

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa

What I love about Kāwhia is the embracing love that is poured out and shared unconditionally in times of grief. I recently experienced this with my family's bereavement and this comforted both me and my family greatly. I visited Mrs Sherman's gallery in the weekend and she showed me one of her paintings of how she felt when her beloved son passed away. Her painting expressed exactly how I felt about the aroha you can only get in a community like Kāwhia.

This extends to the school community. I am thankful to the BOT, all the teachers, staff and children who kept the school ticking along while I was gone.

Principal's Welcome

A BBBIIIIIGGG happy 5th birthday and welcome to to my darling daughter—Rachel!

Welcome to our kura Corean and Ashlee.

It's also fantastic to have you back, Zoe and Tess. Nau mai, hoki mai!

Progress Reports

Teachers are currently revising the reports so that the National Standards are taken into consideration. We have to ensure that we report twice a year 'in relation' to the National Standards in plain language to parents and caregivers. We are satisfied that our current reports deliver the 'plain language' that is required and just need to make a few changes to align with the National Standards. This does not yet pertain to R2 as the Marautanga standards have yet to be published.

Poukai

Thank you for your overwhelming support in allowing your children to participate in both the Rakaunui 100 year and Waipapa 125 year Poukai. Both marae were very accommodating to our kura and provided us the opportunity to acknowledge the importance of such events here in Kāwhia and for Tainui.

This compliments our study this term about the significance of Kāwhia.

Information and

Communication Technology

Unfortunately, because of my bereavement, I couldn't make the ICT conference in Rotorua. Luckily Whaea Niki was able to go. She came back with a lot of exciting ideas and strategies that will not only enhance our ICT knowledge, but help us consider other strategies to help support our students in their learning.

Our ICT facilitator, Barbara Reid, came to spend time with our teachers to help upskill their knowledge of e-Learning and expose us to the new tools we can bring to the classroom learning environment.

Swimming Sports

A reminder that our school swimming sports is this Friday starting 11.30am and the interschool sports is next Tuesday starting 10.00am-ish. The swimming sports is the 'school programme' for the day and no alternative classes are available. All students will be expected to be in the pool area.

Kia pai tō koutou wiki

Leanne Apiti

Brain Training

Work out these phrases:

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Answers: 1. Scrambled eggs
2. No-one understands
3. redinthe face

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 18 March	BOT meeting. 3.30pm in staffroom
18th Mar	Duffy Hero Assembly 11.30 a.m.
Friday 19 March	Kāwhia School Swimming Sports 11.30am
Tuesday 23 March	Interschool Swimming Sports at Kāwhia 10.00am
Thursday 25 March	I/school Swimming Sports Saving Day
Wed 24 Mar	Manual—Yr 7-8s

SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Sausage sizzles will be held at both Kawhia School and Interschool Swimming Sports Days
Sausages \$1

Use of School Grounds

The BOT welcome the use of the school grounds for training and recreational purposes.

If you are a sports team and would like to use the grounds, please make a request to the school (through the office or Whaea Apiti) specifying preferable days.

Currently we have netball, rugby and softball teams using the school's facilities.

Board News

Kāwhia School will be taking on a major fundraising venture that requires everybody on board. We will be catering for the Waitangi Tribunal and about 300 people at Waipapa Marae from Sunday, 28 March to Tuesday, 30 March. We need to have every family including nanas, aunts, uncles and anyone else who can support.

We will need dishwashers, food preps, cooks, waiters, waitresses, table setters etc.

So please put those dates in your diary as you will be receiving a phone call for your rostered time from the organising committee.

Understandably some people were involved in the Kai Fest, but there were only five parents who helped with the traffic control and if it wasn't for extended whanau, staff, friends and community help, we would not have been able to do it. So now is the time to get serious, make some sacrifices and step up.

The Board makes sure all money earned from these fundraisers go to the classes for the direct benefit of **your** children such as class trips.

Carey Thom

Chairperson

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School Notices

Manual (Yr 7-8 Technology)

Next Manual—Wednesday, 24 March. A fees notice should have been received last week. If you did not receive it please contact the school office.

Study Support Centre

The Study Support Centre (Homework Centre) operates from Monday to Thursday—3.00 to 4.30pm

Breakfast Club—EVERY DAY!

Breakfast Club is now every day. We are looking for volunteers who

are willing to help with the Breakfast Club next term on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Please let the school office know if you would like to help out.

BOT Meeting

This Thursday, 18 March 3.30pm in the staffroom.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be away please contact the school office on 871 0725. All un notified absences are followed up by Mrs Sherman or Whaea karen (Truancy Officer) to ensure safety of our children.

Free Computer Classes

Computer classes,
Free from Wintec, Tutor Chris Lord
More parents needed to learn
Computer basics,
Keep up with your children,
9.30am
Thursday 18th March.
Dinning room, Kawhia Sports Club
Ph Beryl 8710808 for more info

Duffy News



Role Model Assembly

Author, Tony Williams

This Thursday, 18 March

11.30am

All welcome

*We are grateful for our sponsors
this year:*

*The Sproule Family, Greg and
Karen Nicholls*

and the

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Banana Freezies

Summer Recipe 1

Try these **Banana Freezies** to keep you cool over summer!

Ingredients:

- 4 bananas
- Fruit yoghurt
- 4 Popsicle sticks

Method:

1. Peel bananas
2. Pour some yoghurt into a bowl. Place popsicle sticks into bananas
3. Dip bananas into yoghurt
4. Place on a tray lined with greaseproof paper
5. Put in freezer till frozen, then enjoy!!



Club Mud Tennis

Every Wednesday

5-7 yrs—3.10pm

8-12yrs—3.45pm (including
Homework Centre
children)

At the tennis courts—*no
cost*

For more information
contact John and Sue
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