

Thursday, 6 December 2012

Ko te Taite, 6 o Tīhema 2012



Tēnā koutou katoa
Te wiki tuano
Week 8 of 9

Our love and thoughts are with Randall, Rhodes, Wyatt and their whānau with the loss of their beloved koro.

Welcome to our kura, Rhodes and Wyatt.

Happy birthday to Whaea Roimata and Eilish!

Kaua e mutu kere noa iho

Every Monday, we look to examples of our school whakatauki (proverb) - *Kaua e mutu kere noa iho*. In essence it means to never stop learning, don't give up and keep trying. I saw so many examples over the last fortnight of this at our school—from our five year olds to our secondary students and also from our adults.

This week I presented ribbons to those who excelled and won a top three placing during the interschool athletics last week. These students were our living examples of our school whakatauki.

In fact every one of our student who participated were great examples of our whakatauki as we saw everyone put 100% effort in all of the events.

Last night, I attended an amazing presentation by the

Kawhia Learning Centre students who shared what they had learnt from their Waikato River Trip that they completed over the year. I was highly impressed with the effort and learning that went on to make the evening very informative and entertaining. Well done Antonio, Matarautahi, Zarna and Robert!

A big mihi goes out to a very special group of ladies—Whaea Carey, Whaea Lisa and Whaea Karina—who are all graduating from their karanga wananga this weekend. They are great examples that learning doesn't stop when you leave school—there is always something new and exciting to learn throughout your journey in life.

Writing/Tuhituhi

We have made some very positive gains with writing this year. Teachers have strengthened their own knowledge and practice while students have shown improvement in their writing.

The children have recently taken part in a writing test that can be used in any New Zealand school called eASttle. The children are marked on ideas, structure, organisation, vocabulary, sentence, punctuation and spelling.

I am pleased to inform you that in Term 2, an average 75% of our children had achieved or had strength in those areas. This term, an average of 85% have achieved or have strength.

Our biggest improvement is with sentences. In Term 2, 60% compared to 96% in Term 4 achieved or have strength in this area.

Thank you

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to Mrs Fraser, Whaea Niki and Matua Te Karahau.

Mrs Fraser will be leaving her position as the Kawhia Learning Centre supervisor after nine dedicated years.

Whaea Niki has won a full-time teaching position at Frankton Primary School. We wish her all the best for her new teaching 'adventure'.

At this point of time, the position left vacant by Whaea Niki (principal release) is still to be confirmed.

We thank Matua Te Karahau for his time at school as his position ends this year. However, he won't be going far as he is the new supervisor for the Kawhia Learning Centre.

We wish to invite you to a shared morning tea this Monday, beginning at 9.30am, to thank them for their time with us.

Happy Holidays

Thank you all for sharing your beautiful children with us this year. It has been a pleasure to be part of their lives and we look forward to a great new year. Have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Kia pai tō koutou hararei
Leanne Apiti

COMING EVENTS

7 Dec	Year 8 Big Day Out
10 Dec 9.30am	Shared Morning Tea for departing teachers
12 Dec 11am	Prizegiving in the town hall
13 Dec	Last day Term 4
2 Feb 2013	Kai Festival
4 Feb 2013	First day Term 1 2013
6 Feb	Waitangi Day

Kawhia Early Childhood Centre Trikeathon Fundraiser

This Friday (Monday if wet)
11.30am start on the hard court

5-6 year olds invited to find sponsors and join in Sausage sizzle

PRIZEGIVING

**Next Wednesday,
 12 December -
 11am start**

Family and friends are invited to our annual prizegiving in the Kāwhia Town Hall followed by a shared 'finger food' lunch.

STATIONERY

A list for 2013 stationery is attached to this newsletter so you can make the most of new year sales

ATHLETICS RESULTS

A copy of the Kāwhia School and Interschool Athletics results are attached to this newsletter

FOOD FACTS!

Berries are a great summer fruit, packed full of vitamin C to help the immune system stay strong. Did you know that the individual berries that make up a blackberry are called drupelets?!



CONGRATULATIONS

GINI TAPARA

We are extremely happy and proud to hear that Gini won the Year 9 Māori award at St Joseph's Maori Girls' School

SARAH and AOTEA APITI

Also congratulations to Sarah Apiti who won the Year 9 and Aotea Apiti who won Year 13 at the recent HGHS Māori and Pasifika Awards

MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

ARRIVES 4 FEBRUARY 2013

The new mobile dental unit will arrive in Kawhia on Monday 4th February and will park by the Community hall in the town centre. Appointments will have been sent out mid January by the dental therapists ready for the start of Term 1 2013.

If anyone does not receive an appointment by Anniversary weekend or if they would like to change the appointment time please phone 0800 TALK TEETH, that is 0800 825583.

It is important that the appointments be kept, or changed if necessary. Parents will need to bring their children to the clinic as it is not in the school grounds any more.

The dental staff are looking forward to providing this service to the children and meeting with the parents and caregivers.

All children who attend their dental appointments will receive a toothbrush and tooth paste to keep and take home, and will receive instruction in correct brushing of their teeth.

VACANCY

PART TIME SCHOOL BUS DRIVER REQUIRED

If you are interested in becoming a driver and live in the area, give us a call. If you have a current P licence—that is great, or we will assist a successful applicant to get the appropriate licence.

Please call Greg at Gobus Te Awamutu on 07 871 6373 or 021 759 084

LAKE TAUPO FACTS—by Matarautahi

- The name of the maunga (mountain) where Lake Taupo is now was called Oruanui
- The eruption was so huge that it clouded the sun from the world for three days
- It's still active and the deeper you go under the water, the warmer it is
- When it erupted, it changed the Waikato River course
- Before the eruption, the river used to flow out to Thames but after the eruption happened, it now flows out to Port Waikato
- Taupo began erupting about 3,000,000 years ago
- It is the most active crater in the world

