

Wednesday, 2 February 2010

Ko te Wenerei, 2 o Pepuere 2010

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

Welcome

First, on behalf of the staff, school and community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Te Karahau Te Amo. We are excited to have you here with us! Thank you to those who were able to join us yesterday for Matua Te Karahau's pōwhiri.

Another big welcome to our new and returning tamariki—Kaia (R2), Dion (R4), Seanna-Lee (R4) and Kaahu (R1).

Reporting to Parents/Caregivers

The amended National Administration Guidelines states:

"Where a school has students enrolled in years 1-8, the board of trustees, with the principal and teaching staff, is required to use National Standards to:

(a) report to students and their parents on the student's progress and achievement in relation to National Standards. Reporting to parents in plain language in writing must be at least twice a

year ..." (NAG 2A(a))

With a focus on literacy and numeracy, we will be sending written reports home in Term 1 and Term 3. The teachers aim to go through the reports with the children so they have a clear understanding of where they are at in their learning and know what their learning path needs to be.

The written reports will be based on a combination of assessments that are used in most NZ schools, so we can see how they are progressing on a national scale, classroom observation by teachers and demonstration by the children of their understanding in different situations.

We will also be holding parent-teacher conversations (interviews) this term to discuss initial assessment results and observations, set goals together and discuss any other matters relating to the needs of your child. A note with a time and date will be sent home to you in the

near future.

Board of Trustees

Elections

We encourage our school community to think about and discuss running and voting for election. To help you understand what trustees do, you are invited to our board meetings and also speak to our current parent representatives—Lisa Panapa, Karina Kemp, Ralph Smith, Carey Thom and Debbie Rewi-Wetini. For further help and information call 0800 STAhelp (0800 782 435). Information is also available online from <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

We will be calling for nominations in March.

Finally

Our thoughts are with last year's Year 8s as they embark 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!

*Kia pai tō koutou wiki
Leanne Apiti*

*Tēnā koutou katoa,
He mihi tēnei ki a koutou katoa te whānau whānui o tātou kura. Greetings to you all the whānau of our school.*

Kia ora, my name is Te Karahau Te Amo and I have been appointed the kaiako in Rm 1. Thank you all for the wonderful pōwhiri. I look forward to meeting and working with you all in the future. To all the parents of Rm 1—the door is always open so feel free to call in whenever. So once again, thanks to you all.

*No reira,
Ma te Atua
Hei tiaki,
Hei Manaaki
Pai Mārire*

COMING EVENTS

6th Feb	Kawhia Kai Festival
8 Feb	Fruit in Schools delivery starts
10th Feb	Manual for Y7 & Y8 students
14th Feb	Weetbix Tryathon
17 Feb	Room 2 Hui Whānau after school
24th Feb	Manual for Y7 & Y8 students

Congratulations

It's always exciting to hear about the achievements of our past students.

David Burton has been elected to be Student Rep on the BoT at Boys High for this year, (and has just spent a week at the Sir Edmund Hillary OPC, Tongariro, on a Leadership course for this role, which he thoroughly enjoyed).

Erika Burton came first in her class last year.

Pere Whatarangi was awarded Cultural Personality in Performing Arts Trophy, Raine Trophy for Dedication to Music and the Principal's Award.

Well done and congratulations to you all. If you know of any other achievements, please let me know. Sharing these highlights are a great way to motivate and encourage our tamariki here at school.

Congratulations also to Mrs Sherman who recently won an art award at the Pirongia Restoration Society's art competition.

Club Mud Triathlon

Wednesday,

3 March

Start training now!

For more information contact John and Sue Burton—8710579

Club Mud Tennis

Starting Soon.

More information to come.

Contact John and Sue Burton—8710579

Tray Bake Tomorrow!

Fundraiser for Weetbix Tryathlon participants.

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Morning Tea

School Notices

Manual (Yr 7-8 Technology)

Manual resumes next Wednesday. A parent roster for bus supervision will be sent home.

Study Support Centre

The Study Support Centre (Homework Centre) starts next Monday.

Bible in Schools

Bible in Schools begins on Wednesday, 17 February at 9.00-9.30am. School will be closed for

instruction during this time.

Stationery

A stationery list was sent home at the end of last year and children were expected to bring them on the first day of school. If you did not receive a copy of this list please ask at the school office.

Kāwhia Motors stock most of the items as the school no longer sells general stationery.

Toasted Sandwiches

Ham & cheese \$1.50 available every day from Room 2.

2010 Classes

We have been able to manage our teaching time so that every class will be able have the same teacher all week.

R1—Matua Te Karahau

R2—Whaea Roimata

R4- Whaea Niki

Whaea Apiti will be doing Reading Recovery and supporting classroom release time for the teachers.

Duffy Caught Being Good



We are grateful for our sponsors this year:

*The Sproule Family,
Greg and Karen
Nicholls
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Bike Safe Day

Thursday, 18 February

Starting lunch-time at school.

Students can bring their bikes and enjoy a fun obstacle course. They can also have a free check up by Brett of TeA' Cycles.

Kai Fest Parking

This Saturday

at Kāwhia School

Gold Coin donation

*Entrance via
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