

# Wednesday, 6 April 2011

## Ko te Wenerei, 6 o Aperira 2011



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*Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa*

We had a bumper harvest of pumpkins last week. Thanks to Whaea Carey, Matua Arthur, Matua Gavin and their troop of helpers who delivered around some of the community. We do have a spare few here if you would like one.

With the colder weather suddenly here please make sure your children have warm clothing to wear when they go outside.

### 2011 Numeracy Target

Last year our school target to report to the Ministry of Education was that

90% of all students will move at least one numeracy stage.

70% of those outside the expected stages will move to the expected stage for their relevant year levels

By Term four the whole school had improved an average of one stage.

In relation to our target

1. 72% of students moved at least one numeracy stage (ie 28 out of 39 students)

3. 24% of those outside the expected stages moved to the expected stage for their relevant year levels (ie 7 out of 29 students). However, the majority of those who didn't reach this target made progress by moving at least one stage.

We recognise there is still a need for numeracy teaching and learning to develop and were successful in requesting In-depth Maths and Numeracy Professional Learning Support for 2011. We have developed a revised target and action plan in line with the National Standards and with the input of our numeracy adviser after reviewing our assessment results:

a. Any Year 4 that are at Stage 4 or below will move to at least Stage 5 by the end of the year to match the National Standards for the end of Year 4

b. Any Year 6 at stage 5 or below will be moved to at least stage 6 to match the National Standard for the end of Year 6

### Student Progress Reports and Parent Conferences

Progress Reports will be posted to you along with the parent interview dates and times for the last week of the term. If the time does not suit, please ring the school office (8710725) and we will try to accommodate your preference.

### Event Cancellations

Due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, the following events have been cancelled:

Room 2 trip to the Hamilton Gardens (postponed)

Room 4 trip to Otorohanga (insufficient transport)

Hockey Tournament in Hamilton (insufficient numbers)

Cancellation notices were distributed to affected students to give to parents.

*Finally our thoughts, prayers and love go out to those in our Kāwhia School whānau and the community who are sick or otherwise afflicted ♥*

*Kia pai tō koutou wiki*

*Leanne Apiti*

*Tumuaki-Principal*

### Life Education Caravan

This Thursday and Friday we will be visited by Nicky and Harold the Giraffe from Life Education Trust. Parents are welcome to come and join in the sessions.

Year 1-4: 9.30-10.30  
Body Systems (respiratory—how our amazing body works)

Year 5-7: 11.00-12.30  
Social Relationships (friendships/choices)

Year 7-8: 1.30-3.00  
From the Shadow (substances)

### COMING EVENTS

Wed 6 April	Movie Night—all welcome. \$2 entry plus food and raffle
6-7 April	Hockey Trip CANCELLED (not enough players)
7-8 April	Life Education Trust at Kawhia School (Harold
8 April	Reports and conference
11 April	Hearing/Vision Testing
13	Manual Year 7-8s
13-14 April	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Wk 1 Term 2	Rm 2 Hui

### ICT Did you know ...

Screensavers use more energy than a normal screen!

The energy required to start a computer is equivalent to about 16 minutes running time!

### Power Saving

It might sound obvious but one of the biggest power savings than can be made is simply by switching things off. A computer costs about \$110 a year to run 24/7. Switch it off at nights and weekends, and that figure drops to \$30. Turn off your router when your computer is off. (interfaceonline.co.nz)

## Online Literacy Games

### Headline Clues

[gel.msu.edu/headlineclues/game/](http://gel.msu.edu/headlineclues/game/)

Identify words in newspaper and magazine headlines with **Headline Clues**. Players are shown the first paragraph, but letters from two words in the headline are missing. Use clues in the start of the story to identify the missing words. If you get stuck, you can ask for clues.

### Only Connect

[bbc.co.uk/onlyconnect/quiz/](http://bbc.co.uk/onlyconnect/quiz/)

The BBC's **Only Connect** is a fast-paced game—you only get three minutes to play—for developing vocabulary and thinking skills. There are sixteen squares with words on each one. Players have to use the words to create four groups of four related words, and then name the word that connects all of them together.

## !Movie Night Tonight!

7pm start

R2 Toddlers: Wall-E

R3 Children: The Last Airbender

R1 Adults: Mamma Mia! (dress up and have fun!)

Entry \$2

Luxury Seat/Food Raffle \$2

Food for sale—cold drinks, ice-cream, noodles, toasties, pizza, sausage rolls, hot drinks

## School Notices

### Manual (Yr 7-8 Technology)

Next Manual—Wednesday, 13th April. Please remember to pay \$50 for manual fees.

### Study Support Centre

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

### Hearing/Vision Testing—11 April

If you do not wish your child to be checked, please let the office know.

### Email addresses and cellphone numbers

Recently a copy of your contact details

were sent. Please make sure to include your email address if you have one and your cellphone number.

### Thursday Traybakes

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

### Term Dates

Term 1 ends Friday, 15 April.

Term 2 begins Monday, 2 May

### Wet Days

A reminder that on wet days the lunch hour will be shortened to half an hour and school will finish at 2.30pm. If you are unsure, please ring the office.

## Brain Training



Do you see a face or an eskimo?

## Duffy News



*All the children received two books from our Duffy Hero last week so this was a nice touch at the end of book month. Keep on reading and enjoying books together at home!*

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## OLD FAITHFUL

Back in the day meat and 3 vege was the staple dinner. This week aim to make your dinner look like this every night. For those vegetarians out there, substitute the meat for another protein source – fish, beans, legumes, eggs etc.

