



# Wednesday, 17th June 2009

## Ko te Wenerei, 17 o Hune 2009

Tēnā koutou katoa

We are sad to learn that Ms MacDonald will not be able to continue with us as the Room 4 teacher after this term. She is very dedicated to the children of Room 4 and has contributed valuably to our school as a whole. Ms MacDonald will be available as a reliever so I'll make sure she visits us as often as possible. The Board of Trustees has appointed Whaea Niki Edwards to teach in Room 4 for the remainder of this year. Whaea Niki is a committed teacher and very supportive parent of our school so we are very excited to have her back.

It is a week of many thanks because our

school has been generously donated a sound system by Noel Hunt of Kihohost.

Our former neighbour at the pensioner's flat, Vera Barnsdall, with the help of Ian Goodlet has donated a beautiful collection of books to the school library. Thank you very much!

This week we welcome our visitors from Camp Capenway and thank them for the contribution they have been making to our school this week.

We have a wonderful pool of volunteers to thank who contribute selflessly for the benefit of our tamariki in many different ways.

I was fortunate enough

to visit the Hamilton Central Public Library last week to view the wonderful Matariki Art Displays by Rooms 1 and 4. This was possible with the help of Wanda from Arts Waikato. They are proudly displayed on two walls, including one just before the main entrance.

I have included some photos in this newsletter for you to enjoy.

Our school will also be displaying Matariki-themed work at the Kāwhia Town Hall for the upcoming Hauora Day.

Kia pai tō koutou wiki - Have a good week

*Arohanui, Leanne Apiti  
Acting Principal*

### National Standards

All English and Māori-medium schools will use National Standards from 2010 for literacy and numeracy.

The Ministry of Education is currently consulting about the draft Standards, how they will work and how they will be assessed. As parents, you are encouraged to make submissions on how you would like the standards to be reported. The final national standards will be published in October ready for use in 2010.

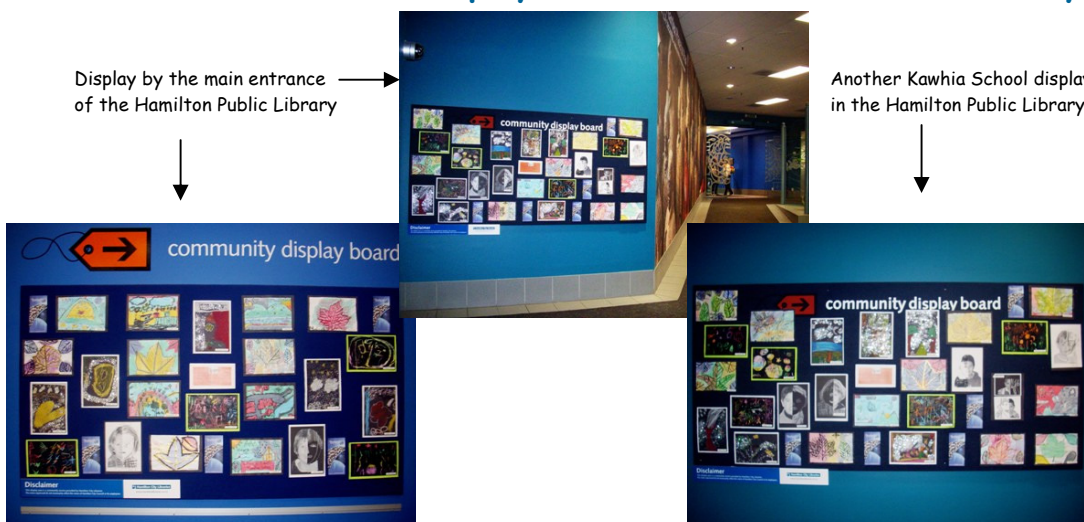
More information can be found on :

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/t/heMinistry/Consultation/NationalStandards.aspx>

### Rm 1&4 Matariki Art Display—Hamilton Central Public Library

Display by the main entrance of the Hamilton Public Library

Another Kawhia School display in the Hamilton Public Library



### COMING EVENTS

22nd June	Teacher only day
24th June	Manual Final manual day for Term 2
26th June	Hauora Day—Kawhia School Art exhibition in
26th June	Achievement Books home
3rd July	Term 2 ends

## Influenza A (H1N1) 'Swine Flu' Update

Most of you will be aware that a swine flu virus (H1N1) is affecting people in New Zealand and overseas. The WHO (World Health Organisation) has declared a pandemic.

The government is working on minimising the effects of the influenza pandemic in New Zealand. Schools have been asked to update their own pandemic plans.

Our school is talking with health officials and we have been advised that there is no reason for alarm. Our school will stay open until further notice. We are reviewing

our pandemic plans to ensure that we have systems in place to help us cope if anything changes.

The most important thing you can do as parents and caregivers is reinforce these messages to your children:

Ensure your children wash and dry their hands thoroughly and regularly - especially before meals and after toileting.

Always use a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing and discard it in a closed rubbish bin.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, please keep them home

until a doctor or nurse has checked them and okayed them to return to school. Swine flu symptoms are similar to seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have also reported diarrhoea and vomiting.

We're updating our emergency contact details for all students and staff. Please **complete the attached form and return it to the office.**

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## School Notices

### Get Well Soon

We send our get well and thinking of you wishes to Te Kahu.

### Bus on Manual Days

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

*Daily Bus Parents*—Please remember that the bus will take your children home at 3pm on Manual Days.

### Matariki Health Promotion Day

**FRIDAY 26 JUNE**

**KĀWHIA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**10am - 2.30pm**

*MAUI Tamatoa Performance*

*Line dancing, Free Health Promo's,*

*Free Information, Free Sausage Sizzle, Art*

*Plus much much more..*

*Presented by*

*Kāwhia Māori Women's Welfare League & Raukura Hauora o Tainui*

### Farewells and Welcomes

We were sad to see Rangimarama and Miquaz go and wish them all the best.

A big Kāwhia School welcome to Jacqueline, Rangi, Devo, Jordan and Kahurangi.

### Golden Circle Cross-Country Fundraiser—Last Day Tomorrow

A reminder from Whaea Karina that tomorrow (18 June) is the

### Teacher Only Day Reminder

**Next Monday, 22 June** is a **Teacher Only Day** and our teaching staff will be at Hauturu School.

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

last day to return your Golden Circle forms. Make sure you have chosen a prize first.

### Free Breakfast Club

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

## Board of Trustees

The next Kāwhia School Board of Trustees meeting is Monday, 29th June 2009.

Time: 1.30pm

Location: Kāwhia School

Your Parent Representatives:

Carey Thom (Chairperson)

Lisa Panapa (Secretary)

Debbie Rewi-Wetini (Treasurer, Property, Health and Safety)

Karina Kemp (Fundraising)

Ralph Smith