



Kaiapoi High
School

KHS Newsletter ~ July 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 26 July: All Enrolment applications close

Wednesday 31 July: Out-of-zone Enrolment Ballot (if necessary)

Friday 2 August: Letters to successful out-of-zone applicants emailed

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From the Principal's desk

Jason Reid — July 25th, 2024

Nau mai, haere mai ki tā tātou pānui o Hūrae. Welcome to our July newsletter.

It's hard to believe we're already heading into the eighth month of the year. The weeks seem to be flying by, and while it might feel early, this term is packed with crucial tasks to prepare for the start of next year. We need to finalise enrolments for 2025, open applications for head students, recruit new staff, draft new subjects and timetables, and continue meeting with Year 8 students to ensure a smooth transition to 2025.

Currently, we have a host of exciting events in progress. A group of our students have just returned from a trip to China, arriving home safely despite the worldwide IT meltdown. Preparations for the Winter Tournament are in full swing, and we're starting a second term of CACTUS. Our seniors are gearing up for their final two terms of NCEA assessments, and the Talent Quest and Spirit Week are just around the corner. I look forward to sharing updates on these events and more in our August edition.

We've also experienced some staff changes recently. This week, we farewelled Ruth Robertson, who has taken on the role of Deputy Principal at Hornby High School. In a moving mihi whakatau and farewells, we expressed our deep appreciation for her contributions to Kaiapoi High School and Karanga Mai Young Parents' College. Ruth has left behind an incredible legacy. In her place, we've welcomed Whitney Richardson as the new Director of Karanga Mai. We had an outstanding pool of applicants, and Whitney's appointment reflects our enthusiasm and excitement for her vision and energy for the College. It is also with great sadness that I announce that we will be farewelling Whaea Danna mid-term. Her contribution to Kaiapoi High School and its students has been phenomenal. I will report more on that in our August edition, but in the meantime, please see Whaea Danna's farewell in this edition.

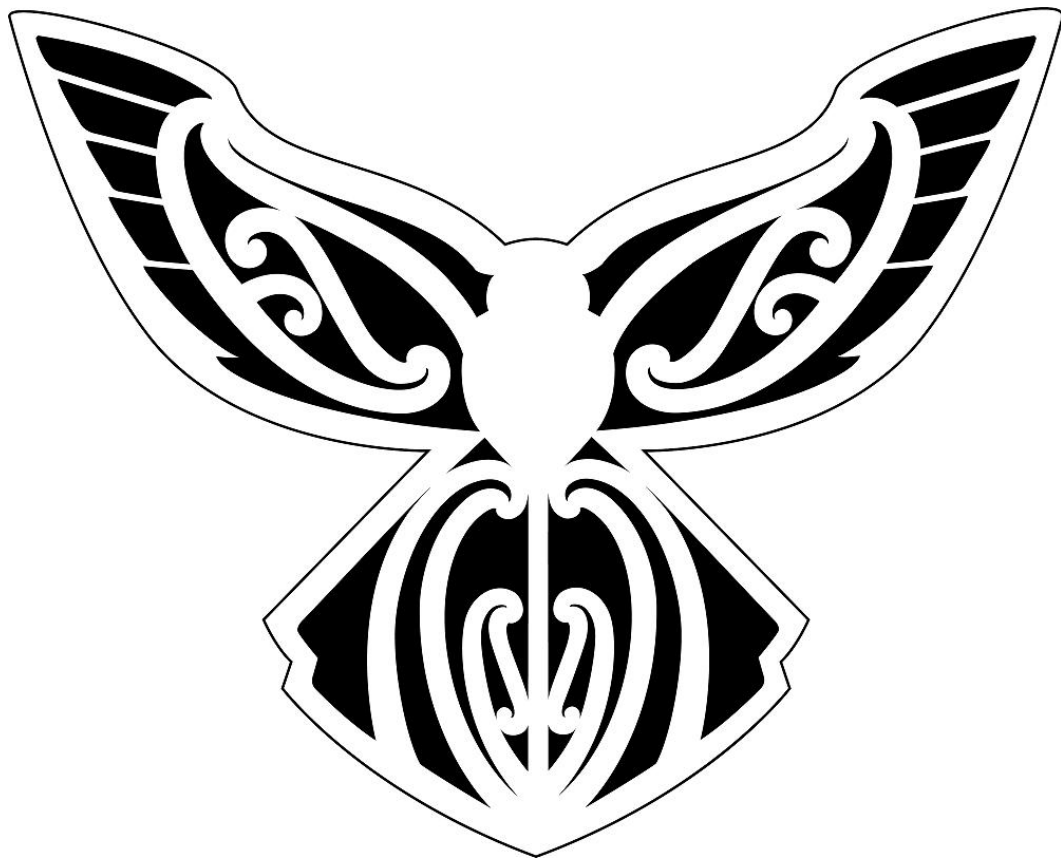
In our school assemblies this week, we addressed several important topics. With our junior students, we focused on evaluating the reliability of the information they receive. Students might come home and discuss with their whānau the information they've encountered as part of our initiative to encourage critical thinking. We're prompting students to pause, ask critical questions, and consult a trusted adult. Often, just the act of articulating the information can reveal its inaccuracies.

