



Wednesday, 3rd June 2009

Ko te Wenerei, 3 o Hune 2009

Tēnā koutou katoa

Our aroha goes out to our Tahaaroa kura and whānau as they grieve the loss of one of their tamariki this week.

The interschool cross-country held at Tahaaroa last Tuesday was a great experience for all that participated. A big thank you to the Kāwhia students who all gave 100% regardless of placing and to our whānau who provided the transport for the day. A friendly reminder to please return school t-shirts.

On Friday, I joined Ruma Rua for the opening of their Matariki exhibition at the Waikato Museum. It was truly an

emotional moment to see how beautifully and proudly the children's artwork had been displayed. Room 1 and 4's work is now displayed at the Hamilton Public Library as part of the citywide celebration of Matariki.

Today, we have enjoyed Te Rā Hangarau—Technology Day. Children were divided into mixed groups where they have experienced one aspect of technology such as soap making, kai, electronics and control and making a flinstone's car! With the help of our technology advisers, we will be having another fun technology day in two weeks time.

Some of you may recall that last year you shared ideas on ways to improve reporting your child's achievement. Your ideas, along with current best practice, will be reviewed by the teachers so we can look at ways to best inform progress and needs of your child. However, for now you will continue to receive the achievement books as in previous terms. If any parents or caregivers wish to discuss their children with the class teachers, we are more than happy to make an appointment for you.

Kia pai tō koutou wiki - Have a good week

Arohanui, Leanne Apiti
Acting Principal

Teacher Only Day

School Closed

Monday, 22 June 2009

The Minister of Education has given all schools permission to have a teacher only day to further develop the new curriculum.

Kāwhia School teachers will be joining Kāwhia Moana teachers at Hauturu School on Monday, 22 June to participate in a "Curriculum to Achieve" workshop.

Children will need to remain at home or alternative arrangements for the care will need to be made for this day.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Rm 2 Matariki Exhibition—Waikato Museum



Coming Events

8th June	Photolife Studios
10th June	Manual
16th June 9.30 am	Oto College visit
22nd June	Teacher only day
24th June	Manual
26th June	Hauora Day—Kawhia School Art exhibition in Town Hall
3/7/09	Term 2 ends

Highlights

Earthrace

The Earthrace vessel, which is run on 100% renewable biodiesel fuel, and a net zero carbon footprint visited Kāwhia last week. The children were joined by Tahaaroa and Kinohaku Schools as they were treated to a special talk by the skipper, Pete Bethune.



New Look Website

Check out our new look website, which went live this week.

While some pages are still under development, you can find out school information, read the newsletter and view photos. We are even located on google maps.

School Notices

Manual Students

A reminder from Mrs Melville to please bring your manual books, a container and pen or pencil.

Bus on Manual Days

Don't forget the Manual Bus now leaves at 8.45am.

On Manual Days the *school bus* will depart at 3pm after school. Please ensure you have made arrangements to pick up your children half an hour earlier.

Bus Code of Conduct

All bus students have been issued with a code of conduct. These are to be read, understood and signed by students, parents, Whaea Apiti as the principal and the bus controller (Mrs Christison from Hauturu School).

Please return these promptly. If you have lost your copy, please ask for another one.

Community Notices

Do you have a community notice that you would like us to put in the school newsletter? **If** there is space in the newsletter we may be able to include your notice for you.

Otorohanga College Visit

The parent interviews held at Kāwhia School was a great success. Principal, Timoti Harris, plans to visit our school again on 16th June at 9.30 a.m. on his own to follow up with any Kāwhia parents or

caregivers who would like to meet with him.

Room 2 Hangi

Thank you to everyone who supported Room 2's hangi last Saturday. We had a very successful day despite the weather and raised over \$1200.00!

Special thanks to all the workers!

Matariki

Harvest

Ngā kai a Matariki, nāna i ao ake ki runga.

The foods of Matariki, by her scooped up.

Matariki happened at the end of harvesting, when food stores were plentiful. The variety of food which had been gathered and preserved ensured an abundant supply for feasting - Matariki was an important time for festivity. Women rejoiced, sang and danced to celebrate the change of season and new beginnings. Often kites (pākau) were flown - they were thought to get close to the stars.

Source: www.teara.govt.nz

Golden Circle Cross-Country Fundraiser

Please return all sponsorship money and forms to the office by **18 June**. Children need to choose their prize before handing in the form.

Free Breakfast Club

Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am in the staffroom.

Congratulations to

Nalini Y8, Wai-Marie Y7, Ginny Y6 and Andrea Y6 for making the Otorohanga Rep Netball teams.

Good luck for the season girls!

The Sound of Music Production

Musikmakers Hamilton are staging this production at Riverlea Theatre from 19 September— 10 October 2009.