



Kowhai Intermediate School

We learn. No exceptions
Ka ako moake tonu atu
E leai se 'Alofaga o le Ola A'oa'oina

- Friday 21 October 2016 -

Tēnā koutou katoa
- Greetings - Talofa lava

Technology Programme

It has been exciting to see what our new Technology teacher Robert Wilson is achieving with our students. Robert is running a programme utilising an embedded system in electronics. The students are also learning the programming aspect to this project as well. Many students have been sharing with me their projects, sharing their knowledge and taking pride in their electronic boards and soldering precision! Their work is at an NCEA achievement standard!

PHOTOS: This is a project based around an amplifier chip and will be part of an overall design that they can play their own music using their cellphones.



Property Update

Block 2 which covers classes from Room 9 through to Room 16, is going to be upgraded to bring the classes up to the Ministry of Education new Designing Quality Learning Spaces (DQLS) standards. This covers acoustics, air quality and ventilation, heating and insulation, lighting, interior design, function and aesthetics. Work will be undertaken over the December/January break and into term one 2017. The project also includes the installation of a new canopy and the establishment of changing rooms underneath the block, linking to the basketball court area. We plan to have minimal disruptions during this time.

In addition, due to roll growth, we are receiving two relocatable classrooms during the term break, temporary solutions to meeting the demands of roll growth in 2017. The Ministry of Education are currently assessing their future investment at Kowhai Intermediate, with respect to a permanent solution, hopefully a new block.

Fireworks



While we encourage the community to use our green spaces out of school hours for recreational purposes, the school is not a place for fireworks. As such we will be increasing the monitoring the school grounds over the next couple of weeks to ensure we are fireworks free. I have also reminded the students today that under no circumstances are they to bring fireworks on to the school grounds at any time.

Inter School Chess Power Regional Competition

On 15 September, 24 of our students went to Auckland Normal Intermediate School to compete in the Interschool Chess Power Regional Competition. All of us played well and we came fifth overall. Congrats to Mrs Griffiths who was awarded a Supreme



Supporter badge for supporting chess at Kowhai for many years. Thank you to David Edmundson for being an awesome chess coach.



- By Mikayla and Eleanor

Family Writing Feedback

This term our students are collecting feedback from their families on a piece of their writing. Your child will have emailed you a piece of writing and two specific questions last week. Please take the time to answer these questions and respond to your child. All families who respond to their child by TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER will go in the draw to win one of six \$50 Nosh vouchers. Students who receive responses will go in the draw to win one of six movie money vouchers.

So close

Last term, the Kowhai year 8 boys basketball team were Central Zone winners. Our next challenge was to compete against the other Auckland zones to be named Auckland's best intermediate basketball team.



We got off to a slow start in the group stage, losing our first game to Northern Cross Intermediate. The boys were nervous and, with a change of rules, this put us on the back foot. However, the team rallied together and had a much better second half.

Our next games became must-wins if we wanted to progress through to the finals. We improved slowly over the next few games and began to play our style of basketball, winning the remainder of our group games, which placed us as the second-best team in our group.

Next were the semi-finals and our opponents were the winners of the other group: Bucklands Beach Intermediate. It was a hard-fought game and we rebounded well, edging ahead in the second half to win the game.

Finally, we were in the finals against Northern Cross. The boys made a great effort, but in the end we were beaten by a better team. We were blessed to have such wonderful support from family and friends. A special thank you to Xavier who gives up her time to coach and assist with the boys.

Gafoa le Ata Samoa Trip

What a fantastic trip for our students. We travelled to Manono Island, Mt Vaea, Nafanua Wakaama Club, Lalomanu Beach, Poutasi, Mulinu'u and visited family in Samoa that we had not seen for quite



some. The weather was beautiful with an average heat of 31 degrees each day. Thank you to everyone that helped us along the way. A special thank you to our parents. We could not have done this without you!

Student Voice on the Mt Vaea Climb!

Mt Vaea is the tallest mountain in Samoa. When we arrived at Mt Vaea, they told us we were climbing to the top. When I heard that I just wanted to book a flight to go back home. I had to tell myself never give up and keep on going and push myself. I had my two water bottles ready in my pockets. The shorter trail sounded easy, but when they say short in Samoa it's actually means the lllloong way. The climb was a little slippery and muddy. My legs started to shake and I started to give up. But when I heard the other boys saying "we made it, yeaahhhh we are the best!", I pumped my legs as hard as I could and I past the finish line. I felt proud of myself. The boys that were already up there started to clap and cheer me on. - Faiupu Finau, Room 5

Science

Our Science department would love donations of the following:

- Clear plastic bottles with no labels
- Old table cloths
- Picnic cutlery and plates



Science in a Van

This week students received a visit from the Science in a Van roadshow. This experience provided students with a fun, interactive and memorable way to engage with science. The bottle rocket was a favourite!



