

The Kino Connection

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Thank You Jim Click!

Jim Click has offered to make our newer van fully wheelchair accessible-- this includes installing a lift, remote control, and whatever else is needed so Rio or Mary Jane can go on a field trip.

Jim Click was responding to a letter that Rio wrote to him on the first week of school, explaining how important field trips are to Kino students.

In fact, Rio has already been on two field trips. It was a class wide project getting his wheelchair into the van for a trip to Tropical Kingdom. Then, when the History of People and Weapons class went to the downtown library to do some research, they needed to take the old van and there was no room for Rio's chair. He and Chris picked up one of Mary Jane's chairs at her house. When they all got down town, it turned out it was too small, so Chris piggy backed Rio to the conference room upstairs. Instead of going to The Grill for lunch, they brought Jack in the Box back to school. Rio says, "It was a big, huge adventure."

Field trips *are* important at Kino, and now, thanks to Jim Click, they will be a lot easier!

The Meaning of Life

By Jordan Ruiz

Every week, Chris's homeroom has a question. The question last week was 'what is the meaning of life?'

I know people give answers when they're asked a question, I just never thought we would get these answers for this question.

- 1.) To believe
- 2.)Tacos and Caffeine
- 3.)Get married, pay taxes, die
- 4.)Get married, have kids, get a job, retire, go to heaven
- 5.) To live everyday to its fullest and be thankful for what you have-Christina L.
- 6.) To eat, have fun, and to die-Diego
- 7.) A true leader stands between two poles, honor and courage. If he does this the world will live forever.
- 8.)To live and die-Diego
- 9.) live, work, die
- 10.) life
- 11.) The meaning of life is an intensely personal thing. I imagine that the precise meaning of life changes from minute to minute for each individual . The meaning of any particular moment is equal to the feelings, circumstances, and relationships for any particular person. In other words, the meaning of life is living it now.

Where Did Cailin Murphy Go?

By Jamie Cera-Griffith

This year we have a Kino student in New Zealand. Her name is Cailin Murphy and she is seventeen years old. She's been attending Kino since she was 14.

Cailin is part of a Rotary Club that selects students to go overseas for school. Over the year that began in August, she will be staying with three different host families. The first family that she's currently staying with has a farm as well as a beach house. She stays on the farm during the school week and at

the beach house during the weekends. When Cailin talked to me about helping out on the farm, she said "I don't mind that I have to help out; it's calving season and the calves are so cute."

She's attending Matamata College, which is what they call high school in New Zealand. I asked her about the difference between Kino and Matamata College. One is that she now rides the bus to school and back. Another is that they have to wear uniforms. This week, Cailin is relaxing at the beach house, due to her not being required to take the exams that all of the other students have to take this week

If anyone is interested in being pen pals with Cailin, Please ask Jamie for Cailin's address.



Give Sandy one of your business cards if you'd like her to include it in the Kino Phone Book, coming soon!

**Don't Forget: Book Breakfast---
September 17, 10 am**

Dancing Spaghetti

By Ariel Porter

This year Pollyanna Wikrent has come back to teach part time at Kino. She's been coming to Kino on and off for the past couple of years, teaching student need based, self paced classes including Trigonometry, Anatomy, and other science and math related classes. She used to work full time at Kino, was a homeroom teacher and taught high school science and math. Now she teaching Chemistry at Pima College. In addition to working with younger kids, She's teaching one high school science class. The class is suprisingly called Science and is a mixture of various different lab sciences. The class has had 2 projects so far. The first was studying the reaction between baking soda and vinegar. We've all mixed baking soda and vinegar together before. This time students had to mix the perfect amount of baking soda and vinegar in a soda bottle, to launch a cork out of it, making it land exactly 2 feet away. They discovered it was a suprising complicated thing to accomplish. Their next project, that they're in the process of doing, is all about neutralizing acid. Each student has to find 3 different ways to neutralize acid.



Maloo would like . . .

A set of little back packs-- about 15 eventually would be nice -- so younger students can carry all their gear themselves when they go on field trips, instead of juggling lunch bags, water bottles, jackets (eventually!) or needing a teacher to carry them. Maybe you have a collection of last years' back packs gathering dust?

The Yard Sale Has a CEO!

Heather Robbins, Matthew's mother, has offered to be in charge of the Fall Yard Sale, scheduled for October 22nd. Now's a good time to think about what you like to donate. Also plan to set aside time on the day of the yard sale, or during the week before, to come and help out. We'd like it to be so easy for Heather that she's willing to do it in the Spring, too!

Kino Has Drama

by Andrew P-S

Jack Halstead is teaching drama at Kino this semester. Jack has had a lot of experience teaching college students and adults. Since he's interested in seeing what it's like to teach high school students, he volunteered at Kino until Christmas.

Drama is on Wednesdays and Fridays in the Blue Room, formerly know as the Music Room.

Jack told students that he has a very different approach to drama and that we will be doing lots of different things, including making our own theater pieces.

Lately we've been doing an exercise with "open scripts." We team up in pairs and, using these kind of vague scripts, make it our own by voice and gesture, but without changing any words.

I asked Ben, a fellow drama student, if he was happy that Jack is teaching drama here at Kino: "Yes, it's cool."

Yes, it's very cool indeed.

CALENDAR

September 17-	Book Breakfast - 10 am
October 12	Board Meeting 7 pm
October 20 & 21-	Conferences
October 22nd-	Yard Sale

Early Childhood Snacks-Sept. 12 - 16

Monday	scrambled eggs
Tuesday	yogurt and fruit
Wednesday	cottage cheese and tomatoes
Thursday	sweet quinoa and cinnamon raisins
Friday	chips and salsa

Milk & juice served every day.