For our senior students, we discussed strategies for managing the stress associated with upcoming assessments. The key is to be proactive: plan out what needs to be done for the remainder of the year and talk about any concerns with those who can offer support. You might notice an increase in these conversations as students reach out to teachers and whānau for guidance.

Across both junior and senior assemblies, we emphasised the importance of taking care of each other and our school environment. Unfortunately, we've seen an unexpected rise in damage around the school recently. We're urging students to take positive actions to discourage or report such behaviour. These small incidents can lead to significant costs, diverting funds from essential school projects. Also, we are currently working on recovering these costs from any student responsible for the damage.

As we move into August, I wish you all the best and look forward to providing more updates in our next newsletter.

Until then, kia tino pai te rā – have a great day.



Whaea's farewell

Whaea Danna — July 24th, 2024

E aku nui, e aku rahi. He whakamiha tēnei ki a koutou katoa.

As I sit down to write this, I find myself filled with a mixture of emotions. After over two decades of incredible service, it is time for me to bid farewell to this wonderful kura and its vibrant community. This decision comes with a heavy heart, but also with a deep sense of gratitude, fulfillment and pride for the journey we've shared together.

Reflecting on the Journey

When I first walked through the doors of Kaiapoi High School in 1993, I could never have imagined the profound impact this institution would have on my life. Never in my wildest dreams did I think that in less than four years after completing high school, I would be back as a member of the staff! How Mr Brown and Mrs Watson laughed as they had both told me in my 6th form year what a great teacher I would be. From the very beginning, I was welcomed with open arms and embraced by a community that is second to none. Together, we have witnessed countless milestones, celebrated numerous achievements, and navigated challenges with resilience and determination.

Cherished Memories

Over the years, I have had the privilege of working with extraordinary kaiako, dedicated mātua, and, most importantly, remarkable ākonga. Each of you has left an indelible mark on my heart. The laughter, the tears, the moments of triumph, and the lessons learned have all contributed to the rich tapestry of my career here.

I recall the excitement of the first day Pōwhiri of each year, the intense competition of House Challenge Day, and the anticipation of Year 13 leaving ceremonies. Waiora Brooks placing 1st in Manu Kōrero and competing at Nationals, winning Waiata Tira, Destiny Robson placing 1st as Kaitātaki-Female Leader and Mana Joyce-Grace picking up 3rd place in Whaikōrero at Regional Kapahaka. Also, the various Waka Ama, Touch, Softball, Rugby and Rugby League Regionals and National Tournaments we have been to are highlights of mine. The joy of seeing our students grow and succeed in all aspects of their lives. The friendships I've formed, the mentorship I've received, and the countless experiences we've shared will forever remain etched in my memory.

Acknowledgments and Gratitude

I am immensely grateful to Te Taumata Tapu o Tuahiwi, whānau tutors, kaiako and the administration, for their unwavering support and collaboration throughout my tenures. Your dedication to excellence and your commitment to our students have been truly inspiring. Together, we have created an environment where learning flourishes, creativity thrives, and dreams take flight.

