

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa

Rangatahi

This is a very sad time for us as we farewell our 'Fantastic Four Rangatahi' – Kylie, Rangiora, Amiria and Pere – who have contributed greatly to our school and community in partnership with Whaea Karen and Te Riakina. Our children have benefited enormously from their interest and involvement in their learning. We all wish them well as they consider the next steps in their careers and will miss them in many ways. Thank you to all the supervisors and others who have supported them in the background.

Reports

Hopefully you received the flyer informing you that reports will be posted out this week.

With the reports will be your parent interview times that will be held at the beginning of Term 2. If these times do not suit please either email or ring the school so that we can try and accommodate you. We have the expectation

that all parents and caregivers will attend the parent interviews so that we can develop a strong home-school partnership to help your children in their learning and other aspects of schooling.

An informative pamphlet about the National Standards will also accompany reports for students of Rooms 1 and 4. You will receive a one page summary of the 'overall teacher judgement' of how your child is progressing in relation to the National Standards.

Fundraising

Thank you to all those who supported our major fundraising catering event this past week at Waipapa Marae. Just about every single school family helped out and it was a wonderful time to be together. Thank you also to the awesome rangatahi and friends of the school who helped out. We are grateful to the organisers for giving us this special opportunity.

We now have another major fundraising event coming up the first Saturday of Term 2 (24 April). Kāwhia School will

be catering for a large motorcycling tour group. We need your help for this day so mark it in the diary and please let us know if you are available. Members of the Board of Trustees may contact you for help.

Thank You

A big cuddly thank you to Stan Vincent for the extreme makeover our gardens received last Friday. He was only asked to help with the vegetable planters but unbeknown to us, including his own daughter, he had other plans!

Mrs Bye

Mrs Bye will be finishing her role as a teacher aide this term. We are eternally grateful for the years of effort and commitment she has put into supporting the classroom programmes and children of Kāwhia School. Fortunately she will still be involved in the school in other aspects. Thank you, Bev!

Kia pai tō koutou hararei

Leanne Apiti

Tumuaki-Principal

Brain Training



Spot the Differences

Source: smartbrains.com

COMING EVENTS

1 April	Term 1 ends Reports sent out
19 April	Term 2 commences
20-21 April	Parent Interviews
21 April	Manual Y7 & Y8
24 April	Motorcycle Tour Catering
27 April 2.15 pm	Timoti Harris-Otorohanga College Visit

Ngā Mihi

1. Thank you to

Te Waananga o Aotearoa who has kindly donated a generous amount of office supplies to our kura. Thank you to Mrs Bye for organising this.

2. Thank you to Gini who collected all the Yummy stickers last year and earned the school free sports gear ☺

Otorohanga College Visit

Timoti Harris, Principal will be here on Tuesday 27th April at 2.15 p.m. to visit to meet parents and students who may be attending College next year. Also if any community members are wanting to meet Timoti, ask questions, etc.

Welcome to: Naomi, George and welcome back Ranui

BOT Elections

Thank you to Lynette Stafford who agreed to be the Returning Officer for the Kāwhia School Trustee Elections. If you have any questions regarding nominations or the process itself, please contact Lynette. If you are interested in becoming a trustee but want to know more you can visit <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

OTOROHANGA LIBRARY

SPEED BOOKING MORNING IN HOLIDAYS

When: Wednesday 7 April
Time: 10.30am to 12 noon
Where: Otorohanga Library

Speed-bookers sit across from each other in pairs.

Each person has three minutes to give an overview of their book and for their partner to ask a question, before everyone moves on to their next "date".

Preparation: Bring along a list of the books you've enjoyed reading lately.

Refreshments will be served. Ages 10-13.

Phone 873 7175 to register.

Otorohanga Netball Centre

Would like to welcome existing and new teams to their Saturday competition

OPENING DAY Saturday, April 24

All enquiries to Dot Carr 07 873 8211 or 0274340904

Kiwi Kids Learn

A new educational magazine has been launched for parents and caregivers to support their children to be all they can be. Kiwi Kids Learn is a fantastic resource and full of useful information to use with school age or preschool children. Kiwi Kids Learn also includes two sections specifically for kids. There is a dedicated 8-page lift-out for the kids with activities and games. There is also a section within the magazine for students to 'showcase' their work to the rest of New Zealand. To find out more or to order a copy go to www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com

FOUND

Swimming goggles

Please contact the school office 871 0725

School Notices

Manual (Yr 7-8 Technology)

Next Manual—Wednesday, 21 April. A roster will be sent out to parents and caregivers of Year 7-8 to accompany them on the manual bus.

Study Support Centre

The Study Support Centre (Homework Centre) will commence in Week 2 of Term 2

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away please contact the school office on 871 0725. All un notified absences are followed up by Mrs Sherman or Whaea Karen (Truancy Officer) to ensure safety of

our children.

T-Shirts

Please make sure to return school t-shirts that were issued for the recent Poukai.

Short Days

Where possible, we try to make the decision whether to shorten the day if the weather is doubtful as close to lunch time as possible. Please ring the office if you are not sure. Bus still runs normal times regardless of weather.

Bikes and Helmets

Please make sure your children bike to school ONLY if they have a helmet - for their own safety and it's the law!

Duffy News



Role Model Assembly—

Author, Tony Williams

By Rove Reporter

The door opened. A man dressed in black, with trousers too short for him, entered. His eyes swept over the room then he slowly sat down in his seat.

The Duffy Hero had arrived.

The school performed some kapa haka and, impressed, he stood up to introduce himself. The students were in fits of laughter as he paced back and forth, keeping up a stream of talk, waving his arms and adding jokes every now and then.

He happily handed out two books to every student and when the camera arrived, books were held up triumphly, smiles on every face. Say cheese!

We are grateful for our sponsors this year:

The Sproule Family, Greg and Karen Nicholls

and the

Kāwhia School Board of Trustees

NOTE FROM THE TOOTH FAIRIES

Our time at Kawhia School has come to an end. We love our visits to the coast, and are made to feel very welcome here enjoying the children's great humour and friendly faces.

Just a reminder to parents and caregivers that we rely on your help throughout the year to encourage brushing twice a day and drinking mainly water. Water and milk are the best drinks for kids: keep cordial, fizzy, juice and milo out of baby sipper bottles please.

We can be contacted on 021684334 if you have any questions or require treatment when we are not here.

Thank you. Raewyn, Kris and Kerry (Dental Therapists)