

Wednesday 6th May 2009

Tuhia ki te rangi

Tuhia ki te whenua

Tuhia ki te ngākau o ngā tangata

Ko te mea nui

Ko te aroha

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Ngā mihi tuatahi ki te Atua. Ko Ia te timatanga me te whakamutunga o ngā mea katoa.

Ngā mihi tuarua ki te Kiingi, a Tuheitia me tōna whanau me te Whare Kāhui Ariki.

E mihi ana ki ngā mate – haere, haere, haere

E mihi ana ki ngā kaumatua, ngā mātua me ngā karangaranga o ngā tamariki o Te Kura o Kawhia.

Ki te rōpu mahi me ngā tamariki o tēnei kura, tēna koutou katoa.

Nō reira, Pai Mārire.

Thank you to all those who helped make Carole's farewell a special event for her and her whānau. The support from the community was true acknowledgement of the contribution she has made to all of us here at Kawhia School.

Tēnā koe e Carole. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe. Kua wehe atu i waenganui i a mātou. Kei te aroha tonu mātou i tō wehetanga atu. Nō reira, ngā mihi aroha ki a koe me tō whānau. Pai Marire.

I am looking forward to working in my new and exciting role within Kawhia School. I have been here since 1993 and have always been proud to be part of a school that allows the children to embrace who they are and which aims to encourage their gifts and talents at all levels.

Our teaching-learning focus is Technology and Oral Language and this term we are using Matariki, the Maori New Year, as the theme to build our focus on. A number of expert advisers will be visiting to help us develop the theme that will result in our school exhibiting at Te Whare Taonga o Waikato and the Hamilton Public Library later this term. We are also working on having a local exhibition.

The children are training very well around the Kāwhia township for cross country training. Feel free to come and join us every day before morning tea. Last Friday we had a special visit from the Pineapple Pete and his friend, Rebecca to promote the fundraising that our children will be doing for the Kāwhia School cross country. Thank you to Whaea Karina for organising their visit. Please see the Golden Circle notice attached to this newsletter for more information. Please also look out for a permission note for the Interschool cross country which will be held in Tāharoa this year and return it to the school office by the due date.

Yesterday Mrs Sherman and I attended a very interesting Roadshow about "Managed Learning Environments" which looked at ways the government is supporting our teaching, learning and administration using current technologies. One of the issues highlighted was security in an online world and cybersafety is a big concern. I recommend visiting the site

<http://www.cyberbullying.co.nz> which includes a guide to keeping your children safe online at home.

Finally, we had a lovely surprise visit from a former pupil of Kāwhia School on Monday who now lives in Australia. Her name is Jenny Boldero and her parents owned what is now the Orange Dinghy Café. She recalled that she had to dress up for the "Queen's Carnival" to help raise money for the school pool and that Nora Pikia taught Māori at the school. She had many more fond and interesting memories of the school and her time in Kāwhia that I wished I could sit her down and record them all.

Kia pai tō koutou wiki - Have a good week
Arohanui, Leanne Apiti – Acting Principal

Coming Events

Term 1 attendance = 92%

11 th May	Kawhia School Cross Country
13 th May	Manual for Y7 and Y8 students
26 th May 28 th May	Interschool Cross Country at Taharoa Postponement Day



Toni-Maree ready to goal!
Netball swung into action last Saturday in Otorohanga for the first match of the season. 25 junior teams and 14 senior netball teams played.
Source: Waitomo News

Manual - Y7 & Y8 Students

Wednesday 13th May.
The bus leaves the school gates at 8.30 a.m. sharp! **Bus students** – Please be aware that the school bus will be early on manual days.

LIBRARY RAFFLE

The raffle held to purchase books for the school library was won by:

Raffle No. 1 (held at Kawhia Garage) Ticket no. 85 Te Awhitu

Raffle No. 2 (held at Oparau Roadhouse /Orange Dinghy Café)

Ticket No. 47 Brett Nilson

A big thank you to all those who supported this raffle.

A huge thank you to Suzzarna Henry who organised this raffle.

Along with her helpers Suzzarna is a valued Librarian in our school, volunteering many hours organising and maintaining our library.

THANK YOU SUZZARNA and helpers!

SMARTCOACH

Build your coaching confidence. Learn the art of coaching and getting organised; effective planning processes; how to teach games for understanding. Registration is essential. Ph Sport Waikato 07 823 2519

Session 1: Wed 13th May 6:00-8.30 p.m. Te Awamutu Rugby and Sports Club, 420 Albert Park Drive.

Session 2: Thursday 14th May 6:00-8.30 p.m. Cambridge East School, Williams St, Cambridge
Gold coin donation please

WOOL DONATION

Do you have any wool that you would like to donate to Auntie Pat so that she can knit during her convalescing time?

If so, please drop off at the school office and we will pass it on to her.

THANK YOU

LOST

Brass chain necklace
(gentleman's fob watch)

This item is of great sentimental value. If found please contact Betty on 871 0529.

Thank you.

Welcome

A big welcome to our school:
Nehemiah and Nahum Bracken
Jahyel Maru-Tupu

GOLDEN CIRCLE FUNDRAISING

Kawhia School is participating in the Golden Circle 'School Fun Run' programme. It is a healthy, fun way of fundraising. Please support your child in his/her efforts to fundraise for the school. We have also advised the children that it is safer to have adult supervision when they are approaching people for sponsorship.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school if you have any queries.

Karina Kemp - Organiser



SWINE INFLUENZA

Please note that the Ministry of Health website www.moh.govt.nz is being frequently updated regarding the Mexican Swine Influenza and we encourage you to keep up to date with the latest information. You can also contact them for advice on the toll free number 0800 611 116 if necessary. The Ministry of Education website www.minedu.govt.nz also has links to further information on this topic.

General Advice

The best things you can do to stop the spread of any type of influenza virus to to:

- Stay at home and away from others if you are sick
 - Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
 - Put used tissues into a rubbish bin
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way
 - Be careful to wash hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly – **hand hygiene is critical:** even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep to the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying
 - Keep surfaces clean at home, school and work.
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WHAT IS MATARIKI?

Matariki can be seen everywhere on the planet and makes the Matariki stars famous world wide. In Greece, several important temples face straight towards Matariki. In Japan, the Subaru brand is named after the Matariki stars.

Based on early traditions, Matariki is something special for all New Zealanders to share. It connects us with our unique Maori heritage, nature, creativity and expression. For many Maori, Matariki signals the beginning of a new cycle of life and a time to reflect on the previous year. According to tradition Matariki has two meanings – tiny eyes or it is also sometimes called Mata ariki – the eyes of god.

Today Matariki means celebrating the unique place in which we live and giving respect to the land we live on.