

Wednesday, 23 October 2013

Ko te Wenerei, 23 o Hiringa-ā-nuku 2013

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa

Week 2 of 10

Kia ora koutou

A BIG MIHI goes out to Amiria, who gave birth to her beautiful wee baby boy in the weekend. We are thankful for his safe delivery and her recovery. We can't wait to give him lots of hugs.

We are pleased to welcome Jacqueline Walsh, also a past student of Kawhia School, who will be relieving Amiria's position up to the end of the year.

Kia Kaha

We are working with our Police Education Officer, Constable Irwin, to deliver the Kia Kaha programme over the next few weeks. This is a school based programme produced by the Police.

It aims to help schools create environments where all members of the

school community feel safe, respected and valued, and where bullying cannot flourish.

The underlying principle is "*you should treat other people as you would like to be treated.*"

Spring Fling

The children have been busy taking photographs of "Our People" for the Spring Fling competition. We thank the organisers for including our children in this event and look forward to seeing them on exhibition at the town hall this weekend.

Katherine Hill

We welcome Katherine Hill, our new Project Energizer who will be coming on a weekly basis to support us in keeping energized and building our skills in athletics.

Rhonda Kerr

We also welcome Rhonda Kerr, who is our Social Worker at Kawhia School as part

of the Social Workers in Schools.

Social Workers in Schools (SWiS) is a school-based community social work service, that places a social worker right in the school grounds, bringing together a child or young person's home and school life.

The service is:

* free to students and their families

completely voluntary - it's up to the children, young people and their families if they want to talk with a social worker.

Updated contact phone numbers

There have been a number of occasions where we have tried to contact parents using the numbers provided, for medical reasons, only to find that they no longer exist.

Mrs Sherman will send out a copy of the contact and emergency numbers for your child in the near future. Please check, update and return these back to

COMING EVENTS

Wed, 23 Oct	Kia Kaha with Constable Irwin
25-28 Oct	Spring Fling Art Festival— Children's Photographic Exhibition at hall
Mon, 28 Oct	Labour Day—no school
Tue, 29 Oct	Writing Adviser at school (Lisa Smith) Kia Kaha with Constable Irwin
Wed, 30 Oct	Manual BOT meeting 4.30pm
2-3 Nov	Marae Games at Tahaaroa
Mon, 4 Nov	Reuben the Road Safety Bear
Week 4	Kawhia School Athletics
Week 5	Interschool Athletics

her as soon as possible.

Child Restraints

The new child restraints law will be in force from next month. Further information on the next page.

Enjoy your long weekend

Kia pai to koutou wiki
Leanne Apiti

OPARAU

Hall
Community and district club
Present

Mint Sauce

{as local as they come}

&

Plot

{Paul & Lott}

The two guys on the grass



This Event is a fundraiser for the Hall AND the Club. \$15 at the door.

October 19th, 9pm start, at the Oparau Hall and Club

Correction—8pm start

Child Restraint Laws

Principal Release

.5 principal release position, permanent, commencing term 1, 2014. We seek an enthusiastic and NZ registered teacher to teach in our Y1-8 class. Applications are invited for a highly motivated teacher who has strengths in multilevel teaching and is a team player. Our principal release should have knowledge in te reo me ona tikanga Maori.

Applications close Friday, 22 November 2013. Please contact the Kawhia School Office for an Application Pack - PO Box 28, KAWHIA 3843; email office@kawhia.school.nz or 07-8710725

From 1 November the child restraint laws will be changing. This means that you must secure your child in an approved child restraint until their 7th birthday. The following information was sent to us by the New Zealand Transport Authority:

If a school asks parents or other persons to help with transport to school events in private cars will they need child restraints for each child they carry aged under 7?

Yes. From 1 November the law will be extended to include the use of mandatory child restraints for all children under seven (until their 7th birthday). The type of child restraint they should use will depend on the age and size of the child.

The law will continue to require all children aged seven [to eight] to be secured in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle, and if not in any child restraint or safety belt that is available.

Will families be able to get assistance with buying child restraints?

The Ministry of Social Development provides recoverable financial assistance for approved child restraints under two schemes:

- Advanced Payment of Benefits, for beneficiaries
- Recoverable Assistance Payments, for non-beneficiaries

It is proposed that both schemes would be amended to cover the extended use of child restraints.

People applying for financial assistance under either of these regimes will need to meet the Ministry of Social Development eligibility criteria.

Check www.nzta.govt.nz/childrestraints for further updates