

Wednesday, 4 May 2011

Ko te Wenerei, 4 o Mei 2011

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

I hope you've all had a good holiday with your tamariki and welcome to the new term. Welcome back Shaquan!

Please feel free to join us for our school assemblies, waiata, himene and karakia at the beginning and end of the week.

Parent-Teacher Conversations

Thank you to all those who turned out for the parent-teacher conversations at the end of last term. We had 78% turnout which was very pleasing to know. If you couldn't make it please feel free to contact the class teacher or office to make an appointment.

Sexuality Education

In Term 3 we will be teaching Sexuality Education across the school. Sexuality education is now a required part of the health curriculum in schools. At our school this covers: developing friendship skills; recognising and valuing our differences; understanding the changes that we go through at puberty and managing that change.

We are very lucky to have Glens Wood visit again to

support our programme. As part of the support she has offered to run a session for parents. Those that have participated in the past have highly recommended the session to others. It will be totally free and will be held at the school on Wednesday, 25th May (week 4). Please see the attached letter for more information.

Cross Country

This term we are concentrating on cross country for physical education. Every second Friday Jen Riley from Project Energize will be coming to upskill us all in the teaching and learning of cross country skills. We have also resumed our daily town run just before morning tea. You are welcome to join us during this time. This year the interschool cross country will be held at Piri Piri.

Matariki

Once again we approach the time of the year for Matariki celebrations. Matariki is the Māori name for the group of stars also known as the Pleiades cluster or The Seven Sisters; and what is referred to as the traditional Māori New Year. These are the same stars

that are seen on the Sabaru logo.

We will be having our Matariki hangi as part of our celebrations on the last Thursday of the term, 14th July.

We welcome any donations, especially meat, for this hakari and invite you and your whānau to join us.

Farewell—Pat Alderson

Pat Alderson has served our school for many years as the Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour. We have been very lucky to have known her and her passion for the children and families she has supported over the years.

Please join us for a shared morning tea on Tuesday, 24th May - her last visit to our school before she retires from this position.

Kia pai tō koutou wiki

Leanne Apiti

Tumuaki-Principal

KAWHIA LEARNING CENTRE

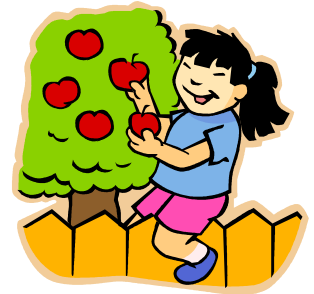
Traybake—12 May 10.30am

Fried Bread \$1 with golden syrup or jam.

Easter Raffle—1: John Puke, Misha Pu-Tamainu

2: Hukarere Gage, Adam Whauwhau

Sponsor a Fruit Tree



We would like to **start growing fruit trees** at our school for our children to enjoy and are looking for people to **sponsor trees** to help us reach our goal. You can either **purchase** the tree and give it to the school or give a cash **donation** which will be used for the purchase of a tree. Thank you for your support. For more information ask Whaea Apiti or Whaea Robbie.

Thank you to the Otorohanga Rotary Club for generously donating dictionaries to our Year 5s.

COMING EVENTS

Fri, 6 May	Jen Riley, Project Energize—Cross Country
Mon, 9 May	Rm 2 Hui—3.15pm
Wed, 11 May	Manual Return Pizza Orders
Thu, 12 May	Kawhia Learning Centre Traybake
Wed, 18 May	BOT Meeting

COMPUTERS IN HOMES—Could the parents who are interested in starting the 2nd level class please contact Whaea Karen or come to class starting next Thursday (12th May) between 3.30 and 5.30. We have also been offered the chance to run another beginning class where you receive your own computer and that's for Kawhia families who have children at the school that don't have a good working computer and internet at home. Contact Whaea Karen if you are interested—8705326 or 0278470474

PIZZA PROMOTIONS

Please remember to return pizza orders and money by next Wednesday—the time for returning them has been extended by one week.

Kāwhia School is now on FACEBOOK

We have worked out that the best way to let some of you know what is happening is by Facebook. You can't make Kāwhia School your friend, but you can LIKE it.



A letter from the New Zealand Red Cross after donating our fundraising to the 2011 Earthquake Appeal:

"Caring people like you made it possible for the New Zealand Red Cross to respond immediately to the disaster in Christchurch. Our trained Emergency Response Teams were on the ground immediately doing what ever they could to help the rescue and recovery efforts and our hardworking volunteers helped set up and staff welfare centres across the city to assist the most vulnerable during the initial response.

With your help we provided relief items including blankets, tarpaulins, tents and portable toilets. We also established a registration and tracing service which has been a great comfort to many.

Donations like yours will help people right across Christchurch gain access to financial assistance at this difficult time. People who have lost family members, been living without basic amenities or have been forced to leave their homes due to damage will be eligible for bereavement, emergency and hardship grants.

In the coming weeks and months as different needs are identified, rest assured New Zealand Red Cross with your help will be committed to meeting them in the short and long term."



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HANGI

Room 2 will be serving a hangi for Queen's Birthday weekend to help raise funds for their Wellington trip later this year for the opening of the Tainui Exhibition at Te Papa. Look out for the tickets.

Rm 2 will be having a whānau hui next Monday, 9th May at 3.15pm



During the holidays we commemorated ANZAC Day as national day of remembrance to honour those who fought and served for the freedom we enjoy today. We appreciate Whaea Lisa Panapa for making this beautiful wreath on behalf of the school and Kura Tiaki Kohungahunga in honour of ANZAC Day.

Thank you also to those who tamariki who came to pay respects at this most important day at the ANZAC parade.

Duffy News



Our Duffy co-ordinators - Eilish, Zoe and Te Kahu—have helped all our children choose a great selection of books from this year's Government Book Offer.

We are grateful for our sponsors this year:

The Sproule Family, Greg and Karen Nicholls

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