

# KAIKOHE WEST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 09/25

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009

*Tena koutou e te iwi*

*Greetings to you all*

## DAFFODIL DAY

Next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Gold coin donations will be pasted onto the class daffodil charts all in aid of research towards cancer. We will have a Daffodil Parade prior to lunch at 12.30pm so please try and dress in yellow or green.



## CROSS COUNTRY Year 1 – Year 4

Starts at 11am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Races will begin with 8 year olds, so please do come along.

## PETS DAY / SHOW DAY

We are planning to hold Pet Day/Grandparents Day involving flower and creative displays on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, which is the first week of Term 4, giving everyone plenty of time to think about their pets.

Farming families please support this day.

### ONE RULE ONLY

**NO DOGS TO COME TO SCHOOL AS PETS**

## FIRE BRIGADE WINTER SPORTS DAY

This is being held next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> for our Senior students will be held at the following venues starting at 9.45am and finishing at 2pm.

Our children will walk to these venues leaving school at 9.15am.

**RUGBY** – Kaikohe Rugby Club Grounds

**HOCKEY** – Lindvart Park

**NETBALL** – Lindvart Park Courts

**YEAR 6 SOCCER** – Lindvart Park

**YEAR 5 SOCCER** – Northland College

Children will need to bring their own food and drink.

No sales of food or drink available.

We hope everyone will come and cheer our players on.

## HOMework

We are in the process of reviewing our Homework Statement. As a guide to parents and caregivers the Homework Statement is set out below. Please feel free to contact the school as part of the review. We want to ensure that homework is enjoyable and not stressful for families.

### GUIDELINES

1. That homework should be set only as reinforcement to current school studies or teaching and should not be isolated.
2. That homework should be set regularly, at the children's level so they can complete independently.
3. That the time limit must not be excessive e.g. longer than:  
15 minutes per week night Y1/Y2  
30 minutes per week night Y3/Y4  
45 minutes per week night Y5/Y6  
Children have extra curricular commitments and some travel long distances by bus to school.
4. That Parents / Caregivers be involved and informed re expectations. This should be enjoyable and not stressful.

### Y1-2

- Children are required to learn alphabet and basic words.
- Children take home a reader at or below their current level.
- Spelling words will be learnt at all levels.
- Children may be required to collect resources for topics being studied in the classroom.
- Children may be required to learn basic Numeracy knowledge.

### Y3-6

- Weekly spelling words.
- It is suggested that children independently select reading material and read for approximately 10 minutes per night, book bag desirable at this level.
- Basic facts learning. Addition and subtraction then multiplication facts, when appropriate.
- Topic related research and resource collecting.

## MEASELS OUTBREAK

The Ministry of Health has asked us to inform our communities that in parts of the country there is a measles outbreak. Could all parents ensure that their child/children's immunisations are up-to-date. The Ministry of Health requires students that have no proven immunity to measles (through immunisation or previous exposure) to be sent home if there is a measles outbreak in their class. Immunisation is free. Once immunised, 90-95% of people are protected from measles.

## Kool Kids Care Presentation – “COOL TO BE KIND”

The children were mesmerised by the magic at today's show and we look forward to presenting certificates to “Students who Care” through their actions in the playground and the classroom.

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> “Teacher Only day” Maths – Place Value Teaching  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Home School Partnership in Maths 9am or 2pm  
Fire Brigade Cup Sports Day  
Cross Country for Year 0 to Year 4 pupils at school  
Postponement day for Fire Brigade Sports Day and Cross Country  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Daffodil Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Cross Country Y4-6  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Inter School Cross Country at Ohaeawai  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Okaihau College Open Day

## FUN MATHS HOUR – For Parents and Caregivers

Do come along on 26<sup>th</sup> August between watching Cross Country/Fire Brigade Sports to learn some fun ways to try and help your children with their maths understanding in addition and subtraction. The sessions are being held in the library. We will have two sessions every alternate Wednesday from 9 to 10am and 2-3pm, giving you a choice to attend either, when dropping your children off to school or just before home time.

Put these dates on your calendar, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Childcare will be available if required and all participants receive a free maths game to take home, plus your name goes into a Grocery Hamper draw. Come along to learn fun ways to help your child with their understanding of Maths.

**THE FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL GALA IS COMING UP, PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>. DONATIONS OF MUTTON, BEEF AND PORK WOULD BE HUGELY APPRECIATED. PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL ON 09 4011713**

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

This is planned for this Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, when all teachers in our primary schools in Kaikohe will learn about teaching Maths with a focus on Place Value teaching.

Please fill in the form below, if you have not already done so, informing us if your child will be attending school on Friday enabling us to ensure that we have relieving teachers available.

Buses will operate as usual on the 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Thank you for your support.

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My child/children

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_