

# KAIKOHE WEST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 09/19

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009

*Tena koutou e te iwi*

*Greetings to you all*

A very special welcome to our new students this week,  
***Te Tai Rawhiti Croft-Haenga, Samuel Roy Matene  
and Jaziah Peters***

We hope you will enjoy your school days at Kaikohe West!

## Latest Pandemic News

It is unlikely that early childhood services or schools will be advised to close if they have suspected or confirmed cases, unless they are in an area still in the containment phase. The Ministry of Health advises that there is no need for any restrictions on people returning to work, school or their early childhood service after an overseas trip, unless they have symptoms. Gatherings such as parent teacher evenings, sports tournaments can continue with the usual precautions.

- Students or staff with symptoms should stay at home.
- Hygiene measures should continue including hand washing before and after eating, keeping hands away from mouths and covering mouths when coughing and sneezing.
- Care should be taken that students who have particular medical conditions or who are susceptible to infection avoid contact with people who have symptoms.

## Caught Being Good Children

Syphero Mau R12, Anika Karanga R15,  
Shane Edwards R9 and Vovo Tanginoa R5

*They all received a Duffy Book, Well done!!*

## Parent / Caregiver Consultation

Thank you to all the families who have returned the yellow form with some ideas for us to incorporate into the school curriculum. Your ideas are valued.

## Kaikohe West School "Friends of the School" GROCERY HAMPER RAFFLE

All raffle books need to be returned to the school before Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 as draws take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009.

## NETBALL

### Draw for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Round 1 - 9.00am - 9.25am

Ct2	Midgets	West vs Horeke/Okaihau Combined
Ct3	Minors	West United Kotiro vs Kura Kaikohe
Ct5	Majors	West Mystics vs Storm Okaihau
Ct8	Majors	West Magiks vs KES (2)

Round 2 - 9.30am - 9.55am

Ct1	Minors	West Kool Skools vs Hokianga United Dolphins
Ct4	Minors	West United Kotiro vs East Diamonds
Ct6	Majors	West Mystics vs Ohaeawai
Ct 8	Majors	West Magiks vs Kawakawa

## HOCKEY

### Draw for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

10.30am Start West Slayers vs KCS Field 2

**GRAFITTI AND DAMAGE** done to our school is of major concern at the moment and we would really appreciate you as our community to support us either by regular checking as you walk through the school and please phone the Police if you observe any vandalism or even suspicious behaviour.

The Board of Trustees plan to call a community meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 4.30pm in the staffroom.

Please come along if you can so we can discuss ways to reduce this vandalism.

Most of the vandalism is after 6.30pm school days and during the weekends, so if you have older children please ensure you know where they are in the evenings.

**20 Hour Famine** - Thank you to all the children and whanau who participated. Money and/or books need to be returned to school by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. To date we have banked over \$500.00, a wonderful gesture.

## CALENDAR

### JUNE

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Ripa Rugby at Lindvart Park we have 3 teams entered starts at 9.30am.  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Art Exhibition Week at the Kaikohe Intermediate School – teachers will be taking children down to this exhibition.

### JULY

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 4.30pm Community Meeting concerning vandalism at school. All most welcome, we welcome your support.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> End of Term 2  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Term 3 begins

### AUGUST

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews

**Rotary Primary School Speech Contest was held last Wednesday and special congratulations to O'Teash May who placed second with her great speech printed below.**

## ANIMAL CRUELTY

Imagine yourself caged up, hurt, starving and abandoned? How would you feel? I'm sure you wouldn't like it. Just take a moment to think of all of those animals and what they are going through right now. They don't have to be like this because all they need is you. You can make a difference! Kia ora my name is O'Teash May I am 10 years old and I am a student of Kaikohe west School. I am here to talk to you about animal cruelty. Only very intelligent people like yourselves know how to stop animal neglect, how to report animal abuse, but may wonder why people abuse animals. Let me tell you about these in detail before moving onto solving this major problem in the community.

### Firstly- Neglect

Animal cruelty comes in many forms and one of them is neglect. Severe animal neglect can cause incredible pain and suffering to an animal. Examples of neglect are starvation, dehydration, parasite infestations, allowing a collar to grow into an animal's skin, inadequate shelter in extreme weather conditions, and failure to seek veterinary care when an animal needs medical attention.

### Secondly-Reporting Animal Abuse

If you suspect that an animal has been abused, by someone you know or by a stranger, there are things you can do. This creates a difficult problem for some of us. We know what we should do, but sometimes we don't act. It's very similar to bullying. It happens all of the time but only sometimes I choose to do something about it. What about you? The most important act you can take is to tell the person to stop it. Otherwise you can report to the SPCA, pound or animal control.

### Thirdly-Why People Abuse Animals.

Many people may think why, why, why are people cruel to animals even use to I ask that question well if you wanted to know here is some answers .some people do it to try and control the animal, others do it to retaliate against an animal or a person. Last of all some do it to express anger and blame it on the animal. But over-all I think people should not abuse animals no matter what. Did you know Northland has the highest rate of animal abuse? My goal is to raise awareness and motivate the audience to take action in helping our voiceless friends so together I think we can make a difference. Always remember the animals do have a voice YOU!

No reira tena koutou tena koutou tena koutou katoa.