

Wednesday, 12 May 2010

Ko te Wenerei, 12 o Haratua 2010

*Ngā mihi mahana ki a
koutou katoa*

Congratulations

A big well done to Alice, Malachi, Zoe and Sarah who represented Kāwhia School and were placed an impressive 4th out of 15 teams in the Children's Literacy Quiz competition held at Te Kuiti last week. They were winners of one round where they successfully answered 10 out of 10 questions.

Team work was very important in this event and seems to be a key theme this season. We are proud of the students who train and compete together in various sports such as basketball, rugby, rugby league, netball and other sports. Win or lose they wear their team uniforms with pride. Thanks to the parents and other volunteers who also work together to make this possible for them.

Invitation

We welcome and encourage you to come and join us for various activities during the school week:

1. Every Monday morning 9am and Friday afternoon 2.30pm we gather together for a karakia to start and end

the week together. Friday's karakia is combined with our school assembly.

2. We have begun our town runs again to train for cross-country. Weather permitting, the children run at 10.15am daily. Come and get fit for fun!

3. Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon we have kapa haka.

Feel free to contact us if you would like to know more about any of these or if you would like to come in and join in another way.

Board Elections

For the first time in our school's history we have held an election for the parent representatives on the Board of Trustees. Our thanks goes out to those who put their names forward to make this a very exciting time for our school. Thanks also to our returning officer, Lynnette Stafford for personally making sure that every person who had a voting right knew and understood the process.

I would like to personally thank the outgoing Board who has supported the

school tremendously not just at meetings but have also been actively involved in many of our events and behind the scenes work—Carey Thom (Chairperson), Lisa Panapa (Secretary), Debbie Rewi-Wetini (Property and Finance), Karina Kemp (Fundraising), Ralph Smith and Roimata Pikia (Staff Representative).

Last year was particularly challenging for the Board with change in leadership and staffing but through their professional governance they ensured a smooth transition took place.

Bev Bye

As most of you are aware, Mrs Bye will be moving to Hamilton very shortly marking the end of her long association with Kāwhia School. She has had many different roles within the school and has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the school children and community.

We thank her from the bottom of our hearts and wish her all the best for her future adventures.

Kia pai tō koutou wiki

Leanne Apiti

Tumuaki-Principal

Brain Training

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COMING EVENTS

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| 20 May | BOT Meeting |
| 25 May | Interschool Cross Country at PiriPiri |
| 26th May | Y8 Girls HPV vaccinations—No. 2 |
| 4th June | Photolife Studios |
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**A big welcome to
our school**

**Shane D, Tara,
Mathew, Uarota
and Asolelei!**

National Standards

I recently received an email from the president of the NZEI (teacher's union) and include extracts, hoping that it will clarify for you how the National Standards work:

"The Ministry of Education has stressed that the national standards are *aspirational*, the [school's] assessment tools are not. The following paragraph from the Ministry website identifies the nub of the issue when making decisions around coming to a (nationally) consistent Overall Teacher Judgement:

"One thing you may notice when you study these results is that often there is not a consistent relationship between a test's norms (e.g. stanines, average scale scores for a year level etc.) and the most likely national standard reporting category. This is not a cause for concern. Test norms are based on what the average student of a given age can do; the standard relates to what all students should be able to do, if they are on track for a successful educational outcome. In some areas of learning, the two coincide – the average student (i.e. stanine 5) is at the required level. In other areas, there may be a general shortfall – only high-performing students (e.g. stanine 7+) are likely to reach the standard, with others needing to improve their achievement in order to do so. This is an important feature of national standards, and one of the ways in which they are intended to drive improved learning for all students."

The National Standards for Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, Ngā Whanaketanga is currently being trialled in selected schools.

Board News

Thank you once again to those who helped with recent fundraisers for the school. We made a profit of approx \$4000.00 from the Waitangi Tribunal Catering and \$1000.00 from the motorcycle club catering. This profit will be shared between each classroom of the school to help fund class trips.

Karina Kemp (BOT Fundraising)

Early Childhood Centre

TRAYBAKE

TOMORROW THURSDAY at morning tea

School Notices

Manual (Yr 7-8 Technology)

Next Manual—Wednesday, 19 May.
Parent roster for Manual Bus:
Parent/Caregiver of Kaahu.

DONATION THANK YOU

Huge appreciation goes to Fonterra, who kindly donated five computers for use at the Learning Centre. Thanks to Whaea Robyn for organising this. This will help build their e-Learning capacity even more!

Lunch Orders

Lunch can be ordered from

Wednesday-Friday. Please make sure orders are placed before 9am.

Interschool Cross Country— Piri Piri

Please remember to return permission notes with payment as soon as possible.

Kāwhia School Cross Country— 18 May

We will prepare to leave the school from 1.00pm to walk to the Golf Club with the aim of starting at 1.30pm. There will be a preschool and parents' event.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To all the girls below who made it into the Otorohanga Netball Rep Team:

Y8 Team—Alice and Malachi
Y7 Team—Naomi
Y6—Misha

WELL DONE GIRLS!

Duffy News



Duffy Caught Being Good

Congratulations to the following Caught Being Good Winners:

Tangaroa—9x tables
Georgia—Homework

We are grateful for our sponsors this year:

*The Sproule Family,
Greg and Karen Nicholls
and the*

Kāwhia School Board of Trustees

Healthy Active Ideas

Energize Tip Sheets

Over the next few weeks, you will receive some Energize Tip Sheets that you can put on your fridge and will provide you with some great tips and messages.

DRINK & PLAY

**So stick them on the fridge and remember...
EAT HEALTHY, BE ACTIVE, HAVE FUN!**

Kāwhia Market Day

Queen's Birthday
Weekend

Saturday 5 June
10-2pm

Kāwhia Community Hall
\$10 per 3x3m selling
space

Contact to book:
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