To the mātua and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your most precious taonga. Your partnership and involvement have been instrumental in shaping the lives of our ākonga. It has been an honour to work alongside you in nurturing and guiding them on their educational journey.

To the students, both past and present, you are the heart and soul of Te kura tuarua o Kaiapoi. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination have been a constant source of motivation for me. Watching you grow, achieve, and become the best versions of yourselves has been the greatest reward of my career.

Looking Ahead

As I embark on the next chapter of my life, I carry with me the lessons, memories, and friendships forged at KHS. While I may be leaving, I am confident that the spirit of this school will continue to thrive. I look forward to seeing the continued success and achievements of our students and the ongoing growth of this incredible institution.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for making the past 23 years the most rewarding and fulfilling of my life. Thank you for your support, your kindness, and your unwavering dedication to the Te kura tuarua o Kaiapoi community.

Mā te wā, and may the future be bright for all of us.

Mai taku manawa,

Whaea Danna



International News

Yu Bai — July 23rd, 2024

Some good news for our International students!

We are excited to share the news that Silverstream Medical Centre will now be serving as the primary healthcare provider for our international students, whether they are with us for the short term or the long term.

This partnership marks a significant milestone for our community, ensuring that our students have access to quality healthcare services. In New Zealand, the wait times to see a family doctor can be extensive, particularly for international students without a permanent residential address. This can often pose a challenge for them in seeking medical attention.

Silverstream Medical Centre has gone above and beyond in supporting these students as they immerse themselves in our culture. We extend a big thank you to the dedicated staff at Silverstream Medical Centre, including their manager, Rachel Fitzgerald, for their support.

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Sports News

Hayley Newton — July 26th, 2024

Term 3 sees the final weeks of our Winter Sports Season, which we have a large number of students taking part in.

We wish all our teams all the best as we get closer to finals time.

We look forward to sharing our Winter Sports Teams in next month's newsletter

Upcoming Sporting Events

We have Winter Tournament Week this term which we are in preparation for, this takes place in week 7. We have the following teams competing this year:

Hockey Girls - Ashburton

Netball - Christchurch

Basketball Jnr Boys & Girls - Dunedin

Basketball Snr Boys & Girls - Dunedin

Equestrian - McLeans Island Christchurch

Ski & Snowboarding CSS Champs - Thursday 8th August

Equestrian - CSS 1-Day Event - Sunday 11th August

Skateboarding - CSS Champs - Friday 13th September

There have been so many tournaments taking place over the school holidays around NZ and students representing NZ around the world. We love sharing these sporting achievements via our Kaiapoi High School Sport Facebook page and newsletter. Please make sure you let us know by emailing sport@kaiapoi.school.nz of any sporting achievements that we can share with our school community.

Football NZ

Congratulations to Rico Pradhan, yr 13, and the NZ U19 Football Team, who are the Oceania Football Confederation U19 Men's Champions 2024. New Zealand faced New Caledonia in the final of the OFC U19 Men's Championship which was held in Samoa from the 5th-18th July, winning the final 4-0.

Baseball NZ

Jacoby Golding, yr 10, has returned from the USSSA International Baseball Tournament held in Chino Hill, America with the NZ U14 Pacmen Team. On his return, Jacoby has been in Hamilton for the NZ U18 Baseball Squad Performance Camp, which starts the selection process towards team selection and qualification for the WBSC U18 World Cup 2025.

Korfball NZ

Cody Seigenthaler, yr 13, & James Harrison, yr 12, represented NZ at the U21 Korfball World Cup in Turkey 6th-13th July, finishing in 10th place.

Basketball NZ

Aliyah Newton, yr 13, is currently representing NZ at the BLIA Cup Basketball Tournament in Taiwan.

Cycling Road Champs

Brodie Chapman, yr 9, competed at his first Cycling NZ Secondary Schools' Champs, representing our school at the SI Road Champs in the first weekend of the holidays. Brodie competed strongly, finishing with a great personal result, beating his PB in the time trial.

