



# Kaeo School



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**Term 4**

**Week 1**

Hello,

It is great to be back at school for what promises to be a very busy term 4. A lot has been happening over the spring holidays.

The school pool is almost complete and we will soon begin filling it so that swimming can recommence as soon as the warmer weather arrives. It has taken a long time getting the pool back up and running but we are almost there and happily the pool will now be set for the next thirty years or so – hooray!

The senior playground move is all but complete too and only the painting of the structure and tidying the surrounds remains before the children can start using it again. The next step is to work towards a shade sail for this playground and it is hoped that we can get this project underway early in the new year.

The area outside the junior block is progressing and though it will take some time for the new lawn to grow once it does there will be a large, new space for the children to enjoy. Patience is required on this project but we will get there and it will be worth the wait.

The painting of the school is now all but complete and I am sure that you will agree it looks great.

Finally, on the property front we now have approval for the refurbishment of Rooms 1 and 2 over the coming Christmas break. Preparation for this work is well underway and this is particularly exciting news as it will complete the modernisation of all of our classrooms which has been a goal for the school Board of Trustees for some time now. It will be terrific to begin next year with every child (and teacher) working in a modern, warm, and beautiful classroom.

All go at Kaeo School!

Paul Barker.

### Election

No matter who you vote for in the General Election it is important that you take the time to vote. We have a polling place here this Saturday in the school hall and if you haven't done so already, we encourage you to pop down and exercise your democratic right.

*Recognition of a job well done isn't necessary, but it's nice occasionally – Paul Barker.*

### Kiwi Can Excellence Awards



Yesterday Debbie Hancock represented us at the Kiwi Can Excellence Awards in Auckland. The awards, which are provided by the Dingle Foundation, are attended, amongst others, by the Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy and her husband Sir David, and Sir Graeme Dingle and Lady Dingle.

I am very pleased to advise that our school has been awarded the Graeme Dingle Foundation Outstanding School Award for 2020. Our school was joint winner of this award in 2017 and as far as we know this is the first time that a school has achieved this honour twice.

Kiwi Can is an important part of our school and supports and encourages the attributes and behaviours that are at the core of our progress and success as a school. For example, the work that Kiwi Can has done to encourage and develop resilience, co-operation, teamwork, caring and kindness is work that has helped the children manage the stresses and worries that they have felt this year in an amongst the Covid 19 pandemic and has, I believe, contributed to the mostly calm and settled tone of our school even in these most challenging of times. It is from this respectful, settled base that the best learning occurs.

A big **thank you** to our Kiwi Can Leaders and to Tracy Walker who leads the Kiwi Can programme so effectively for not only our school but for each of the schools in our area the best compliment that I can make to you is that you are making a difference.

### Dates for your diary:

23 October	Pet Day
26 October	Labour Day holiday
2 November	BOT Meeting
11 November	Armistice Day Commemoration
20 November	NZ Playhouse Visit
23 November	Teacher Only Day
4 December	Graduation Night (tbc)
11 December	Honours Board Trip (tbc)
15 December	Prizegiving
16 December	Year Ends (1pm)