

# Wednesday, 23 February 2011

## Ko te Wenerei, 23 o Pepuere 2011

*Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa*  
Our deepest sympathies and most sincere thoughts are with those affected in Christchurch as a result of yesterday's earthquake.

### Teacher Only Day

Next Friday, 4th March there will be a teacher only day. School will be closed for instruction. This is to enable all the teachers and myself to attend a writing workshop in Hamilton. Although numeracy remains our main focus this year, we recognise the need to improve writing levels across the school and so have committed to upskill ourselves in this area.

### Learning@Schools ICT

This week Whaea Niki and Whaea Roimata are attending the Learning@Schools conference in Rotorua. They will be joining other Kawhia Moana schools, teachers from our ICT professional development cluster and many others from around New Zealand in the largest educational conference held in New Zealand. While they are away Mrs Dimond is

relieving in Room 4 and Matua Rawiri will be teaching in Ruma Rua.

### Kāwhia Interschool Events

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Kāwhia Moana principals on Friday. We have established the following dates and venues for the interschool events:

Swimming—Tuesday, 22 March at Te Awamutu Events Centre (organised by Kinohaku School)

Cross-Country—date to be confirmed in Term 2 at Piri Piri School

Winter Sports—Tuesday, 13 September at Tahaaroa

Athletics—Tuesday, 29 November at Kāwhia School

*Don't forget our own school swimming sports, which is on Thursday, 3 March (the day before Teacher Only Day)*

### Oparau Roadhouse

Congratulations to Bill and Brenda for their 20th anniversary at Oparau Roadhouse. Thank you for letting Kawhia School be a part of the celebrations! We wish you well for the next 20 years!

### Road Patrol

As you may notice, our road patrollers are doing a fantastic job every day after school. The most difficult people they have to deal with are the adults who park in awkward places (and sometimes illegal) and the adults who walk across the road without using the crossing. Please support them and be good role models to our tamariki!

### Absences and After School Arrangements

The Ministry of Education spoke to the Kāwhia principals when we met on Friday. He stressed that the Ministry's focus is on achievement and that attendance plays a very important part in this.

It is important that you let us know if your child is going to be somewhere or with someone else after school. Please take note of Mrs Sherman's office hours on the next page. We cannot guarantee the answerphone can be checked in the afternoon.

*Kia pai tō koutou wiki*

*Leanne Apiti*

*Tumuaki-Principal*

### Interschool Senior Swimming Sports

This year the Interschool Senior Swimming Sports will be held at the Te Awamutu Events Centre on Tuesday, 22 March. This event is being organised by Kinohaku School and there will be no events for the juniors so they will be staying at school. Only a junior programme will be offered at school on this day because the official school day for middle and senior students will be at the Te Awamutu Events Centre.

### COMING EVENTS

23 Feb-25 Feb	Whaea Roimata & Whaea Niki at Learning@Schools conference. Mrs Dimond and Matua Rawiri relieving
28 Feb	Numeracy and Te Poutama Tau advisers visiting
2 Mar	Manual
3 Mar	Kawhia School Swimming Sports
4 Mar	Teacher Only Day
7-8	Life Education Caravan visiting
8 Mar	Census night

### School Attendance

Our school attendance average so far this year is 94% - which matches what the Ministry of Education recommends at least.

If a child attends 90% of school every primary school year, this equals missing an entire year of school education.

We would love to present the trophy for 100% attendance this year!

### JUNIOR TRIATHLON

50m swim-4/5km cycle-2km run

WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH

STARTS IN FRONT OF BOAT CLUB

ENTRIES by 4 pm for a 4:15pm START

8-10 & 11-12 YEAR OLDS

Do all 3 sections, or form a team

Prizes for winners of INDIVIDUAL BOYS, INDIVIDUAL GIRLS,

## Helping Your Child With Writing

Spend quality time each day talking with your child.

- Read to your child - not just stories but a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts - and discuss the ways that authors use words to shape their ideas.
- Be a writing model and encourage your child to write alongside you.
- Create real opportunities for your child to write, such as letters, posters or invitations.
- Have an exciting selection of writing materials readily available.
- Talk to your child about his or her writing and read it through together.
- Praise your child for trying.
- Don't dwell on mistakes, focus on the content.

Source: kns.ac.nz

## Your chance to get involved in NZ Rugby's Biggest year yet RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011

Pirongia Junior Rugby Club is extending an invitation to the boys and girls of Kawhia Primary to participate in Saturday Junior Rugby.

We have obtained full funding to bus the kids to Pirongia on Thursday nights for training! No longer does the distance or travel need to be a problem.

The bus will have two pick up points, Kawhia and Hauturu. We are committed to offering this service. We have approximately 30 kids interested already and would like to gauge the interest within Kawhia School. We invite you to come along with your children and meet me, Malcolm Ellis, at your school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm.

I look to forward to discussing this exciting new initiative with the Kawhia community

**Questions and enquiries to Malcolm Ellis**

**Ph 021 614 723**

**SEE YOU THURSDAY**

## School Notices

### Manual (Yr 7-8 Technology)

Next Manual—Wednesday, 2nd March.  
A fees invoice should have been received last week. If you did not receive it please contact the school office.

### Study Support Centre

The Study Support Centre (Homework Centre) operates from Monday to Thursday—3.00 to 4.30pm

### School Donations

If you wish to make a school donation, the suggested amount is \$20 per child or \$35 per family.

### Stationery

There are still some children who have not purchased stationery. You can get a list from Mrs Sherman and stationery can be purchased from Kāwhia Motors.

### Office Hours

Mrs Sherman's hours are:

Mon 8—12.30    Tues: Not in office

Wed 8—1        Thurs/Fri 8-12

### Thursday Traybakes

Every Thursday at morning tea—from 50c each. Support Year 8 trip.

### Movie Nights

Coming soon—watch this space!

### Okapu Poukai Permission Note!!!

Please return to the school office asap

## Brain Training



Find the father, mother and daughter in this one picture

By G.H.Fischer

## Duffy News



*The children have now chosen their books and orders have been sent. Our Duffy co-ordinators this year are Eilish, Zoe and Te Kahu*

*We are grateful for our sponsors this year:*

*The Sproule Family, Greg and Karen Nicholls*

*and the*

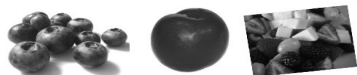
*Kāwhia School Board of Trustees*

**BOOST THAT FRUIT**

### BLUE BABY

Grapes, blueberries, purple plums.  
Make a fruit salad containing at least one blue or purple fruit.

Blue fruits have lots of antioxidants which helps your body to fight against the bugs.



We have information available about the following: Ngaroma Centenary 4WD Tour, 5th March and Variety Club Gold Heart Scholarship for sick, disabled or disadvantaged children

### PAY ONLINE—INTERNET BANKING

You can now pay your school donation, manual fees and any other school related payments through internet banking.

The school bank account number is:

020440 0022924 00

**Please make sure you put your child's name and what the payment is for in the reference details,**