



K Headlines

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Absence rates from College have been falling over the last two years. The Ministry of Education has a country wide system for tracking the enrolments of all New Zealand children at school. Schools have increasingly sophisticated systems for tracking attendance at school.

At Kaipara College we check the attendance of students six times a day. Firstly in form class at 8.45 then each teaching period of the day. Whenever a student is away we attempt to establish a reason for the absence. Many parents send explanation notes into school and some kindly phone in reasons for their child's absence during the day. If a student is away for more than two days we phone home and seek an explanation. In some instances we do it as soon as a student is absent.

However not all explanations of absence are acceptable. The Education Act requires all students to attend school whenever it is open. It is the school which determines whether an explanation for absence is acceptable. Acceptable explanations include illness, funerals and specialist appointments such as doctor, dentist, counselling etc. Unacceptable explanations include family holidays, shopping, child care, shows and events not sanctioned by the school.

When a child is absent for an acceptable reason the school staff are happy to work with the student to make up any important material that has been missed. Assessments may be able to be rescheduled and deadlines for important assignments can be changed.

However if an absence is unexplained or the explanation is not acceptable students are regarded as truant and any assignments or deadlines that are missed cannot be made up or extended. For students in Years 11, 12 and 13 this is particularly important because NCEA credits can be at stake.

The College is happy to explain the law and its own policies and approaches for implementing these legal requirements on schools and parents at any time.

John Grant, Principal

It's Bullying Awareness Week

Each morning this week form classes have been examining the issue of bullying. Activities have been designed to help students understand what bullying is and how to respond to it effectively.

The sources of help have been explained to all our students. There is an extensive network of support available which includes classmates, senior students and staff. Students have been learning techniques for seeking help and how to use the resources available.

Year 13 peer support students have been working with their Year 9 classes all week. They report that the Year 9 students have been well engaged with the activities. Head Girl, Ellie David, said that she felt students were more aware and more positive about the importance of preventing bullying that in previous years.

Parents who have concerns about bullying are encouraged to contact the school and discuss their concerns with a senior staff member or with a member of the Student Support team.

Community Based Career Information

Career Guidance available at the Heartlands Centre in Helensville every second Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm. For an appointment, please phone 420 9761.

A Stitch Bird in Time

Four Kaipara students, Ruby Scott-Smith, Manuka Cliffe, Sam Smith and William Sanson together with science teacher Marty Taylor visited Tiritiri Matangi this week to catch Stitch birds for transfer to a predator free mainland reserve, Maungatautiri in the Waikato. They were taken to the island by Mr and Mrs Stuart and joined other volunteers to staff eighteen trapping stations.

The birds were caught in mist nets and transferred to an aviary for medical checks and blood tests before being released next week. The four students will help with another bird release at Maungatautiri later this month.

Sports Coaches and Managers

Nearly half of the school, over 300 students, have registered for a winter sports team at the College. But we are short of coaches, managers and officials. Winter sports includes Boys Rugby Soccer and Hockey and Girls Soccer, Hockey, Netball and Rugby.

Can you help?

If you are able to coach or just help manage a team please give our Sports Co-ordinator Vicki Beattie a call at College (09) 420 8640 Ext 821

SPORTS NEWS

DRAW: Starting Sunday 8 March

WATERPOLO	Sunday 8 March
Senior Boys v Mt Roskill	West Wave 25m 7.30pm
TOUCH	Tuesday 10 March
Sen Girls v Rangitoto	Sunnynook 3 4.00pm
Sen Girls v Kristin	Sunnynook 5 5.00pm
Sen Mixed v Kingsway 1	Sunnynook 4 4.30pm

RESULTS: Starting Friday 27 February

WATERPOLO	Friday 27 February
Senior Boys v Lynfield	0-7 loss
TOUCH	Sunday 1 March
Senior Boys v Kelston Boys	default loss
TOUCH	Tuesday 3 March
Sen Girls v Carmel	1-5 loss
Sen Girls v Hato Petera	6-0 win
Sen Mixed v Albany SHS	11-0 win

Athletics Championships Final Results

JNR GIRLS		JNR BOYS		INT GIRLS	
Rangipai Dobson	321	Brad Houghton	458	Madeline Shelling	356
Sally Young	304	Harry Hulston-Adcock	426	Salote King	353
Jamie Masters	293	Sean Thompson	382	Keisha Bradley	346
Megan McGimpsey-Harris	258	Rick Scahill	375	Frances Martin	326
Mihiwai Moki-Young	250	Kalib Lawes	354	Natalia Hall	324
Jessica Schick	244	Angus Fraser	348	Kimberley Waters	315
Vanessa Alex	241	Scott Holden	346	Kelsey Stephen	308
Jessica Hall	231	Eli French-Bancroft	339	Tina Paulsen	300
Te Moehau McKean	221	Tai Fenton	337	Kothar Esau	299
Anya Kay	201	Nick Hardie	332	Aylah-Rose Olsen	289
INT BOYS		SNR GIRLS		SNR BOYS	
Charlie David	482	Ellie David	383	Ethan Povey	493
Jordan Jones	481	Melissa Connor	336	Michael Farrer	490
Karl Johnston	463	Leonie Masters	326	Hori Harris	468
Wade Cozens	460	Ashley Timoko	291	Solomon King	448
Scott Hildreth	446	Jess Scott	290	Dylan Gunner	436
Saulava Saena	439	Cayla Macdonald	285	Alex Adams	433
Tre Pakura	437	Yana Tomich	285	Philip Calis	427
Braden Crump	433	Hannah Pelan	274	Ryan Colson-Koster	420
Crosby Macdonald	429	Abby Pine	254	Anthony Trask	417
Ben Williams	424	Amanda Freshwater	251	Chris Waters	413



Kaipara College Swimmers

A team of 24 swimmers attended the Intercollegiate Swimming North Harbour Zone competition held at the Millennium Pool Albany. For the first time, the team was managed and lead by joint Captains Sarah Matheson and Tayibb Esau.

Swimmers were competing by 9:30am with races finally concluding around 1:00pm. It was clear the standard of the competition would be stronger this year however, Kaipara swimmers met the challenge and made the setting of school records their main focus.

Notable performances came from Ashley Timoko, Connor Jensen, veterans Sally, Kate and Sam Young and Michael Skirrow. The team is to be congratulated on its character and desire to do their best. The assistance of Mr Skirrow in providing additional transport was most appreciated.

Congratulations!

Athletic Champions

Ethan Povey, Brad Houghton, Charlie David, Ellie David, Rangipai Dobson and Madeline Shelling



COMING UP

14 March	Saturday	Auckland Dragonboat Champs	Lake Pupuke
24 March	Tuesday	HPV Immunisation Round 1	
28 March	Saturday	National Dragonboat Champs	
9 April	Thursday	End of Term 1	

For careers, scholarship and contact information see either Ms Couch or look on the Kaipara College web-site under Careers www.kaiparacollege.school.nz