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Tēnā koutou e te whānau whanui o Kaiti, ka nui te mihi kia koutou!

Above: Tū Rangatira Year 8 students making the most of their time in Uawa for Beach Safety with Matua Kerehama Blackman of Tai ora in Uawa. Last Friday's lesson was part of a 4 day wananga that our Year 8 students are participating in for their Hauora program this term. Year 7s complete their sessions in Term 4. #making the most of our Taiao #being safe in the surf # respecting Tangaroa

Covid19 Updates

We have had a very large number of students isolating at home this week due to COVID19. Thank you whānau for keeping us informed of your isolation period and communicating with your child's kaiako. With the increasing numbers of students needing to isolate, from next Monday, distance learning program information will be posted on your child's class Facebook pages for students who are isolating at home. Teachers will post up mahi on Monday for students in isolation to work on at home for the week. **This is only for students who have COVID in their whare.**

For the rest of our students, who do not have a positive case in their whare, at this stage, it is school as normal. We have had some staff who have had to isolate with their families, however we are maintaining sufficient levels of staffing to continue to operate smoothly at kura for now. Providing consistency, routine and structure for our tamariki is a priority during these uncertain times.

Isolation means staying at home for 10 days

Isolation is in place to slow down the spread of this virus in our community. Our kaiako were disheartened to see some of our tamariki who should be at home isolating with their family, out and about at the Kaiti Mall on Monday. It is so important that we all do the right thing and remain at home if we have COVID in our whare. Kia haumaru te noho.

Keep an eye out for flu like symptoms

Please keep your child at home if they develop a cold, sore throat, head aches, cough and flu like symptoms and get them tested. RAT test kits can be collected from Te Tini o Porou - Huxley Road now.

Bring your mask to kura please

Most students have been very organised with their masks at kura. Please send your child to kura with their masks for Year 4 to 8. Classes continue to wash down their tables, space themselves out, keep their room ventilated and wash their hands!

Last week Puhi Kaiti classes designed their own bird feeders and set them up around the community for the local manu. Didn't Catrina Love choose the perfect spot for her bird feeder! What a great view Catrina



Catrina Love - Tane te Mahara

Keeping up with the learning at Kaitiheaps of mahi, lots to do.

Te Taiao - Learning about our Environment

There has been a lot of very good learning happening around Te Taiao, who lives in this special place, who are are Atua that look after Te Taiao and what we can do to appreciate and look after our environment around us. Last week Puhi Kaiti students designed and made their own bird feeders. This was a home learning project and our parents came to the party and got on board with the designing too ...as you do! Having completed their manu feeders, and finding the right tree to hang them on, our tamariki then had to observe their bird feeders from a distance and complete a sketch of any birds that visited. Terry from Rangiatea managed to catch a Manu enjoying his feeder, well done Terry and all the other tamariki who have worked on this project over the past week.

Heading out the Gate to learn

Kaiti kids go places and this year, if we can't go overseas, we will head out the gate and into our local community. We were so excited to get our first out the gate programme underway last Friday with a group of Whare o Aroha students heading out the gate with Matua Fergus (from Sport Gisborne) and Kōkā Trudy to explore the Waikanae walk way. An important part of the journey is the ice cream break on the way. Classes are also heading out the gate to explore. Great to see Tū Rangatira Year 7s cycling around to Kaiti Beach and I hear they also took up the challenge and rode up Titirangi to the second car park. #pushing ourselves. #trying our best #giving it a go

Swimming Continues

Swimming attendance rates are very high at Kaiti School and our Kaiti kids are lucky to have free swimming lessons though the Swim for life programme with Comet Swimming Club.



Terry Bartlett-Likio's sketch of his mystery Bird. Is it a Kereru?



Whare o Aroha head out the Gate to explore.

We all swim here and by the time we leave in Year 8 we will be able to swim 250 metres. Keep sending those togs along whānau, we swim every week through to the end of term 1.

Academy Updates

An expectation for all academy participants is high levels of attendance at kura and trainings, positive behaviour in class, whānau commitment and having the right gear for your session.

Surfing - Steady numbers at surfing last Thursday and lots of parents there to help out. This week's session is back to Friday mornings.

Swimming - Kōkā Rose was back poolside this morning with the year 3-4 academy. Year 5-6 are back in the pool next week. We have some impressive, committed swimmers in this academy getting up early and to the pool before kura.

Netball - sessions had a week off this week due to staffing shortages. They will be back out there for training sessions next week on Wednesday pm. Remember your Kaiti Sports shoes and our netball shoes.

Soccer - The squad had a very focussed session yesterday - Tuesday. Next Tuesday, all students need their sports shirt on and some sneakers or boots please.

Rugby - Good to see this squad heading to the gym before kura. It was a very early start of 7.15am this morning at Paieka gym. Team trainings are on Monday and Wednesday after school.

Hockey - registrations have been called. Trainings will commence in term 2.

Coaches - we are on the look out for some coaches for soccer for our Years 3-4 squad and our junior teams. Coaches need to be vaccinated and will need to complete a Police Vet clearance form in the office with Kōkā Lil.

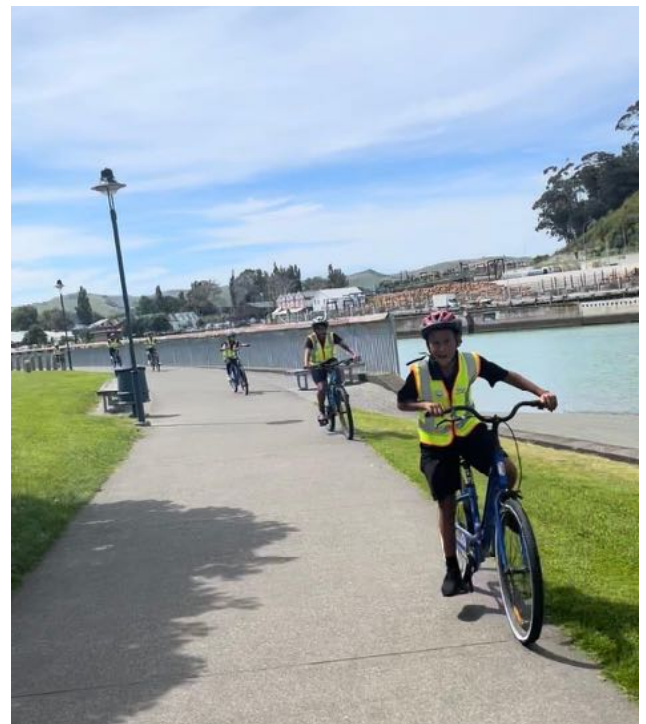
Our Strategic Plan 2022 and beyond

The board present their plan for 2022 and beyond - Mahia te Mahi.

This year Te Taiao comes into our curriculum with a continued focus on Hauora and wellbeing. Digital technologies is in there, bilingual immersion reo Māori programmes, Covid19 plans, participating in Porouariki Kahui ako, Whānau ora, local hitori and much more. There is a lot of mahi to do for our tamariki.

If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact us at office@kaiti.school.nz. We would love to hear your feedback and suggestions for our plans moving forward.

Noho ora mai Kōkā Billie-Jean



Ruatepūpuke ready to swim at Elgin pools



