Diary 2018

19 Mar	- Rural Schools Swimming Sports
21 Mar	- Union Member Meeting 12.30
26-28 Mar	- Whole School Camp to Waitomo
29 Mar	- Teacher Only Day
30 Mar	- Good Friday
2-3 April	- Easter Monday & Tuesday
13 Apr	- Last day of term
30 Apr	- Start of Term 2
6 Jul	- End of Term 2
23 Jul	- Start of Term 3
28 Sept	- End of Term 3
15 Oct	- Start of Term 4
17 Dec	- Last Day of School Year