Brodie will be representing our school at the South Island and National Road events coming up over the next few months.

Netball SISS Junior Tournament

During the first week of the school holidays, our Junior A Netball Teams represented our school at the SISS Jnr Tournament, which was held indoors at the Nga Puna Wai Indoor Netball Centre.

Playing eight games over four days, our Junior teams represented our school proudly and finished the tournament with great results.

Well done to the Year 9 team finishing 12th out of 32 teams, this was a great result and experience for the girls in their first SISS Tournament.

Yr 9 Team - Lily Adam, Paige McGregor, Emily Ahomiro, Hazel Herriott, Sienna Kiesanowski, Madison Taylor, Zoe Davey, Ruby Johnson, Jordan Mayes, Savarna Nutbrown.

Coaches - Eden Tane & Estelle Herriott.

Well done to the Year 10 team finishing 14th out of 32 teams, another great result to finish their last Junior Tournament.

Yr 10 Team - Indie Reid, Chloe Eustace, Kaliah Lucas, Sophie Jolly, Georgia Suliafu, Ashleigh Gaskell, Leila Ferreira, Mickey Roberts, Sophie Keates, Amelia Wilson.

Coach - Miss Molly Kay.

Congratulations to both teams. We are very proud of the way you played and the commitment you showed every day as a team, which reflected in your results. We hope you all had fun, enjoyed the Netball and have taken away some great memories from this tournament.

Thank you to the Coaches and Managers, Yr 9 - Eden, Katie & Megan & Yr 10 - Molly, Ange & Tao.

Thank you to our KHS Umpires for the tournament, Clare Boyd & Lucy Wedell.

It was great to see so much support on the sideline, your presence is always greatly appreciated.

Netball U18 Nationals

Ruby MacLaine, Eden Tane, Aliyah Newton, Brooke Keates, Eva Parry and the North Canterbury Netball Team competed at the Netball NZ U18 Nationals in Dunedin.

Basketball Nationals

Hannah Toli, Maddie Gascoyne & Anika Shaw represented North Canterbury at the U18 Nationals in Wellington.

Ellie Shaw & Chloe Eustace represented North Canterbury at the U16 Nationals in Auckland.

Basketball Mainland Tournament

Will Harrison, Te Arahua Fraser, Jack Reynolds, Dan Keating, Elijah Sommerfeld, Albie Gash, Caleb Foulds, Talib Park, Leo Cron & Ben McIlraith & Hayden Downes (coach) represented North Canterbury at the Mainland Tournament held in Rolleston. Congratulations to Te Arahua and Will's team who won the U16 Grade.

Congratulations to our students who have been named in representative teams for upcoming tournaments:

Rugby League

Leni Wilkie - Canterbury Bulls U16 Girls

Oziah Upokoiti & Charlie Murphy - Canterbury Bulls U14 Boys

Rugby

Zeke McCullough - North Canterbury U18

Adam Bell - North Canterbury U16

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CACTUS

CACTUS Term 2

Scott Liddell — July 23rd, 2024

Our term two CACTUS group finished on the last day of term with their longest day.

This was the culmination of nine weeks for this group where they had been at school at 6:25am three mornings a week doing physical training and team building. 18 students made it through to the end and this was celebrated at a prizegiving with the Mayor and local Waimakariri MP in attendance.

The longest day was perhaps the best longest day in our CACTUS history where the weather played ball for us. The students began at 5:20am with a training session before going up and over the Bridal Path into Lyttelton. From there they ventured to Quail Island via the use of Waka Ama canoes and completed activities on the island.

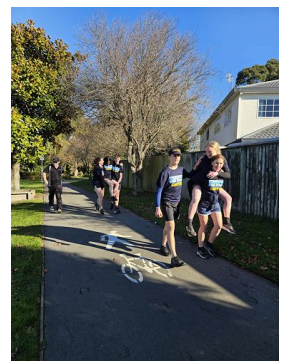
We were able to include a jet boat ride for all of the students on the way back to Kaiapoi before the fire truck pull back into school, where they were greeted by a rousing haka from TKT.

