



# Kawaha Point School

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## NEWSLETTER - 25 May 2017

### Principals Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.  
Greetings Parents, Whanau and Community Members.

#### Have you talked to your kids today?

The message all schools (including us) give is please read with your child each day. This is particularly for the first 6-7 years of their life. Certainly all students in Years 0-2 will have a reading book every night and all other students are also expected to read every night at home. If you are one of the people who read with their children regularly and ensure they read, thank you! Keep up the great parenting.

Having spent time today with a group of principals and educators from around Rotorua, it would appear that the other message we may need to share is to turn off your cell phone, the TV, the computer, log off Facebook etc and please, PLEASE talk with your children. Perhaps even a 'phone free' time for an hour or two at night would help? By talking with your children, you show that you care about what they are learning, doing, interested in, excited by and it helps build their oral language skills. Perhaps ask them what they have been learning, talk to them about their goals, ask their opinion on something, get them to describe something that was funny that day, get them to teach you something, play a game that requires talking etc. We have noticed our children entering school with very low levels of oral language in the past few years and it's a trend we would be delighted to change. We don't say this to point the finger, but just to suggest a few small changes that might help improve children's oral language. As you are aware, educating your children is a real partnership between home and school:)

#### Raincoats

We got a few sizes wrong and therefore we have a few people still to get their raincoats. Please do remember to name them and we hope to have everyone with a raincoat in the next few days. As mentioned already, a massive thank you to the KidsCan charity who donated these to your children. The raincoats will mean that you can send your child to school knowing that they will arrive dry and ready to learn!

#### CoL (Community of Learning)

Over the last 18 months we have been meeting with local

schools (Kaitao, Selwyn, Sunset, Western Heights Primary, Western Heights High, Ngongotaha, Kaharoa, Mamaku, Kea St, Aorangi & Rotorua Primary) to discuss our current achievement challenges and how collaborating together could improve the achievement of students across the group of schools. We had another meeting today and we are getting closer to formalising ourselves as a CoL which attracts a certain amount of funding from the Ministry of Education. We will keep you posted with developments.

#### Reporting to parents consultation hui

It has been about 4 years since we last reviewed our reporting formats to parents and we would again like to commence the consultation to evolve our reporting formats. The current format is no longer fit for purpose with it indicating several assessments that we no longer use. Therefore we will be holding a series of consultation meetings beginning next Wednesday evening at 6pm in the staffroom. The meeting will only be for an hour and if you can come and give your opinions, we would appreciate your time, ideas and thoughts.

#### Waiowhiro Stream restoration project

We will hold the next meeting to discuss the next steps for the stream restoration next Wednesday evening following after the reporting consultation hui commencing at 7.30pm. If you can make it, we intend to start formulating our guiding documents and plan for the area. As mentioned last week, we already have Rotorua Lakes Council, William Bonnington and Bay of Plenty Regional Council support! Exciting stuff.

#### Reminders:

1. Please ensure your child attends school each day they are well enough to be here.
2. Uniform- please ensure your child has the correct school uniform each day.
3. BOT meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom 25 May.
4. Photos will be taken on Tuesday 30 May with all photo envelopes due back to the office by 29 May.

Have a great week!

Regards

Andrew Sinclair.

## TERM EVENTS

25 May	BOT Meeting staffroom 6.30pm
26 May	Rimu Team Assembly 2.25pm
29 May	Photo envelopes due back
30 May	Photolife Photos
31 May	CBOP Rippa Rugby
2 June	Singing Assembly 12.15pm
5 June	Queens Birthday - School Closed
6 June	Team Rimu Marae visit
7 June	School Cross Country
9 June	Kaimanga Reo Team Assembly 2.25pm

## SCHOOL FEES

Our yearly school fees are a \$40 Activity/ Resource fee and a \$30 school donation. The Activity/ Resource Fee is the only compulsory fee that our school charges. This equates to **less than \$1 per week** that the child is at school. Please see Janine in the office if you have a query regarding your account.

