

Te Kura Tiaki Kohungahunga

Kawhia Early Learning Centre

10th February 2010

Kia ora Koutou Katoa

Welcome back everyone to a new year we are now into week 2 of the school term and everyone seems to be busy. A **Big huge welcome** back to kura for Taj and his family.

Hope everyone had a very special time in the holidays and are all rested and refreshed for the 2010 year ahead.

A BIG THANKYOU TO PETE AND THE DOCKERY TEAM

Changes within the kura having the poles erected for the sun shade cloths, and yes they are suppose to be on a *lean*, and a shed for the mower leaving the main shed for the children's daily outside toys.

Birthday wishes to all children who turned 5 over the holidays

To those children who turned five over the holidays and are now at the big schools throughout the country we wish you all a very **BIG BIRTHDAY WISH** and hope your school days are as fun and wonderful as your days at Te Kura Tiaki Kohungahunga.

FAREWELL

To Paige, Ella and family we are surely going to miss you all and wish you all the very best at your new schools.

Welcome

We have had some changes at kura where we say a **BIG WELCOME** to Shaye Le Prou who is joining our team and will start at Te Kura Tiaki Kohungahunga on the 15th February 2010.

We are reviewing our curriculum and we feel that our children will benefit more from an Emergent Curriculum where all learning is based on their interests. Parent and whanau input is also an important aspect of this curriculum, this is to enable the child's whole being to be acknowledged during the learning process. To include our parents in every aspect of their child's learning we are having regular whanau days throughout the year. The aim of these days is to allow parents and their whanau to speak with teachers regarding their children's

learning, to meet other parents and whanau and to enjoy being at school with your children. Our first whanau day will be on Thursday 25th February.

NOTE: Children's Vege garden

The centre garden is pumping and there are plentiful vegetables to harvest, as we cannot keep up with the continuous growth of the vegetables it would be very much appreciated if your family requires some greens then please feel free to help yourself.

SUMMERTIME

Due to the summer weather and it being so hot we request that parents please send two changes of clothes to Kura for their children as we plan on having water play activities throughout the day to cool down.

HOLIDAYS - we would love to hear about what your tamariki did in the holidays. If you have any stories and photo's to share please bring them along to Kura and we will include them in the newsletter.

LAWNMOWING ROSTER

Parents and whanau our lawns are growing very fast this term and we would appreciate all families to check roster for lawns as we will need to mow every week until the end of term 1.

**Thank you Whaanau have an awesome week.
From the staff and children at Te Kura Tiaki Kohunghunga o Kawhia.**