Will Taylor in year 11 received the top student award and Ruby Wilson in year 10 was awarded the most improved student.

Our Term 3 group starts on Monday 29th July with 24 students kicking off for nine weeks. CACTUS applications will once again be available next year in term 2 for those who are interested.

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Levels 2 & 3 Business Studies

Paul Leitch — July 22nd, 2024

Young Enterprise Scheme - Pitch Day

On Thursday 4 July the team from Young Enterprise and two other judges came to Kaiapoi High to assess the Levels 2 and 3 Business Studies students pitching their business ideas.

The students had to prepare a visual presentation including their business idea, logo, innovation, production, sales, marketing and financial information and then complete a five minute verbal presentation to the judges. This was followed by the groups answering questions based on their pitch.

Well done to all the teams who presented their pitches. We are currently awaiting the results.

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Hinekura hui

Molly Kay — July 21st, 2024

Kia ora tātou. At the end of last term, we had our first hui for Hinekura!

Hinekura is a programme for Māori and Pasifika hine aimed to help increase their identity, relationships, engagement, and academia. We meet once a week and participate in a range of activities, workshops, mentoring sessions and trips.

Attached are some photos from one of our hui where the juniors learned how to cook burgers with Whaea Joanna.

It has been great to see our hine connect with each other and participate in a range of activities to help them and their journey at our Kura.

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Peer Support

Simon Henson — July 22nd, 2024

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During Term 2, our peer support leaders at Kaiapoi High School conducted sessions with every Year 9 class. They set a challenge for the Year 9 students to design and build a bridge using provided resources. These bridges were tested to determine which could hold the most weight. It was wonderful to see our Year 9 students engaged in these activities and our peer support leaders actively supporting them. The Year 9 students demonstrated significant thought, effort, and teamwork throughout these sessions.

In Term 3, all Year 9 classes will visit local destinations to collaborate with our peer support leaders on various challenges. They will also participate in community service activities such as tree planting and beach cleanups. We look forward to these events later in Term 3.

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Trip to China

Hayley Jarman, Y13 — July 25th, 2024

During the school holidays, a small group of students from our school had the extraordinary opportunity to participate in a trip to China, organised by the Global Youth Ambassador Program (GYAP.)

This experience, designed to broaden our cultural horizons, saw us exploring the rich history, vibrant culture, and technological advancements of one of the world's oldest civilisations. Highlights of the trip included a visit to the Great Wall, and a day of fun and excitement at Disneyland, Hong Kong.

In addition to these iconic destinations, we enjoyed a day tour of Hong Kong, consisting of the city's unique blend of Eastern and Western influences. The tour took us through buildings, lookout points, and stunning waterfronts, giving us a well-rounded perspective of the city's vibrant life. In Beijing, we had the experience of rowing with the HTJ Rowing Club, an activity that highlighted the natural beauty of the area. We also had the unique opportunity to try our hand at the sport of curling, which was a fun challenge.

Our trip included enriching workshops with younger Chinese students, where we not only learned traditional Chinese arts, such as fan-making and puppet-making, but also engaged in cultural exchanges that allowed us to build meaningful connections with other students.

We would like to thank Mr Anderson and Miss Cox for allowing and supporting us throughout this incredible journey. Their dedication and encouragement made this unforgettable experience possible, and we are immensely grateful for their efforts in making this trip a reality.

Hayley Jarman, Y13

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GATE at Kaiapoi High School

Callum Bell — July 24th, 2024

GATE is our Gifted and Talented Education programme.

Kia ora! My name is Callum Bell, and I am the coordinator for gifted and talented education here at Kaiapoi High School. In this role, I run a programme designed to foster the diverse range of gifts and talents we have at Kaiapoi High School; it currently consists of three initiatives:

1. A Google Classroom page which offers students extracurricular opportunities such as competitions, experience days and workshops. These opportunities are provided on an opt-in basis – students are only expected to engage in things they believe they will find personal value in; things that will foster their strengths or expand their horizons.