Our bank account number is 03 0415 0446573 00

**Please also ensure that all sports fees, camps and class trips are paid up to date. Thanks**

# NOTICE BOARD

## Senior/ Junior Production

We are needing donations please of the following items for the junior/senior school production.

Please take these items to Mrs King in the school office.

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| *Tins (fruit salad) big and small                                                               | *chicken wire        |
| *boxes (fridge size and smaller)                                                                | *large drop sheets   |
| *newspaper                                                                                      | *mesh netting        |
| *corflute (real estate signs)                                                                   | *fabric              |
| *stretchy string                                                                                | *bottle tops         |
| *calico                                                                                         | *icecream containers |
| *plastic bottles                                                                                | *old tshirts         |
| *bendable wire                                                                                  |                      |
| *irrigation hosing for bending (similar to hula hoops)                                          |                      |
| *white house paints and exterior paints (water based)                                           |                      |
| *bamboo (both garden stake thickness and thicker up to 25mm thick and lengths up to 3.5 metres) |                      |

## Book Week 19 - 23 June

Ayoy me hearties! - Get ready for the Pirate Themed Book Week sailing into Kawaha on 19 June.

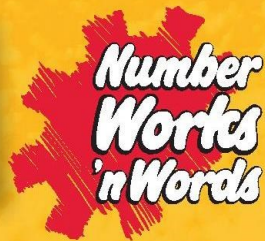
A week full of Pirate themed activities, pirate costume day and the scholastic book fair.

Yo, Ho, Ho!



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**Thank  
YOU!**

To KidsCan for our Rain jackets! Every child in our school will be getting a jacket to help keep them warm and dry over winter.

Pictured below - Tuari, Tanika-Storm and Riki.



For tamariki aged 0-5 years Monday to Friday 7.30am – 5.30pm  
Strong focus on Te Reo & Tikanga Maori and on supporting the tamariki and their whanau.

20 free ECE hours All meals provided  
Free pick up and drop off service \*conditions apply

