



KAIPAKI NEWS

'Bringing Learning to Life'

WEEK 3
TERM 1
2021

KIA ORA TE WHANAU O KAIPAKI,

What a whirlwind first couple of weeks it has been with camp and changing alert levels keeping us all on our toes. Here's hoping it is smooth sailing from here.

Camp Ngaruawahia

What a fabulous school camp we had last week! So many new experiences, fun times, and memories created. A huge thank you to our amazing team of parents who enabled camp to happen:

Shaun Brighthouse, Danielle De Luca Oliveira, Steve Donaldson, Matt Dryland, Daniel Gibb, Tracey Hazelton, Claire Hewson, Danielle Lamb, Susie Martinson, Trudi McAlees, Steve Oliver, Nick Pemberton, Stefan Pope, Vicky Reid, Rodney Schick, Genevra Scott, Adrian Stanley, Grant Storie and Mark Taylor.

Thank you for giving our learners the gift of your time and talents. We think you are all incredible!

To our fabulous staff:

Nicky, Carolyn, Lilah, Alana, Anna, Julian, Jade, Lynley, Sara, Mandy, Jayde, Bronny, Sharon, and Sharez. Thank you for all the hard work before and during camp. We are so lucky to have such an amazing, dedicated, and hard-working team. Lastly to our learners... thank you for making camp so memorable. We were super proud of you and the respect, integrity, self management and excellence we saw in action. It was great to see you all enjoying yourselves, making new friends, trying things for the first time, and helping each other out. Just a few pictures of memories being created...







Swimming

We are fortunate that our Board of Trustees prioritise a week of swimming instruction for all our students in Term 1 and Term 4 at St Peter's Swimming Academy.

Not only do we have the use of their great facilities during these sessions we also benefit from the expertise of specialist swimming coaches.

Next week all our **Year 1 - 3** students will head into Cambridge on **Tuesday 23rd Feb, Wednesday 24th Feb, and Thursday 25th Feb**, on our school buses.

Spectators are most welcome anytime.

Lesson times: 12.00 - 12.30pm Ruma Kākano,

12.30 - 1.15pm Ruma Weri

1.15 - 2.00pm Ruma Māhuri



The following week will be our Year 4 - 8 students' turn on **Tuesday 2nd March, Wednesday 3rd March and Thursday 4th March.**

Lesson times: 11.45 - 12.30pm Ruma Rau

12.30 - 1.15pm Ruma Peka

1.15 - 2pm Ruma Tiwai

Please could all students bring their named togs and towels in a water proof bag each day they are swimming. Although not compulsory, goggles and swimming caps are encouraged.

Taku Wairua

On Wednesday morning the Year 6s , 7s and 8s began a leadership program with Taku Wairua.

We will be working with them every second Wednesday morning from now on.

For those who don't know what Taku Wairua are, they are a team of amazing people who visit schools to teach kids leadership and goal setting skills, helping us to be the best we can be.

This morning we were lucky enough to meet cyclist Jessie Hodges. She has just made the New Zealand Olympic team. She came in to talk to us about goals and the leadership you have to have when on an Olympic team, but also just in general in the community. Her number one piece of advice she gave us was to always have fun. This was the same advice Sarah Umler gave her when she was still learning to cycle. It took Jessie two years to win anything but she never gave up. Over the next couple of sessions there will be some more special guest speakers come to talk to us about leadership. This program includes some fun leadership activities.

We are very lucky to have this opportunity and can't wait until they come to see us next time. Thank you to the Taku Wairua team and Jessie Hodges for coming to talk to us.

Written by Aimee Henwood and Jaimee Burley



Meet the Teacher

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Meet the Teacher discussions on Tuesday night.

We appreciated the opportunity to learn more about your child and to continue developing our partnerships. Our next round of family/teacher discussions will be held early in Term 3, with written reports preceding them towards the end of Term 2.

We really value our partnership with you in ensuring our students have the very best learning opportunities at Kaipaki School. We understand that not everyone was able to attend the discussions on Tuesday for one reason or another. If this is the case for you please feel free to contact your child's teacher to make an alternative time. We also encourage you to contact us throughout the year via email, phone or text.

