



Wednesday, 3 December 2009

Ko te Wenerei, 3 o Tihema 2009

Tēnā koutou katoa

I'm always reminded why teaching, learning and living in Kāwhia is a treat. Last week we found out that a pod of orcas were making their way into the harbour. Joined by the Early Childhood Centre, we all went orca sighting at the wharf. Whaea Karina spotted the first splash and even though they were quite a distance away there was a great air of excitement. Thanks to Seth, Greg and Ange for the close up photo of the orca (see above). We were amazed they were that huge! They provided great learning and

knowledge sharing opportunities for our children.

It is a sad time of the year when we must say good-bye to our precious Year 8s—Kāwharu, Rāwiri, Danielle, Jasmin, Matarautahi and Jordan. I have had the privilege of teaching most of them and seeing them evolve into young men and women that any parent would be proud of. He whakatauki ma koutou:

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei

Pursue excellence - should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain

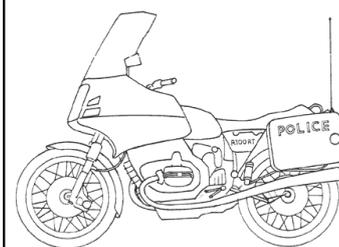
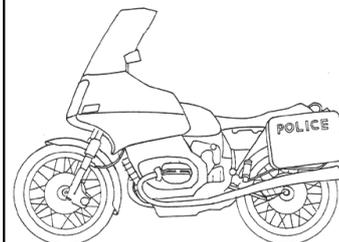
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Disco Highlights

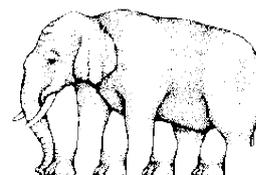


Thanks to Satori's aunty for the photos. Sadly, we didn't get any photos of Nanny Crump!

Brain Training



Spot 10 differences



This is one of the classic optical illusions - it is called dancing elephant - it is called dancing elephant. Try to count the number of his legs (by Roger Shepard).

Oral Language Target Achievement

Our Annual Target for 2009 was that "The majority of Year 1 students will score above the level of concern for Record of Oral Language and achieve at or within 3-4 months of chronological age on Assessment of Oral Language."

When first tested, the children scored on average, -3 months behind their expected age. Final assessments show they are now on average +2 years ahead of their expected age for oral language.

There are many reasons for this great achievement including successful oral language programmes, specialist advice, specific classroom/school wide programmes and professional development.

Therefore, in relation to the Annual Target:

The majority of Year 1 children have scored above the level of concern for Record of Oral Language

ALL the Year 1 children have achieved significantly more than the target of scoring within 3-4 months of chronological age on Assessment of Oral Language.

NEXT STEPS 2010:

Continue with a regular junior oral language programme in consultation with the Speech Language Therapist and Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour

Continue to monitor oral language as per our assessment schedule

Make contact with Resource Teacher of Literacy - Māori, if required to further develop reo-a-waha

Develop increased contact with our Resource Teacher of Literacy

COMING EVENTS

2 Dec	Homework Centre/Road Patrol Trip
2 Dec	Kai Fest Traffic Control Hui—3.30 School Library
2 Dec	Final Bible in Schools
3 Dec	Last Day Homework Centre
5 Dec	Learning Centre 10km Challenge—Aotea
10 Dec	Yr 8 Big Day Out
11 Dec	Pizza Orders Delivered
14 Dec	Kai Hakari for each class
15 Dec	Last Day Prizegiving 1pm

Kāwhia Moana Marae Games

KĀWHIA MOANA MARAE GAMES RESULTS - SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2009

FINAL INDIVIDUAL SPORTS PLACINGS:

Pōirewa (Volleyball): 1st Waipapa; 2nd Te Tihi-ō-Moerangi; 3rd Ōkapu

Poitūkohu (Basketball): 1st Waipapa; 2nd Te Tihi-ō-Moerangi; 3rd Rākaunui-Mokoroa

Hahaupōro (Golf): 1st Rākaunui-Mokoroa; 2nd Mōtakotako; 3rd Ngāti Mahuta

Poitarawhiti (Netball): 1st Ngāti Mahuta (White); 2nd Mokoroa (1); 3rd Rākaunui (2)

Maita-a-roto (Indoor Bowls): 1st Waipapa; 2nd Ngāti Mahuta (Āruka); 3rd Rākaunui-Mokoroa

Maita-a-waho (Lawn Bowls): 1st Ngāti Mahuta; 2nd Ngāti Mahuta (Te Kōraha); 3rd Waipapa

Pāwhutupōro (Touch): 1st Ngāti Mahuta (Blue); 2nd Mōtakotako; 3rd Rākaunui-Mokoroa (Blue)

OVERALL PLACING:

1st= Ngāti Mahuta (Maketū / Te Kōraha / Āruka Marae) & Rākaunui-Mokoroa Marae

2nd Waipapa Marae

3rd= Te Tihi-ō-Moerangi & Mōtakotako Marae



Thank you Mrs Dimond for Whaea Roimata's surprise birthday cake! Delicious!

School Notices

2010 Start Date

School will resume on Tuesday, 2 February. Monday, 1 February is Auckland Anniversary Day.

Study Support Centre

The last day for the Study Support Centre is Thursday 3rd December.

Bus Stop

Please note that it is illegal to park on a bus stop at all times, including the school's bus stop.

The Board of Trustees is concerned about the safety of our children.

Last Day of School

Kāwhia School's last day of 2009 will be Tuesday, 15 December (not 16th December as incorrectly stated in the previous newsletter)

Aerosols

Please make sure that your children do not bring aerosols to school, including body sprays.

Basketball

Well done to the Maui's Dolphins basketball teams for so far making the semi-finals.

Thank you to Danielle, Te Mihinga, Jasmin, Kāwharu and Rāwiri for your contribution to the team.

snack Remix!

swap:

Potato chips

A small bag of chips once a week for a treat is fine, but eating those every day adds extra fat and salt to the diet

for:

Popcorn

- A tastier and healthier alternative
- One bag of popcorn contains approximately two grams of fat, while small chips contain about nine grams



FOR TENDER—

Manual Training Block

The Board of Trustees offer for removal for removal or demolition a building 27m x 8m with a 3 - 7 stud together with restoring the site back to pasture.

The building is a native timber frame, tongue and groove floor with weather board exterior and corrugated iron roof.

Tenders close December 7, 2009 with, and documents available from:

Russell Easton Ltd, Building Consultant,
PO Box 248, Te Awamutu
Phone (07) 871-5576

Contact the school office or Debbie Rewi-Wetini (BOT Property) to make an appointment to view the hall or collect a tender form (07) 8710725.

KAI FEST HUI

Next year, Kāwhia School will be in charge of traffic control for the Kai Festival. We need about 40 adult volunteers to do a couple of hours each on the day. All money raised will be used for the children.

HUI

Wednesday, 2 December

3.30pm

School Library

For anyone interested in finding out more.

Karina Kemp (BOT Fundraising)

Children's Portfolios

Over the term the children have been choosing and collecting samples of work for their own portfolio envelopes. Children will choose samples of their work from schoolwide topics such as sports and kai, plus their own classwork for them to share with you. These will be sent home on the last day of school.

Duffy Caught Being Good



Congratulations to our Duffy Caught Being Good winners:

- * Taiwhenua * Jordan * Jasmin
- * Jerome * Georgia * Arana *

Thank you to our generous Duffy Sponsors:

The Sproule Family, Greg and Karen Nicholls and The Rotary Club of Te Puke

