

Ngā kai o
Matariki nāna i
ao ake ki runga.
= Matariki scoops
up the food.

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

Ko te Wenerei, 22 o Mei 2013



*Ngā mihi ki a koutou
katoa*

Week 3 of 10

I am writing to you from the Rural and Sole Charge Principals' Conference in Palmerston North. This is the one conference I definitely try to attend every year where I get to meet with principals of small schools from the far north to the far south and even from the Chatham and Great Barrier Islands.



I've had the privilege of sitting with Dave Tubman, former principal of Kawhia School, who is working very successfully at his current school. I can't believe how many families and children he remembers teaching at Kawhia and the many fond memories he has of you all.

I have only been here one day so far and already have so many excellent ideas to bring back to share at our school and the Minister of Education, Hekia Parata, will be speaking to us tomorrow.

What's more important for me is being able to reflect on how our school is doing and what I can do to further strengthen Kawhia School.

After listening to the rural executive from the National Principals' Federation and other principals, I believe we are on the right track. For example:

Having multi-age (vertical grouping) classes, especially Year 1-8, is the norm in small schools and a concept that urban schools are adopting because they recognise the benefits of older children mentoring younger children;

Fostering meaningful relationships with our children is another strength in a small school and something we work hard on so all our children at Kawhia School feel counted. We offer an opportunity where our tamariki are visible because small schools can create a more whanau learning environment.

Aha koa he iti, he pounamu

Although small, it is precious

Parent Interviews

We had 50% attendance for parent interviews. Thank you to those who did turn up to discuss

your child's progress and needs. Some of you have rescheduled and these will be held later in the term. You are welcome to make an appointment any time if you wish to discuss your child with the class teacher.

Board of Trustees

Congratulations to our Board members (see notice in newsletter). We welcome back our returning members and embrace our new members—Robyn, Aaron and Jessie-Lee—and look forward to working with you. April Taelangi continues to be on our Board.

Ngā mihi nui ki a Whaea Roimata kōrua ko Whaea Amanda mo to kōrua mahi, manaaki, aroha hoki ki ngā take mo Te Poari o te Kura o Kawhia.

Hangi Fundraiser

We will be selling a Hangi to fundraise for our school during Queen's Birthday weekend. Tickets are on sale and available from school families or the school office so spread the word! Each family should find 8 tickets with this newsletter to sell. Please let Whaea Roimata know if you need more tickets.

The hangi will be served on Saturday, 1 June AT THE SCHOOL between 12.30-1pm

Helping hands are needed

for Friday night at the school for preparing the Hangi and on Saturday for cooking and dishing up the hangi.

Please contact organiser, Carey Thom on 8710086.

Kia pai tō koutou wiki

Leanne Apiti

Tumuaki/Principal

COMING EVENTS

Mon, 27 May	HPV Immunisation Dose 2-Y8 girls
Wed, 29 May	Manual—Bus leaves at 8.30am
Wed, 29 May	BOT Meeting, 4.30pm-staffroom
Fri, 31 May	Hangi preparations at school
Sat, 1 June	Hangi served at school 12.30-1pm
Mon, 3 June	Queen's Birthday—no school
Tue, 4 June	Jen Riley, Project Energize, in school

Duffy Books in Homes



Reading Activities for parents
http://www.reading-activities.com/for_parents

Thanks to our sponsors: The Sproule Family,
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Many thanks also to Whaea Robbie, our Duffy Co-ordinator

50 Years Ago

“I regret to see Kawhia, one of the most friendly and beautiful places in the North Island, receive so much undesirable publicity.” Thus writes Mr C P Clegg, headmaster of Kawhia District High School, in a newsletter to parents. He was referring to recent statements concerning the conduct of some Kawhia people made by Rev J F Y Spear and others. “The teachers on the staff of the District High School here have a very high opinion of the pupils and their parents.

As published in the Waikato Times from the Hamilton City Library Files

School Donations

We recommend the following school donation be made for 2013:

\$20 individual \$35 family

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

Bank details are:

BNZ 02 0440 0022924 00

If you are not sure whether you have paid, please check with Mrs Sherman.

Kawhia Primary School Board of Trustees Elections

16th May 2013

Declaration of Election Results:

As at the close of nominations there being only 5 Parent valid nominations received ,

I hereby declare

Jessie-Lee Bhana, Aaron Greenbank, Karina Kemp, Lisa Panapa and Carey Thom duly elected.

In addition, as there was only 1 Staff valid nomination received,

I hereby declare

Robyn Vincent
the duly elected Staff representative.

April Taelangi
Chief Returning Officer

RTH Services



These signs are real!

Hāngi

Saturday 1st June

Pick up from school -12.30-1pm

Pork Mutton Chicken
Kūmara Potatoes Pumpkin
Stuffing Fried Bread

\$12 Proceeds to Kāwhia School **\$12**

SUPER SWAPS

Here are 3 easy, healthy swaps to make:

