

# Wednesday, 9 May 2012

## Ko te Wenerei, 9 o Mei 2012

*Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa*  
Week 3, Term 2

### 2.30pm Finish Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon the teachers will be going to Hauturu School for a course called "Reading Together." We will be finishing school at 2.30pm tomorrow to ensure teachers get to the course on time. Bus will run as normal.

### Fire Service Recognition

I was privileged to attend a special evening with the Fire Service over the holidays. They recognised our school as an employer of volunteer fire fighters. We are very proud of all they do for the community, along with the ambulance service and supporting them is the least we can do.

### Reports & Parent Interviews

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the parent interviews last week. The turnout was an overwhelming success with only a few of you unable to attend. For those who were unable to come please feel free to ring the office to make an appointment to meet with the teachers.

The feedback on our new look progress report was very positive with a majority saying that it was

much easier to understand 'at a glance' and to share it with your child. We will take your feedback and suggestions on board for our next report.

### Writing

On Monday we had our first professional development session with our writing adviser, Lisa Smith (no relation to Kawhia's local Lisa Smith). We recognise there is a great need to raise student achievement in writing and to improve our own knowledge as teachers to help achieve this. Lisa will be visiting us regularly to help upskill us in writing.

### Cross Country

We are once again gearing up for cross country this term. You are welcome to join the children as they run down town every morning at about 10.20am. Some of our more able runners are challenged to complete the run twice AND beat Whaea Roimata back.

Our school cross country will be on Friday, 25 May and the interschool cross country will be held the following Friday, 1 June at Hauturu. Please fill in the attached permission form and return to school as soon as possible.

### Trips

The Board of Trustees is

committed to ensuring all trips are possible for all our children and that is why the cost to you is minimal with the full costs being offset by your fundraising efforts or the Board.

There are still some payments owing for some of the trips made this year such as the Te Maika Trip and the Touch tournament. If you are unsure whether you have paid or not, please ring and check through the office.

### Keeping Ourselves Safe

Constable Brenton Irwin will be here on Tuesday, 15 May to introduce the Keeping Ourselves programme to parents and caregivers. This will be held at 2pm in Room 3.

Happy Mother's Day to all our special mums and nanas! Have a beautiful weekend.

*Kia pai tō koutou hararei*

*Leanne Apiti*

*Tumuaki-Principal*

## CALENDAR

Thu, 10 May	School finishes 2.30pm— teachers to Hauturu School for Reading Together course
Fri, 11 and 18 May	Fry Bread Friday—50c for children to eat at school. \$1 pick up or \$1.50 delivery—lunch
Tue, 15 May	Constable Brenton Irwin at school 1.30—Road Patrol Training 2.00—Parent Meeting Keeping Ourselves Safe
16-18 May	Whaea Apiti at the Sole Charge and Rural Principals' Conference
Fri, 18 May	Jen Riley— Healthy Eating Session
Wed, 23 May	BOT Meeting

## LUNCHBOXES FOR CHAMPIONS

### Healthy Sandwich fillings for fuel

High fibre breads, pita and wraps digest slowly which will give kids long-lasting energy to GO.

Use vegetable fillings to ensure kids get the vitamins and minerals to GLOW.



**Ōtorohanga College Parents  
of Year 8 Students**

"Meet the Senior Staff of Ōtorohanga College - parents and caregivers of current Year 8 students are invited to the Staffroom of Ōtorohanga College at 6.00pm on Thursday the 10th of May to discuss the opportunities for their children in our secondary school from 2013. For further details phone 07 873 8029."

**CLOTHES FOR  
KOHA**

When: Monday 28<sup>th</sup>  
May - Wednesday  
30<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Venue: Old hospital  
building - Tau  
Street

Furniture, baking etc

**100% Club**

Well done to the  
following students who  
were at school 100% in  
Term 1:

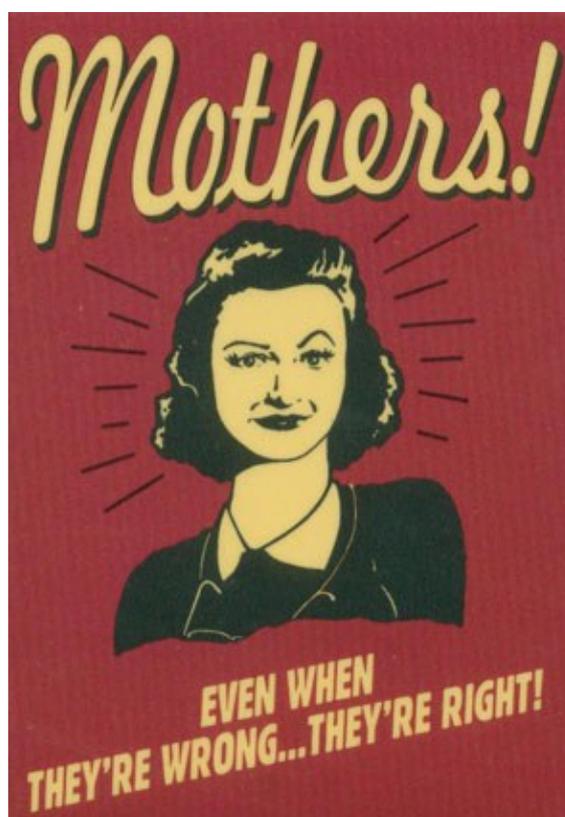
Kaia, Teei, Charlie,  
Rangimarama, Jacqueline,  
Hemara and Watene 😊

**The Power of Parental Involvement**

Here's some food for thought—International research supports how parent involvement can improve children's academic and social outcomes...

"Fifteen-year-old students whose parents often read books with them during their first year of primary school show markedly higher scores ... than students whose parents read with the infrequently or not at all" (OECD Programme for International Student Assessment—PISA).

The average effect size for the impact of parental involvement on children's academic achievement is bigger than the average effect size for all educational interventions—which means parents have a huge impact on their children's achievements. (John Hattie, University of Auckland)



**Duffy Books in Homes**



*The children have chosen from their latest selection of Duffy Books with thanks to their sponsors: The Sproule Family, Greg and Karen Nicholls, The Lion Foundation and the*

*Kāwhia School Board of Trustees*

Thanks to Whaea Robbie, who is our super  
Duffy Co-ordinator

**A Message from the Dental Therapist**

The dental therapist came to Kawhia School two weeks ago to check the children's teeth. Overall we found children are not brushing their teeth 2x daily—morning and night. We recommend children brush 2x daily using an adult strength fluoride toothpaste as there is no fluoride in the water supply and fluoride helps protect the teeth against tooth decay. Parents can assist with brushing for children under 8 years old to remove the plaque on teeth.

Thank you, Cara-Lee Hetet