

Room 4 ~ Highlights of Term 3

There has been lots of great coverage in the news this week from people who think Kaitaia is a great place to live. Room 4 decided they would add their own opinions.

I love living in Kaitaia. It's a peaceful place to live and the people here look after each other. Our families share their seafood and any extra things they have with others. I think it's a very safe place to live and people are always looking out for each other. We have a great community where everyone gets along.

There lots to do up here especially outdoors. Its great for families and a cool place to bring up kids. Everyone up here enjoys the outdoors including me. Kaitaia is the only place to be.

By Cyrus

I believe that Kaitaia is a great place to live.

We have fantastic schools with very good teachers who give quality education. The schools are set in awesome locations and in most schools the beach is never far away.

The community of Kaitaia is amazing. Everyone here looks out for each other. You can always be sure that your neighbours will be friendly and will keep an eye on your property and kids. There are lots of community events and the people always come. The emergency service people are kind and friendly and they do an excellent job.

By Jayvian

Kaitaia is an awesome place to live. People here live peacefully. They look out for each other and look after each other. Our community are kind and helpful to visitors to the area.

My family love living here because of the lifestyle. We go to the beach to get kaimoana and spend the day with the family. Lunch on the beach is always cool.

Lately Kaitaia has had some bad press. We have an amazing team of emergency workers. Sometimes small communities need a bit of extra help, so maybe we should put our hand up to support them any way we can.

By Angel



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Snapped Ya!

'Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for this week is **doing the right thing**. The recipients are **Billie Williams, Carla-Rose Perene, Mereana Paora, Jahdanae Rapana, Kaelyn Clark-Hobson, Unaiki Motu and Ava Mullins**.



2) Teacher Only Day

A reminder that Tomorrow, Friday 19th August, school will be closed for instruction as we will be holding a Teacher Only Day. Please make alternative arrangements for your children. We apologise for any inconvenience.

3) Year 4-8 Western Zone Cross Country

Our annual Western Zone Cross Country will be held on **Tuesday 30th August 2016** at **Pukepoto School**. The first ten place getters in each event will be eligible to attend the Far North Schools Cross Country Finals at **Peria School** on **Friday 9th September**.

All students are now running in AGE GROUPS not in class levels.

The following are approximate times only! - NOTE: AGE AT 1st JANUARY 2016

Assemble on bottom field by 9.30am before walking the course.

10.00am	8 year old boys	1.5 km
10.10am	8 year old girls	1.5 km
10.25am	9 year old boys	2.5 km
10.40am	9 year old girls	2.5 km
10.55am	10 year old boys	2.5 km
11.15am	10 year old girls	2.5 km
11.30am	11 year old boys	3 km
11.45am	11 year old girls	3 km
12.00pm	12+ year old boys	3 km

12.15pm 12+ year old girls 3 km

There will be sausages (\$2) and drinks (\$1) for sale on the day.

4) Junior Cross Country

The Junior Cross Country will be held at Pukepoto School on **Tuesday 6th September, 10am (Year 0 - 3)**. This will involve all students from Rooms 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10. If you do not wish your child to participate please inform the class teacher or the office. There will be a sausage sizzle (\$2) available on the day. They will be assembling on the field at 10.00am and will then be walking the course.

Children will be running in 'Ages at 1st January.'

Runs and times are as follows.

5 year old boys	10.30 am
5 year old girls	10.40 am
6 year old boys	11.00 am
6 year old girls	11.10 am
7 year old boys	11.20 am
7 year old girls	11.30 am

5) Ahipara School 'Speech Festival' 2016

As most parents/caregivers will be aware, our pupils have been working hard on preparing speeches as part of the current literacy programme this term. We will have trophies for each level and I believe we will have a special guest judge on the day. Syndicates will be holding semi finals to find out who will progress through to the finals. Our finals will be held in Week 7. We welcome all parents and caregivers to what promises to be an entertaining afternoon.

Please if you have speech trophies, could you return them to the school as soon as possible.



6) Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair was held last week. The total amount of books sold amounted to \$1394.00. This means we have approximately \$418.00 to spend on books for our library. Thank you to everyone who purchased books!

7) Olympic Fun Day

On **Friday 26th August** we will be holding an Olympic fun day. The day will start off with a parade and team photos and then mixed class teams will take part in a variety of activities during the course of the day. These include football, volleyball, basketball, athletics 1: high jump and shot put (on grass by Rooms 9/10), Athletics 2: Hurdles and sprints (on field by senior playground), biscuit icing competition, obstacle course using junior

playground, quiz – Olympic activity. The emphasis is on fun rather than competition for this day and you are more than welcome to join us.

8) Lunches

As mentioned in the last few newsletters we have been looking at the health and safety policies in school and are currently looking at children leaving the school grounds without supervision. I would like to thank all those who have given us feedback around our current policy of allowing children with a parent approval to leave the school grounds to purchase takeaways. At the Board meeting on Monday night it was decided that due to safety factors (crossing 2 busy roads, very young children being unsupervised during long wait times, etc) that the policy will now change. Children are now unable to purchase lunch if they have to leave the school grounds. They are able to buy lunches that are delivered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and we are always happy to help out with sandwiches and fruit on any day. Parents who would like their children to have takeaways for lunch must now either pick their child up from school and accompany them or to deliver takeaways at 11.50.

I know that some people will be very disappointed with this change. I do appreciate that for some this is a great treat but I hope that you do understand that we are implementing this procedure solely to keep all our tamariki safe.

9) Joint NZEI-PPTA - Paid Union Meetings

As you may have heard in the media the NZEI (primary and early childhood union) and PPTA (post primary union) have asked that all union members attend paid union meetings. Our local area meeting is on the **Wednesday 7th September at 9.00am**. They have asked that all principals, teachers and support staff attend. This means our school is closed between 8.45am and 11.30am so that these staff may attend. **We will be open as usual for instruction in the afternoon.** This meeting will be held to discuss the governments review of funding.

Kia Ora
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Tumuaki/Principal