

# Wednesday, 13 February 2013

## Ko te Wenerei, 13 o Pepuere 2013



*Tēnā koutou katoa  
Ngā mihi o te tau hou!  
Happy New Year!*

*Welcome back to a brand new year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday with your children. I certainly loved being with mine and these times with them are always moments to treasure for me.*

### **Welcome**

*A big welcome to Sharece, Hikaia and Tiani who started in the big school this term.*

*We extended a warm welcome Suzanne Reid as my principal release for this term. She and I are working alternative weeks in Room 1.*

*A big welcome also to our new harbour principals— Zac Taylor from Kinohaku School and Robin Robertson from Hauturu Schools. We hope you enjoy Kāwhia Moana as much as we do!*

### **20th Year!**

*This is a special time for me as I mark my 20th year here at Kāwhia School.*

*I reflect on how much I have learnt and gained from this wonderful school and town. I also look forward with excitement to the many great opportunities that still lie before us! Thank you all for being part of the reason why I love Kāwhia School and the community so much.*

### **Swimming**

*Swimming is on this term and children are expected to bring their swimwear to*

*school everyday. If they do not bring a towel they cannot swim. For those with longer hair we recommend they bring a hair tie or swimming cap. Our interschool swimming sports will be held at the Te Awamutu Events Centre in March and will be organised by Kinohaku School. More details to come as we receive them.*

### **Writing 2013**

*This year our school continues with the In-Depth Professional Learning and Development in Writing with Lisa Smith.*

### **BOT Elections 2013**

*This is election year for Boards of Trustees. Now is a time to start considering whether you would like to become a trustee. Becoming a school trustee could be one of the most rewarding roles you have.*

*Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning.*

*Learn more at [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz) or ask one of the school's current BOT members—Carey Thom, Lisa Panapa, Amanda Puke, Karina Kemp and April Taelangi.*

### **Finally**

*Once again our thoughts are with last year's Year 8s as they are embarking on their new journey to high school. We all feel your excitement and anxiety but always remember, you can take the*

*person out of Kāwhia but you can't take Kāwhia out of the person!*

*Bring your sunhats!*

*Kia pai tō koutou wiki*

*Leanne Apiti*

## Breakfast Club

Thanks to Bevan, Lara, Joshua and Ripo for volunteering their time to do Breakfast Club for our tamariki. We are looking for someone to do Breakfast Club on Tuesdays. If you can do this, please let Whaea Apiti know.

## Bell Times

New school bell times to maximise learning in the morning:

- 9.00-11.00 Class time
- 11.00-11.30 Morning Tea
- 11.30-1.00 Class Time
- 1.00-1.45 Lunch
- 1.45-3.00 Class Time

## Manual

Bus leaves at **8.30am sharp** every second Wednesday morning.

Starts Wed 20th Feb.

Please make sure you pay the manual fees as soon as possible. These fees are set by Otorohanga South Primary School and we only act as their agents for collecting the fees.

## Bible in Schools

*Bible in Schools starts at 9am every non-manual Wednesday from Week 4. If you do not wish your child to participate, please contact the school or send a note to the office. School officially begins at 9.30am on the days that Bible in Schools is on.*

## COMING EVENTS

Tue, 19 Feb	Public Health Nurse—Senior Information Sessions for Immunisations
Wed, 20 Feb	Manual BOT Meeting—4.30pm
Thu, 21 Feb	Y8 Thursday Traybake
Wed, 27 Feb	Club Mud Triathlon 8+yrs



**Red Cross People Savers Course with our rescue team of the future**

CLUB MUD  
JUNIOR TRIATHLON

50 m swim  
4/5 km cycle  
2 km run

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

STARTS IN FRONT OF BOAT CLUB

ENTRIES from 4 pm  
for a 4:30 START

8-10 & 11-12 YEAR OLDS

Do all 3 sections, or form a team

Prizes for winners of  
INDIVIDUAL BOYS,  
INDIVIDUAL GIRLS,  
and TEAMS  
in each age group

**Everyone who takes part**  
goes in the draw to win the spot  
prize of a  
MOUNTAIN BIKE

Enq: John and Sue Burton 871 0579

# Immunisations

## YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

The Yr 7 immunisation is for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough will be undertaken during Term 2

Consent forms will be sent home with **EVERY** Yr 7 pupil.

## YEAR 8 IMMUNISATION

The Yr 8 immunisation is for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) which can develop into cervical cancer will be undertaken during Term 2

Consent forms will be sent home with **EVERY** Yr 8 girl.

Please complete and return to School Office.

There is provision within the form for your non-consent, should you wish for that.

**PLEASE REMEMBER - EVERY FORM MUST BE RETURNED REGARDLESS WITH CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT.**

As part of this programme, information will be given to all Yr 7 pupils and Yr 8 girls.

If you do not want your child to receive this education and/or to view the video the

Public Health Nurse uses, then send a letter to the Office so that your child can be removed from that class presentation on the day of the education session.

I am aiming to visit Kawhia School personally on the **25th February** to collect all consent forms whether vaccines are to be given or not. The vaccinations will be given at Kawhia School on the **18th March**. This will give me time to complete the consenting process and obtain the vaccines.

*Donna Murray— Kawhia Public Health Nurse*

## ATTENDANCE

Attending school on a regular basis is hugely important. Regular attendance is needed for children to continue learning and improving their basic reading, writing and other skills they need. It also means they are likely to experience educational success.

To this end it's really important that you as a parent place importance on regular attendance. As always, children learn by example and will take your lead. If you show a relaxed attitude to their going to school then they will too.

There's another reason why regular attendance at school is important - it's compulsory and parents/care givers can be prosecuted in extreme cases of truancy. Please read the attached Rock On procedure so that you are aware of the steps if your child's attendance becomes a concern.

## Duffy Books in Homes



*The children have just chosen their first selection of books for this year thanks to their awesome sponsors: The Sproule Family,*

*Greg and Karen Nicholls, The Lion Foundation*

*and the*

*Kāwhia School Board of Trustees*

**TRAYBAKE  
TOMORROW  
From 50c**



## AWAROA SPORTS

Saturday 2 March  
AT HAUTURU

### A COUNTRY FAMILY FUN DAY OUT

9.30 a.m. Onwards

❖ *Chopping Events*

❖ *Horse Events (Open Ring & Horse Games)*

❖ *Athletic Events*

❖ *Novelty Events (for Children and Adults – Young or Old)*

Children's Age Races / Lolly Scramble / Duathlon /

Sheep Ride / Egg Toss / Awaroa Mile

HANGI (Lunch) / FOOD BOOTH / BBQ TEA

General Enquiries: Murray Brandon 8710730

### Duathlon - Cycle / Run

(for primary aged children aged 8 years and over)

Start: 11 a.m.

Between Awaroa Sports Ground and the Kaimango and Hauturu Road Junction.  
Cycle from Sports Ground to Junction then back to Bridge (approx 6 km). Run from bridge back to Sports Ground (approx 2 km). Helmets and suitable footwear must be worn.

Your bike must be roadworthy.

Contact Cilla Mills with entries (8710706)

## School Donations

We recommend the following school donation be made for 2012:

\$20 individual      \$35 family

Payment can be made at the office or by internet banking (make sure you write family or student name and DONATION)

Bank details are:

BNZ 02 0440 0022924 00



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Training with  
Constable Irwin