We will help you with a payment plan that works for your whanau

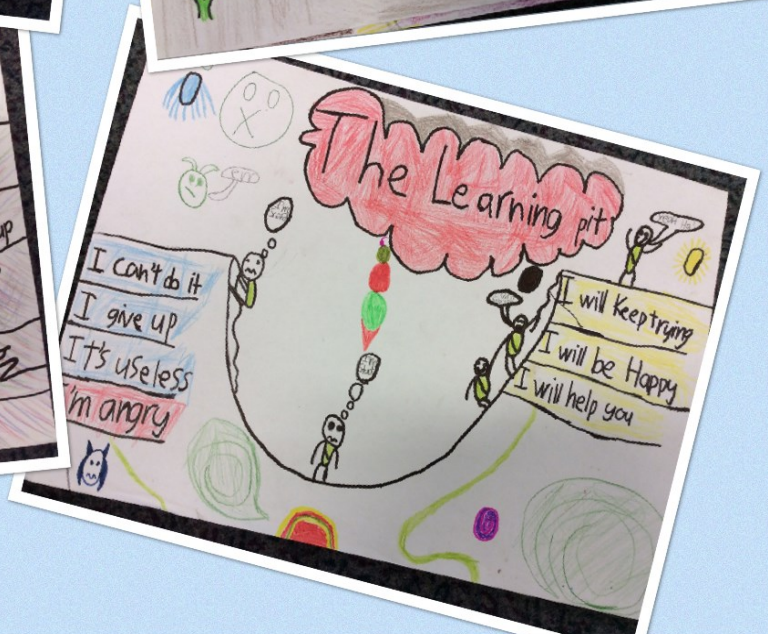
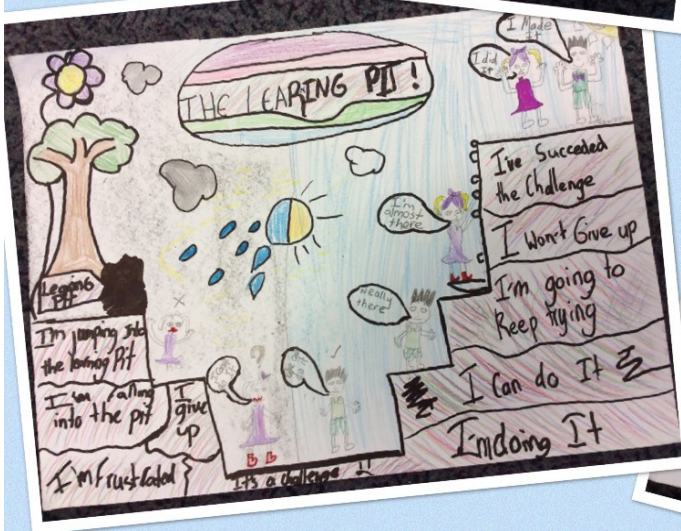
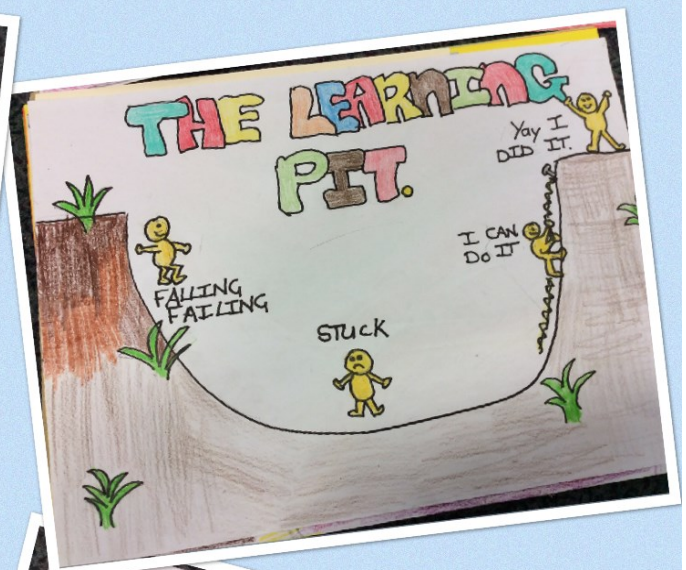
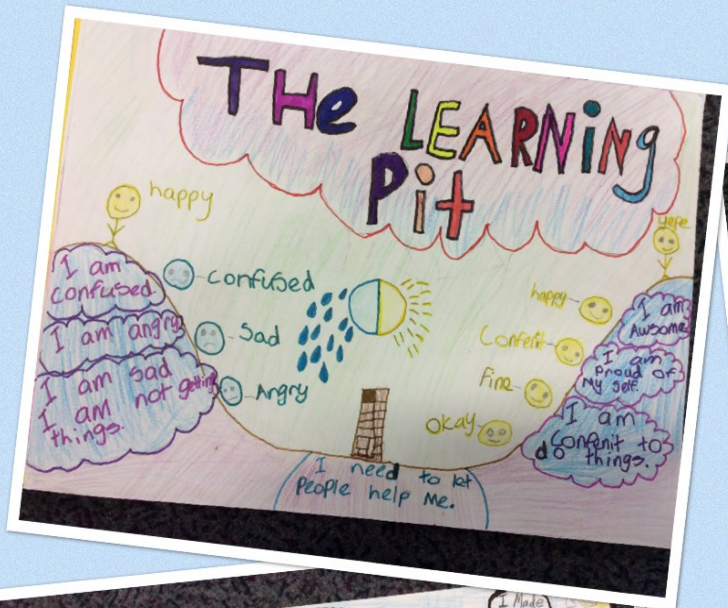
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# THE LEARNING PIT IN KIA KAHA WHANAU



We are learning to use the Learning Pit to help use when we get stuck in our learning.