



# Kaeo School



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**Term 1**

**Week 5**

Hello,

Our school continues to grow and as of today we have 161 children and the promise of a further eleven that will join us as they reach five years old later on the year.

A growing school is, in the main, a good thing. It means more funding, more resources, increasing teaching staff and provides for opportunities that come with a slightly larger school.

There are also challenges though. The number of teachers and classrooms that a school has is largely based on the number of children it has and when a school is just below the cut off figure for an extra teacher or classroom this can add some pressure to schools.

Class sizes are the obvious one and although we have traditionally worked hard to keep our class sizes down, this year we have seen a slight increase in the number of children in all of our classes and we have no available space in which to open a further room.

There is work underway to change this and we are very hopeful that it will soon be confirmed that we are to be provided with an additional classroom but the trick then is to ensure that this is a quality classroom, modern, warm, and here for the long term rather than something hastily provided to us.

In the meantime, I appreciate your patience and support as we manage with what we have – we will get there!

Kind regards,

Paul Barker.

### Students of the Week

Here are our Students of the Week and top Kiwi Canners for Week 4 – congratulations to Kalei, Kawiti, Zion, Violet, Tahlia, Layce, Mereana and Athena.



### Teacher Only Day/Parent Interview Day.

Please don't forget that we have a teacher only day, which includes parent/teacher interviews scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

### Kaeo Rugby

Junior Rugby Registrations will be held this Friday (6<sup>th</sup> of March) between 3.30 and 5.30pm at the Kaeo Community Swimming Pool. All children aged 6-14 years old are welcome. Any parents who are interested in coaching or managing a side are also encouraged to drop in. Any enquiries please contact Ellyett Hayes on 021 885084.

### Dates for your diary

12 March	Football Festival
23 March	BOT Meeting
24-26 March	Rooms 1 & 3 Camp
1 April	Teacher Only Day.
9 April	End of Term 1
28 April	Term 2 begins