Electives

In **Term 2 and 3** we are once again planning to get an electives programme up and running every Wednesday afternoon. We will be offering students the opportunity to pursue interests in a variety of areas including things like: dance, cooking, gardening, photography, building - the list is limitless. We would absolutely love to have our community involved in this.

If you have a special interest or skill that you could share with a small group of students, and have time available on a **Wednesday afternoon (1.30 - 3.00)** please let us know.

Stationery

Mandy has organised all our stationery supplies and teachers will issue these to students over the next couple of days if they haven't already!

This will be added to your school account. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this.

MUSIC LESSONS

We are very excited to share with you that once again Matua Sharez will be taking music lessons at school on a user pays basis. Lessons will be available in guitar; ukele; drums; keyboard; and singing. Cost for these differs due to the length of lessons related to maturity of students. Year 1 -3 students = \$7 and Year 4 - 8 students = \$10.

If you would like your child/ren to be involved in these lessons please let Mandy know by **Wednesday 24th February.**

TERM DATES

Waipa Fun Run - Sunday 7th March

Swimming - Week 4 (Junior) & Week 5 (Senior)

Rural Schools Swimming - Monday 15th March

Easter - Good Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April
(please note the Tuesday is a holiday for schools).

Last Day of Term 1 - Thursday 15th April (Teacher Only Day on Friday 16th.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES (2pm)

**Friday 26th February, Friday 12th March
Friday 26th March, Friday 9th April**

Author Spotlight

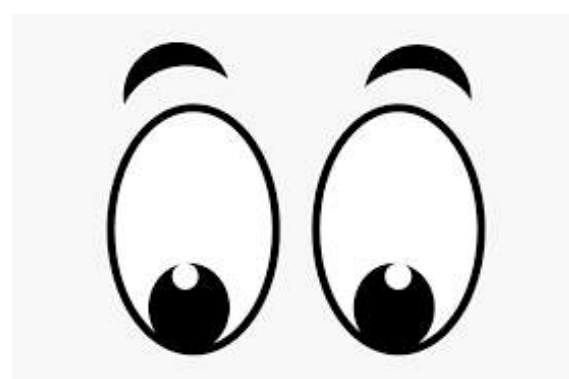
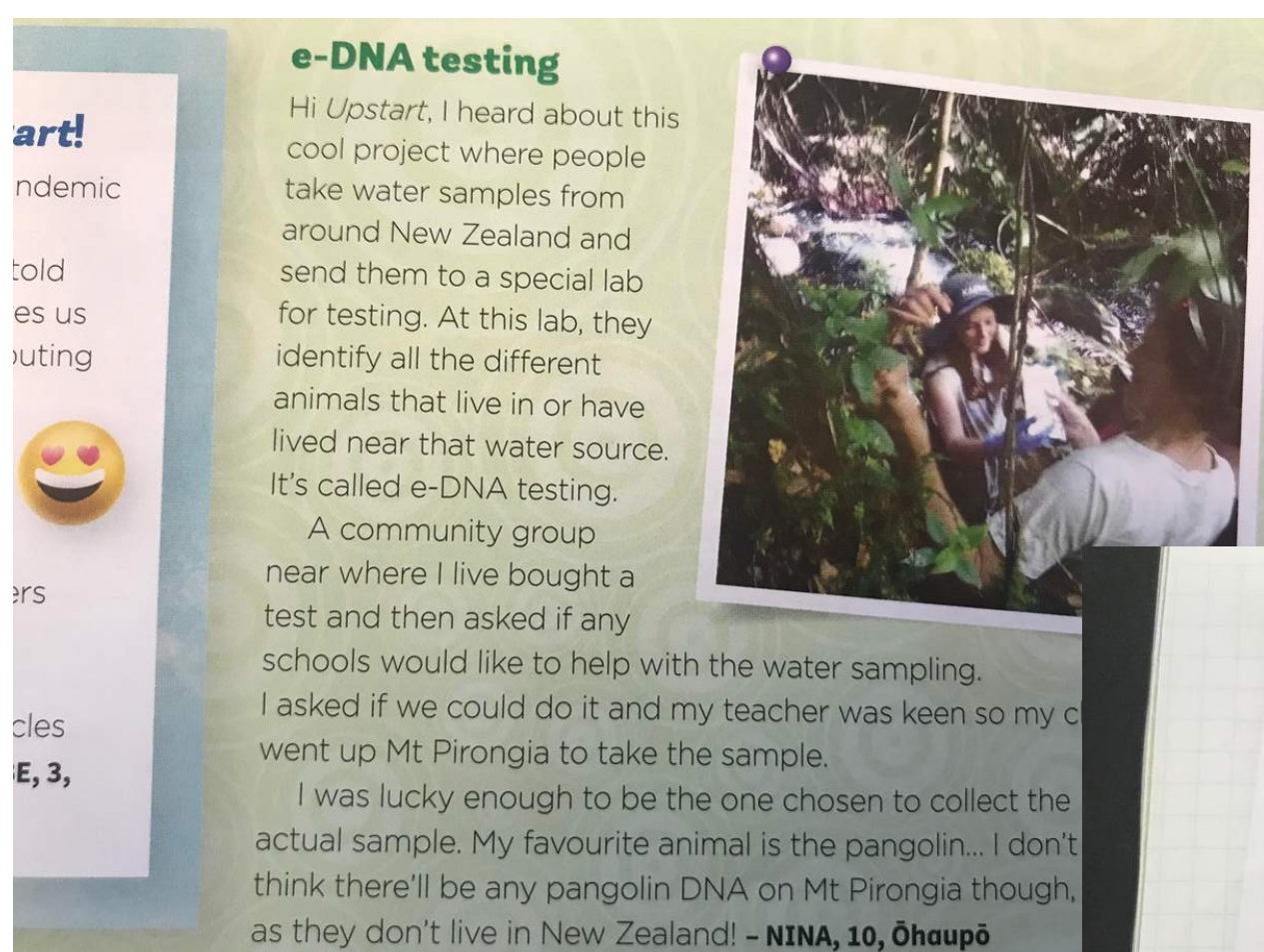
Congratulations to our published authors Nina and Claire Balsom. These amazing writers both contributed articles in the latest Upstart magazine. We are so proud of you!