Best Pasta in Food Tech



Saturday Netball

Kowhai had 8 teams play at Mt Roskill Intermediate throughout Terms 2 and 3 under the Three Kings Netball Association. Four of our teams were very successful and received awards at prizegiving. Kowhai A won the A grade and Kowhai F the C grade in the first round of championship games. Kowhai A won the A grade again and Kowhai B were runners up in the B grade and Kowhai D were 1st- in the C grade in the second round of championship games. Kowhai A also won the trophy for the highest goaling average. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who volunteered to assist our girls' so that they could have the opportunity to play netball.

Teachers: Sera Clayton, Gill Robertson, Narlea Cohen, Sophie Dorset.
Parents and family members: Millie Manuel-Nathan, Noel Edmonds, Linh Luong, Dorren Va'aelua, Sarah-Jane Enari, Xavier Su'e, Nancy Wijohn, Kelly Nash, Bobby Henare, Phoebe Peterson, Naomi Peterson, Sue Paraha, Lila Vagana, Nadia Phillips, Lope Ginnen, Kara-Lynne Enari, Lynette Blacklaws, Gina Lindsay, Melissa Harden, Karen Burge, Helena Pearson, Kelly Lowe, Jenny Whaley, Lee Bouzaid, Polly Williams, Nicole Skinner, Louise Sykes, Dee Tumai, Julian Bartram.

A special thank you to Tali Meavale, Room 5, for coming to help umpire when we were short of umpires over the last 4 weeks of the competition.

Next year the games will be played at the Windmill Road courts in Mt Eden under Three Kings Netball Association with assistance from Auckland Netball Association.

- Lenora Noble Netball Co-ordinator.

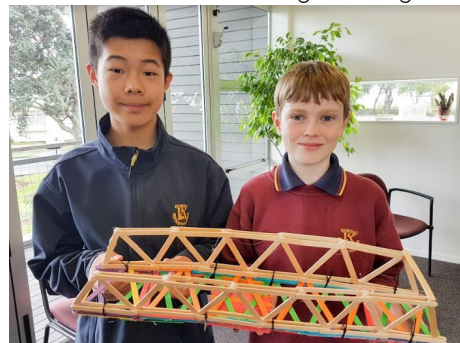


HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the following students have been awarded an EXCELLENCE in the 2016 Otago Problem Solving Challenge:

Bryn R1, Abby R1, Max R14, Kahu R14, Mahaki R15, Max R2, Kalen R3, Myer R3, Joshua R3, Ili R7, Angus R7, Jonathon R7.

The Final Challenge: To be invited to sit Final Challenge students need to have maintained an average of 80% in the challenges throughout the year. We are so proud of the following students have been invited to participate in the Otago Problem Solving Final Challenge on the Thursday 27 October; Bryn R1, Abby R1, Kahu R14, Max R2, Joshua R3, Ili R7, Angus R7. **GOOD LUCK**

Maths extension class work - Bridge Building Challenge



Ten of our very talented artists have work exhibited in the 2016 Auckland Middle schools Art Exhibition. Reese room 19, Maia room 17, Muskan and Ella room 4, Atia and Simeon room 13, Dasha and Emma room 7, Kyla and Seiji room 16. The exhibition is open 30 October to 5 November.



The following students did outstandingly well in recent ICAS examinations:
DISTINCTION IN MATHS Meka, Abby and Bryn Room 1, Ben Room 2, Aryaj and Joshua Room 3, Angus and Ili Room 7, Nuala Room 13 and Eva Room 14.
DISTINCTION IN ENGLISH: Lewis and Abby Room 1, Hamish Room 2, Joshua Room 3, Chloe and Eleanor Room 4, Ili Room 7, Nuala Room 13, Harding Room 16.
 Congratulations - we're so proud of you!

Have a great weekend.
 Enjoy the extra day.

Louise

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Monday 24 October	Labour Day
Friday 4 November	WPCA Kayaking
Thursday 15 December	End of Term - school closes 1pm
2017 TERM DATES	
Term One	Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 13 April
Term Two	Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July
Term Three	24 July - 29 September
Term Four	Monday 16 October - Tuesday 12 December (approx)



VIKINGS JUNIOR TAG

Registrations due
16 Oct 2016

30 minute games
8 players on the field

Prizegiving on the
final night 14 Dec 16

Registration/info
night 5 Oct 16



Learn more about tag at
www.nztagfootball.co.nz

Vikings tag
231 Whitney St
Blockhouse Bay
www.facebook.com/vikingstag

Blockhouse Bay Reserve
Competition starts 19 October 2016
Wednesday nights from 5pm
U7s, u9s, u11s, u13s, u16s
9 week competition
\$60 per team



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Kids auckland marathon

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SHIRKHAN TIGERS TOUCH CLUB

We are looking for new touch players – boys and girls aged 5 upwards. If your mum or dad or brothers and sisters also want to play then they can come along too. We are also looking for some great coaches.

Our muster is on Tuesday the 27th September 2016 at Newton Central Primary School – Monmouth Street, Grey

Lynn. For junior players (aged 5 to 14) please contact Deanne on 021 1551884. For senior players (aged 15 and over call – Poi 021 261 4934). Our club email is – touch@shirkhan.co.nz. Visit our website – www.shirkhan.co.nz

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