

KAIKOHE WEST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 09/11

Wednesday April 29th 2009

Tena koutou e te iwi

Greetings to you all



A very special welcome to all our new students this week,
*Lehi Smith, Patariki Smith, Leona Whiu,
Arihia Akuhata, Tanner Wihongi and
Davinia Ferguson-Raeina.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT
TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS
ABSENT FROM SCHOOL.
YOU CAN RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON
4011713 OR TEXT 0210345420**

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

These have been handed out to the children today to take home. If you have any problems or queries please contact the photographer Liz Davies on 09 4352384 or 0274 571151.

Board of Trustees meeting is planned for this evening, Wednesday 29th April at 5.30pm, held in the staffroom. Items on the Agenda include our School Charter involving strategic planning, the Governance Manual for the Board members and Property update. All most welcome.

Friends of the School meeting is planned for Thursday 7th May, we would really love some more parents to become involved. The main focus for the FOTS is our Annual Gala. The meetings are held after school at 3.30pm, so your children can play at school and have a hot chocolate drink whilst we meet.

CALENDAR

APRIL

Wednesday 29th Board of Trustees Meeting
5.30pm

Saturday 2nd Hockey and Netball Saturday
Sports begins

MAY

Thursday 7th Friends of the School meeting in
the staffroom at 3.30pm

Friday 8th Rippa Rugby Tournament
Year 5/6 at Kerikeri

HOCKEY

Yrs 3-6 Teams A & B

Round Robin this Saturday at the Lindvart Park Turf.
Starts 9am. All children to bring mouth guards, shin
pads (magazines) and their own drink bottle.

SOCCER

Soccer practice for Under 8's and Under 7's, Lindvart
Park tomorrow at 4pm.

Please contact Karen Matene on 4011619 or Lorraine
Wilson on 021 173 3942 for more information.

NETBALL

Netball begins this Saturday 2nd May. Your child will
need to be at the Lindvart Park courts at 8:30am
every Saturday morning.

Good luck and have a great season.

For more information contact Sharyn Yakas at school.

CANTEEN

Kaikohe West School Hockey and Netball is running
the canteen on Saturday and any food donations would
be appreciated, proceeds go towards subsidising pupils
fees.

ARSON ATTACK

As you will most likely be aware, we were extremely shocked that we had an arson attack on our school during the holidays in our Multi Purpose Room which is also known as Room 17, Tracey Simeon's class.

The Board of Trustees and I are grateful of the extremely professional manner Tracey and Pappy Maihi handled the situation, an especially difficult situation for Tracey as it was her classroom. Meanwhile Room 17 children have set up class in Room 3, spreading into the Computer Hub, Room2, fortunately the children's desks and books were not damaged. Now that the Computer Room is being used as a classroom, there will be some disruption in our ICT programmes especially relating to whole class ICT teaching experiences.

The fire has resulted in loss of lots of teaching resources and as you can imagine a depressing clean-up for Tracey. The Police, Fire Brigade and Ministry of Education have been most supportive and we hope to rebuild the room to be ready for Term 3.

As part of our inquiry learning process we are using this sad event as a wonderful learning curve and we will involve the Fire Wise programme delivered by our local Fire Brigade.

Influenza Preparedness

Attached to this Newsletter is a Fact Sheet about influenza and below is some reminders on the importance of Hand Hygiene, which teachers are discussing with children in their classes.

Hand Hygiene and Influenza-like Illness

Hand Hygiene is the single most important measure to reduce the chances of transmitting infection from one person to another and reduces the spread of influenza and influenza-like illness – typically consisting of sore throat, headache, muscle aches, fever and cough.

Hands should be washed regularly with soap and water then thoroughly dried with disposable tissues or towels. An alcohol-based hand gel can be used.

Hands should always be washed and dried after contact with respiratory secretions or after touching surfaces that have been contaminated with respiratory secretions.

