

# Thursday, 8 November 2012

## Ko te Rāpare, 8 o Whiringa-ā-rangi 2012

*Tēnā koutou katoa*

*Te wiki tuarua*

*Week 4 of 9*

*Almost halfway through the term!*

*We have a busy week ahead of us so please check the calendar.*

*We had a great day in the school garden earlier this week and planted 13 rows of riwai. Thanks to all those who came down to help.*

### **S e c o n d a r y Prizegivings**

I was privileged to attend the senior prizegiving at Hamilton Girls' High School last night to support my Aotea who is in Year 13 (Form 7 to us oldies) and Kelly Dockery who is in Year 12.

At the same time, Ōtorohanga College was having their senior prizegiving.

We can be very proud of our former students and their

achievements:

**Aotea Apiti** was awarded the **Gudex Memorial Prize for Languages in Year 13** and **Te Rangatahi Cup for excellence in Te Reo Maori.**

**Kelly Dockery** was awarded **Distinction Year 12 Advanced Physical Education Outdoors.**

**Thom Snowden** has been chosen to be **House Leader and Hostel Leader for 2013** and was also awarded **1st place for Building and Construction** and a **Blues Award for Rugby League.**

Also congratulations to **Andrea Shaw**, who received a **Prep Award** at her hostel prizegiving.

I often speak to our children about our whakatauki "Kaua e mutu kere noa iho" and share many examples of famous people who have taken risks, failed many times, have been knocked down and

have overcome all of those to rise to the best of their potential.

However, there is no better example for our children than our own whānau and past students, who are living our whakatauki by never giving up, trying their best and achieving to their potential are their true inspiration.

My thoughts go out fondly to all our former students as their year approaches to an end and best wishes to those in their junior years, who are yet to have their prizegiving.

I encourage you to share with me your children's achievements at high school and beyond so that we can celebrate it here at Kāwhia School and through the newsletter.

*Kia pai tō koutou wiki*

*Leanne Apiti*

### COMING EVENTS

12-14 Nov	Rm 1 Camp Te Kauri Lodge
Tues, 13 Nov	Rm 2 day trip to Te Kauri Lodge
Thu, 15 Nov	Mrs Alderson—Senior Art
Fri, 16 Nov	School Photos *Smile* *Menemene*
20-22 Nov	KLC trip to Ngaruawahia, Huntly and Port Waikato
Tue, 20 Nov	Road Patrol Training
Tues, 20 Nov	Kāwhia School Athletics
Thu, 22 Nov	Oto College Y8 Experience Day
22-23 Nov	Antonio Te Maioha—Coastal Hoe/Solo Kayaker visiting coast schools to highlight plight of Maui's Dolphins

*It's that time of the year where the children are starting to swim at the wharf BUT some have been spotted swimming with jeans on! Please help keep them safe and make sure they are wearing 'safe' swimming clothes when they are swimming.*

## Ōtorohanga College Year 8 Experience Day—Thursday, 22 November 2012

A reminder of our upcoming Year 8 Otorohanga College Experience Day on Thursday 22nd November. This is the second one for this year. It is for students who have enrolled at our school (unlike the first one where all Year 8s were invited).

It will begin at 9.30am and students will be released at 2pm. Students will be provided with lunch on this day. There has been talk of hostel students also staying the night in the hostel this is being planned for early in December.

Please let us know if your children require enrolment forms. We would like to encourage your year 8s to send in their enrolment forms. Thanks

From Donna Russell

Senior manager of student well-being

### In Kāwhia, In Kāwhia

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia the seagulls hunt their prey,  
while swooping and diving from high above the bay. (Georgia & others)

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia the fishers cast their bait,  
catching heaps of fish to serve on their plate. (Taniora & others)

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia the kids swim and play,  
while a herd of cows get moved along a dusty road one day. (Te Ahumai & others)

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia the sprats dart like thunder,  
swimming side to side and then they go back under. (Misha & Eilish)

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia we eat chips and play,  
bombing off the wharf, like dolphins when they play. (Misha)

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia the kids they laugh and play,  
swimming in the salty sea, in summer time all day. (Cassidy)

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia the boats they come and go.  
The kids sit on the wharf watching the sunshine go. (Mihi Kano)

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia the seagulls screech and soar  
and pick up fish'n'chips lying on the shore. (Eilish)

In Kāwhia, in Kāwhia the local kids can't wait,  
till school is finally over, so they can scoot and skate. (Rangimarama)

