



# Wednesday, 24 September 2013

## Ko te Wenerei, 24 o Hepetema 2013

Ngā mihi ki a koutou  
katoa

Week 9 of 9

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the final week of Term 3. Lots of colds and sicknesses happening, so please keep your child at home if he or she is not feeling well. That's the only kind of love we don't want to share!

Next term we look forward to starting our Kia Kaha programme with Constable Irwin, Spring Fling photographic competition for the children, Life Education with Harold and athletics!

The Spring Fling photographic competition details are attached. Children can take their photos over the holidays and email them to me [mrsapiti@kawhia.school.nz](mailto:mrsapiti@kawhia.school.nz)

Have a great holiday

Leanne Apiti

Principal/Tumuaki

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From the Kawhia School Board of Trustees

The ERO report is out

now.

We are very pleased that ERO has captured the progress we have made as a school.

### Key Quotes

**Governance:** The new board bring a range of skills and knowledge to their roles as trustees. They have undertaken significant board training to increase their understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

**Levels of student achievement:** Considerable progress has been made in the management, reporting and use of school-wide achievement information. Student achievement information is used by the board to assist decision making and inform strategic planning and annual objectives. Achievement targets are more specific and focused on improving the achievement of priority groups of learners.

**Classroom teaching:**

Teachers have been involved in ongoing professional learning and development to strengthen their knowledge and understanding about effective teaching of writing. They are beginning to implement strategies to better respond to the needs of targeted students and are making better use of student achievement to inform their classroom practice.

**School Curriculum:** The school has made a concerted effort to develop a curriculum that reflects the aims, aspirations and priorities of the school community. With the support of an external facilitator and through ongoing community consultation, the school now has a useful framework to guide curriculum delivery and self review.

**Revised Charter:** A newly revised and streamlined charter strongly emphasises the schools priority on raising student achievement.

### COMING EVENTS

Fri, 26 Sept	Last Day Term 3
27 Sept—13 Oct	School Holidays Reports sent out
Sun, 29 Sept	Daylight saving starts
Mon, 14 Oct	Term 4 Begins Imm Dose 3 HPV
Wed, 16 Oct	Manual—bus leaves at 8.30am
Thu, 17 Oct	Kia Kaha programme with Constable Irwin begins
25-28 Oct	Spring Fling (see attached flyer)

Clear strategic priorities have been identified and these are linked to annual targets for raising achievement. This document is likely to ensure a more focused and strategic approach to ongoing school development.

The school has made sufficient progress and is suitably placed to sustain and improve its performance.

ERO is likely to carry out the next review in three years.

The full report is available for viewing at the office or online at <http://ero.govt.nz>

Letter from Hano Ormsby—23 Sept 2013

*RE: Farewell, His Worship Mayor Dale Williams*

*The Kawhia Community Board and indeed the community at large wish to thank you very much for representing the community at the recent farewell for his Worship the Mayor, Dale Williams and his family.*

*For the short notice given to practice your kapa haka items, you did exceptionally well, the Kawhia Community Board and the community in attendance were very proud of you all.*

*Also, thank you for your contribution and preparation to the food basket, it was much appreciated, as all food was donated by the community.*

*Many thanks.*

*Please convey our thanks to the Early Childhood Centre*

*Nga mihi*

*Hano Ormsby*

Headlice/Kutu

The Ministry of Education guidelines state: "It is not the role of the school to conduct mass head inspections, treat children or give expert advice in this area. Inspection, detection and treatment are the role of the parent." However, we acknowledge that the school can be the venue where headlice can be spread. In order to combat these pests we have sought the help from Donna Murraray, our Public Health Nurse. We have a message from Donna regarding this persistent problem. She assures us that this is a widespread problem at the moment.

Donna is available to help parents to inspect, detect and treat for headlice. If you would her to do this at school, we have attached a consent form to allow her to check and treat for headlice (completely optional). This will allow Donna to check and treat hair at school if necessary. This will be done in such a way that your child's dignity will be maintained.

Kia ora pupils and parents/caregivers of Kawhia Primary School.

I have been asked to address the ongoing problem of headlice at Kawhia School and wish to convey a few practical tips on how to rid all the children of these nuisance critters that plague so many children and adults, at this time.

- Treatment. We can not recommend any particular product however the advice is adhere to the instructions that are written on the product you choose and keep in the back of your mind it is essential to retreat day three as this fits in the headlice cycle as more eggs hatch by then. At the very least most children should be treated by day 7 for a second time. Dr Burton is happy to see whanau to write a script and the doctor visit and script still works out cheaper than the products bought over the counter at pharmacies.

- Warning. Please stick to products recommended for human use, it is scary to think about the effects of products intended for animal use, being used on young people - we don't know what these products can do to humans long term!

- Fine tooth comb! Essential to spend time and ensure the nits (eggs) are gathered and disposed off. The "cheap shops" like the \$2 shop, have packets of fine tooth combs for just a couple of dollars. Fine tooth comb hair in sections to ensure the entire head has been done and repeat this process every 3 or 4 days.

- Brush at night using a firm bristled brush. Brush all over the head for several minutes. This damages any head lice adults that may have transferred themselves from another child's head during the day. It cuts down the odds of re infestation.

- Tie long hair back for boys and girls whilst they are in contact with other children at school and at home.

- Check hair routinely! And parents if you are like me and have eyes that need assistance - wear hobby glasses when you do check the hair, as I am consistently amazed at how tiny some of these critters are!

- FINALLY, PLEASE ALL FAMILIES ...EVERYONE, CHECK YOUR CHILD/REN AND TAKE ACTION. If everyone takes part we can beat these nasty little critters and have a lice and nit free school.

In peace,

Donna Murray, Public Health Nurse, Kawhia

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