

# Wednesday, 1 September 2010

## Ko te Wenerei, 1 o Mahuru 2010

*Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa*

Well done to our senior students, who represented our school very well at the Koroneihana in Ngaruawahia. I understand Prime Minister, John Key was so charmed by Jerome that he gave him his own silver fern pin.

Tomorrow we have the Duffy Theatre and Winter Sports Day. We invite you to come to the school hall at 9.00am for the pōwhiri to welcome our visitors. We will continue with the sports with light rain, so please prepare your children for the weather.

This Friday the Spring Fling pictures will be put up in the town hall. Thank you to Mrs Sherman for organising this wonderful event. We encourage you to go down and bid for your children's artwork.

*Kia pai tō koutou wiki*  
*Leanne Apiti*

### CONGRATULATIONS

*ALICE BURTON*

#### WINNER OF THE NZ LIBRARY WEEK WRITING COMPETITION 2010

'You might be surprised' was an interactive book blog competition where students were able to see what other students had written and could write a new paragraph each day to keep the story going.

The theme and the first day's story was written by well known NZ short story writer, an author of young adult fiction and children's book author *Kate De Goldi*.

Alice won a daily prize and was then named the overall winner of all entrants from around New Zealand.

Read her winning blog on the next page or go to <http://www.libraryweek.org.nz/Library-Week/Overview/Writing-Competition.htm>

### Contact Phone Numbers

Please check with the office that your phone numbers are up to date.

There have been times we have tried to get hold of families and emergency contacts but the phone numbers no longer exist.

### COMING EVENTS

Thu, 2 Sept	Duffy Theatre, Winter Sports Day
Sat/Sun 4th/5th Sept	Spring Fling 10—4 Children's auction closes 3 p.m. Sunday. Please be there!
Wed, 8th Sept	Manual—Remember books, containers, pencils etc

#### Coming Up

**Tuesday, 14 September**  
\* Shona Laing—Duffy Hero

**Wednesday, 15 September**  
\* Middle School—hockey tournament in Hamilton

### Policy Review—Religious Instruction

A copy of the revised Religious Instruction policy is attached for you to make comment, if needed. This will be ratified at the next BOT meeting

### Breakfast Club Helpers

Thank you...

Monday: Whaea Alicia, Whaea Geni and Josh

Tuesday-Wednesday: Mrs Dimond and Whaea Karina

Thursday: Whaea Bubby and Matua Jack

Friday: Whaea Geogie and Whaea Joyce

### Fizzy Drinks

Please remember that we are a Health Promoting School. Children are not allowed to bring fizzy drinks to school. If they do, they will be confiscated and given back at the end of the day.

### Breakfast

We are very lucky to have breakfast club every day. What surprises us is the number of children who come to school eating 'junk food' e.g. pies before school instead of coming to breakfast club. If the teachers see the children eating other food at school while breakfast club is on, they will hold on to it until morning tea.

What do jokes and pencils have in common?

*They're no good without a point!*

What do you call cheese that isn't your's?

*Nacho cheese*



### Head Injury Research

Researchers from AUT and Waikato University are carrying out a study looking at the effects of head injuries in people of all ages. If you or someone you know has a head injury between 1st March 2010 and 28 Feb 2011, please contact the Study Managers to find out more ph: 07 838 4257

### WINTER WARMERS

### GET ACTIVE!

On a cold winters day we still need to get active. Try some of these activities to get keep you warm but also huffing and puffing.

- Make up a dance or aerobic routine to your fav tunes
- Create an obstacle course and challenge your mates
- Play seated volleyball in your lounge or garage.



### Alice's Winning Blog →

Good luck to the Kāwhia Fire Brigade Netball Team, who are competing this week in Auckland!



Jack from Sport Waikato teaching hockey skills to our middle school

Thanks to Constable Griff for coming into the school to teaching us about Fern and the work she is being trained to do.

Coco made a small disgusted sound in the back of her throat. "Ew" she shuddered. "Was it really necessary to hide it in a coffin? Especially when there's a..." she glanced nervously at the coffin and lowered her voice to a whisper, "a dead person there!" Jetson raked a hand through his hair and re read the note. "It says we have to "dial the dead" He wrinkled up his nose. Coco frowned. "Here pass me the phone." she punched in the number supplied on the paper and grinned at Jetson. "If there's one thing teachers teach you, it's to learn to text better with the phone hidden under the desk!" she joked and waited as the phone rang. At the last minute she chickened out and gave the phone to Jetson. He heard a click then a droning, ominous sound. Coco looked confused. "Hey why can i hear a phone ring- "Hello" Jetson jumped and Coco screamed. The dead person was sitting up, a phone pressed to his ear. "Like the costume kids?" he looked amused at their fear. "Well done, you're the first to reach me. Here's your next clue. He cleared his throat: Beneath a tree, tall and proud, hides a note, still to be found. But which tree? you may ask. Here's a hint: in the east end of the park." He grinned at them again. "sorry, the rhyming's a bit lame, i made it up myself." Coco, first to recover from the shock, gave a small smile. "your rhyming's fine" she assured him. "We better go noe so um... thanks!" The man nodded. "Good luck kids!" Coco and Jetson hurried away. They followed a passageway until they caught a glimpse of the welcoming light of day. There was a large stone blocking the entrance. Jetson groaned. "guess this is what they meant when they said they were going to test BODY, mind and spirit." Coco laughed at his dismay and they began heaving the rock, huffing and puffing. Suddenly they heard footsteps coming down the passageway. "Hurry!" hissed Coco. She slipped through the tiny gap and gestured for Jetson to follow. He squeezed after her then gave a small yelp. "Coco! I'm stuck!" The footsteps quickened in pace.  
*By Alice Burton 18-08-2010, Kawhia School*

### Interschool Winter Sports Day—Programme

Thursday, 2 September

9.00am Pōwhiri for visitors

9.30am Duffy Theatre

10.15am Morning Tea

10.45am Meet on court

11.00am Games begin

- Senior Netball
- Senior Touch Rugby
- Junior Ripa Rugby
- Junior Modified Netball

Hot food and drinks will be available for sale throughout the day. No preorders taken.

Please let us know if you can help with the food or sports on the day.



Please join us for the Duffy Theatre tomorrow (Thursday) at the school hall. This will begin with a pōwhiri for our visitors so please be at the hall by 9am to help welcome them.

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