



# Wednesday, 29 July 2009

## Ko te Wenerei, 29 o Hūrae 2009

Tēnā koutou katoa

I hope you all had a good break with your children during the holidays. I certainly enjoyed the time I had with my family huddling by the warm fire!

I appreciate those who turned up to the working bee over the holidays and was pleasantly surprised to see community members who don't even have children at the school coming along to help as well. A big thank you goes to Whaea Robyn, our 'project boss' and Mr Watson, who made sure our day went smoothly. A message from Robyn can be found in this newsletter.

This term our focus is on Valuing Ourselves and Others and we have some exciting initiatives beginning this term to help our children 'value' their

talents and abilities.

Every Monday we will be running an "Arts" afternoon. Talented people such as Whaea Karen Bishop, Matua Jack Porima and our teachers will be teaching contemporary singing, guitar, drama and dance.

With the help of Mr Sherman, we will be offering a Leadership Programme to our Year 7-8s. They will be involved in challenging outdoor situations where goal setting and decision making will be important factors. More information will be forthcoming closer to the dates.

Whaea Karina is working on a special fundraising project with our Year 8s where their aim is to value our community by giving something back. Read their notice in this newsletter

and please support their efforts.

We will also continue to run a couple of 'technology' days due to popular demand. If there is a skill that you would like to share on this day, please let me know.

Last term our average attendance was 88%. Please find attached the Rock-On process that encourages regular attendance to school.

Consider this - a child who is absent one day a week

= 10 days absent a term

= 40 days absent a year

= 320 days of missed learning opportunities over all the primary school years. This adds to almost a full school year lost!

Kia pai tō koutou wiki

Have a good week

*Arohanui, Leanne Apiti*

**Early School Closure**

**Next Tuesday,**

**4 August 2009**

**1.00pm**

On Tuesday, 4th August all teaching staff are to join with the teachers of all the Kawhia Moana schools to continue our professional development regarding the introduction of the new New Zealand Curriculum. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm at Kinohaku School. In order for all our teachers to attend this meeting we will be changing our hours around a little. School will start at the normal time, morning tea will be at 10:00, lunch from 11:30 - 12:00 and **school will finish at 1:00**. Bus children will be picked up at 1.00pm. Homework Centre will be from 1.00-2.30.

## Coming Events

30th July Y7 Vaccinations

31st July Traybake 10.30 a.m  
**Come and buy!**

4 August Cluster Mtg for staff. School finishes 1 p.m.

13 August Sue Collier-Vision Hearing Tester in school

19 August Manual

24 August BOT meeting  
1 p.m. staffroom

28 August Y7 & Y8  
Leadership Day

## Working Bee Highlights



Rachel and Shakira



Whaea Lisa



Whaea Joyce and her mokopuna

Check out more colour photos of our working bee on our website gallery - [kawhia.school.nz](http://kawhia.school.nz)

## Kāwhia School Target 2009

Our testing in 2008 showed that while we achieved our writing target, there was concern with the progress of oral language so this became our target for 2009.

We hope that focusing on this for 2009 will mean improvement of oral language that will enhance student learning and enable improved access to the curriculum.

The Board of Trustees' target to report to the Ministry of Education is:

*"The majority of Year 1 students will score above the level of*

*concern for Record of Oral Language and achieve at or within 3-4 months of chronological age on Assessment of Oral Language"*

Although the main focus for reporting to the Ministry of Education will be Year 1 students, the entire teaching staff is involved in improving knowledge and teaching of oral language and we will be monitoring progress schoolwide.



## School Notices

### Manual Bus Helpers Required

We thank Whaea Kelly and Whaea Robyn, who kindly took their time to be with our Year 7 and 8s on the Manual Bus so far this year. Unfortunately, they are no longer available to help on the bus and so we are asking if you are available to travel on the bus with them. This could be just one Manual Wednesday a term or even more if you are willing.

If you can help out, please contact the office on 8710725.

### Bus on Manual Days

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

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

### Homework Centre

The Homework Centre runs every Monday-Thursday from 2.30-4.00 this term in Room 1.

### Ruma Rua—Whānau Hui

Kaua e wareware te Whānau Hui mo Te Marautanga o Aotearoa - Rā: Taite, 6 o Akuhata, Wā: 3.00, Wāhi: Ruma Rua.

## Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Māori Language Week has been celebrated for over 30 years, so join in 2009.

The Māori Language Week theme for 2009 is "Te Reo i te Hapori - Māori Language in the Community."

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 27 Hōngongi - 2 Here-turi-kōkā 2009 Māori Language Week 27 July - 2 August 2009

Since 1975 Māori Language Week has been an opportunity for us to speak it, or to show our support to speakers of te reo Māori. Join us in 2009 as we celebrate te reo Māori - the Māori language.

[www.korero.maori.nz](http://www.korero.maori.nz)

### Spring Fling

The Kāwhia Spring Fling Art Festival is 5th & 6th September. All children are entering artwork and will be displayed in the community hall over the weekend for silent auction.

### Contact Forms

Last term your child's contact details were sent out for you to check for accuracy. We had a good response of details that needed updating. Please return your form with any corrections if required.

### Year 7 Immunisation Forms

These must be returned by tomorrow (Thursday), please.

## Year 8 Traybake

**When:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> at morning tea time 10:30.

**Why:** To fundraise for the Kāwhia Guy Fawkes November fireworks display.

**What:** Cakes, biscuits and home made things. \$1 cakes 50c biscuits

We would appreciate if you could bring a plate to help support the fire works display.



## Kitchen Project

Many thanks to all who came to help clean and tidy Te Rau Aroha on the 14th of July 2009 in preparation for the new kitchen. The new kitchen will be a wonderful asset for all our tamariki of Kawhia Primary School; a place where the children can participate in learning an essential skill - cooking and catering. There will be regular updates on the progress of the kitchen so watch this space!

No reira, ngā mihi kau ana ki a koutou katoa. *Robyn Vincent*