*Hi Upstart, We went to the North Head tunnels near Devonport. Originally, these tunnels were used by the New Zealand Army to protect New Zealand from invasion. They aren't used anymore, but when they were, the soldiers used to wait in them, and weapons were stored there. Rails were installed to move the cannons back and forth through the tunnels. Nowadays, the tunnels are open to the public. They are dark, narrow and they echo. Sadly, some of the tunnels were closed on the day we visited. **Claire***

e-DNA testing. Hi Upstart, I heard about this cool project where people take water samples from around New Zealand and send them to a special lab for testing. At this lab, they identify all the different animals that live in or have lived near that water source. It's called d-DNA testing.

A community group near where I live bought a test and then asked if any schools would like to help with the water sampling. I asked if we could do it and my teacher was keen so my class went up Mt Pirongia to take the sample.

*I was lucky enough to be the one chosen to collect the actual sample. My favourite animal is the pangolin... I don't think there'll be any pangolin DNA on Mt Pirongia though, as they don't live in New Zealand! **Nina***



WELL DONE GIRLS!

Headlice

Unfortunately, it is headlice season!

While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far. We suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible. Please ensure you are doing your bit to keep head lice outbreaks to a **minimum**.

Waipa Fun Run

The Waipa 2km Fun Run is back this year taking place on Sunday the 7th March 2021 at Victoria Square. This run is available to all children in Year 3 to Year 8 who would like to participate.

Cost: \$7.00 Time: 10am Venue: Victoria Square

For more information or to register, please go to our enrolmy website: <https://enrolmy.com/kaipaki-school/book-now/22-Lugtons-Waipa-Fun-Run-2km-Kaz-Schools-Challenge>

Wanted

House for rent in Cambridge/Kaipaki Area. Please contact Kim Budd if you can help with this.



5Cs of Learning

We have been exploring the 5Cs of Learning.

These are...

Collaboration,
Community,
Communication,
Creativity,
and Critical Thinking.

Our current school focus is
COMMUNITY

We look forward to sharing more of our learning around this in the weeks to come.