2. Occasional compulsory events such as guest speakers. Most recently, this was Jenni Adams, an astroparticle physicist and Rhodes Scholarship recipient who is an ex-student of Kaiapoi High School. Jenni talked to the students about her research, experience with scholarship applications, and the value she places on her education at Kaiapoi High School. Prior to this, we also hosted ex-head student and doctor Ezra Schofield, as well as Brendan Dooley – an international award-winning comedy magician from Christchurch. Ezra taught the students not only about medicine as a profession and a study pathway, but also how to manage life balance, while Brendan spoke to the students of the importance of resilience and choice in the face of tough times.
3. Optional and informal gatherings in the library for hot drinks and biscuits to allow students to let off steam and discuss whatever is on their mind. This can include things like study tips, stress management, scholarships, how university works and more.

The programme has been designed so that it provides students with additional opportunities that address their needs in a way that doesn't take time or resources away from their wider school and life experiences. If you think your child would like to be involved in this programme, have a chat to them about it, and get them to come and see me in the Karetū deans' office!

Callum Bell



North Canterbury Careers Expo

Andrea Williamson — July 23rd, 2024

The annual North Canterbury Youth Futures Expo is set to take place from 4-8pm on Tuesday, August 13 at Mainpower Stadium in Rangiora.

This event is a fantastic opportunity for young people and those seeking a career change to explore local career opportunities and connect with professionals from various industries.

The expo will feature a wide range of local employers and educational institutions from the North Canterbury region. Confirmed exhibitors come from diverse industries, including education, hospitality, various trades, healthcare, and more. Attendees will have the chance to meet professionals, ask questions, and gain valuable insights into different career paths. Additionally, this year's expo will feature seminars where local experts will explain the pathways into their roles and offer hands-on demonstrations in their fields.

The event is free and open to the public, providing an excellent opportunity for families, students, and professionals to network and connect with local businesses and organisations. To further complement the in-person expo, there will also be an online showcase of local role models through our social media platforms and website.

The expo is specifically targeting students from Year 7 and up, and it is believed that the North Canterbury Youth Futures Expo will provide opportunities to ask questions and gain experience, understanding of training and potential employment for your students as they explore their future career options.

For more information and to register, please visit the website at www.ncyf.co.nz or <https://events.humanitix.com/north-canterbury-youth-futures-careers-expo>



PTA News

PTA Chair — July 23rd, 2024

The Annual PTA quiz is coming!

The PTA is pleased to confirm that its annual fundraiser will be held this year on 20 September. We are currently looking for donations for the silent auction table and raffle prizes. If you are in a position to donate to this night, please email us - pta@kaiapoi.school.nz.

Tickets for the quiz are \$60 per table but early bird sales are available at \$50 if paid by 30 August. Payment can be made to the school office by eftpos.



Course Selection Evening

Nathan Sandes — July 28th, 2024

Kia ora e te whānau. Our course selection evening is on Monday 19th August in Karetū Atrium from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

Unlike previous years, this evening is for all current KHS students returning in 2025 for their year 10 to 13 courses. A wide range of tertiary providers will be present to provide career and educational pathway advice and implications, which are essential considerations when making informed course selection decisions. In addition, each Faculty will have an allocated Karetū classroom to provide course selection advice for their respective learning areas/subjects. The importance of attending this evening with your ākonga/learner cannot be overstated.

SchoolPoint, our online course selection platform, will be made live during the evening, and assistance on how to use it will be available for those who need it. Please note that SchoolPoint will only be open for two weeks, from Monday 19th August to Monday 2nd September, so please ensure you work with your ākonga/learners to choose courses promptly. If you have any questions about selecting specific courses, contact the Heads of Faculty/Teachers in Charge indicated on SchoolPoint.

Please see the Faculty/Provider room allocations in Karetū below;

Room	Faculty/Provider Area
Tahi	English and Te Reo
Rua	SchoolPoint Assistance
Whā/ end of Atrium	Technology/ Building Construction
Ono	Arts

Whitu	Social Sciences
Waru	Health and Physical Education
Iwa	Mathematics
Tekau	Science

Kitchen Area & Alcove Careers/Gateway/Pathways

Atrium	Tertiary Providers
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Mā te wā

Nathan Sandes

Deputy Principal