

KAIKOHE WEST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 09/22

Wednesday 29th July 2009

Tena koutou e te iwi

Greetings to you all

WELCOME

A very special welcome to our new students this week,
Te Kaumua Croft, Marilu Croft, Mikaira Croft
and Paige Karena-Manukau.
 We hope you all enjoy your school days at Kaikohe West!

FIRE BRIGADE CUP (Year4-6) is coming up on Wednesday 26th August. If any parents or caregivers are able to come along and help take a team please see Mrs Sharyn Yakas R9. There are four codes played on this day – Soccer, Rippa Rugby, Netball and Hockey. We practise at school every Wednesday and Thursday 2.00pm – 2.55pm.

Rugby Skills and Drills

Parents/Caregivers interested in coaching rugby are invited to come along to school this Friday 31st July from 9.30am – 11.00am. Peter Nock (Northland Development Officer) will be taking rugby skills and drills with Rooms 10, 11 and 8.



CAUGHT BEING GOOD

This week were
MICHAEL SELWYN R7 for being a role model in Kapa Haka and
TAMATI PORTER R8 for good manners during Kiwi Can.
 Both received a Duffy Book, well done!

School Chaplain for Kaikohe West School

We have been very fortunate to have **Libbya Roberts** appointed to our school under an agreement with the Board of Trustees and Churches Education Commission (CEC).

What is the Chaplain's role? Chaplains are gifted and experienced with children and young people. They seek to provide a safe, professional, confidential Christian presence for the school and community. Whilst they are personally committed to Christian values and beliefs, they are expected to be sensitive to others values and beliefs. The chaplain will not impose religion on anyone or promote any particular denomination or church group. Chaplains usually contribute in a voluntary role to the pastoral care network of the whole school. They are conscious of personal dignity and appreciative of diversity.

Chaplains are: Great listeners, caring, able to relate to a wide range of people, understands and provides confidentiality, approachable, flexible and adaptable, non judgemental and understands the schools policies.

HOCKEY

Draw for 1st August 2009
 9.40am West Slayers vs Kaikohe East

NOW AVAILABLE FRIDAYS ONLY

Heart Tick Pie - \$1.50 Sauce - .20c
 Trumps lunchorders will also be available.

FUN MATHS HOUR – For Parents and Caregivers

Following the success of last years Home School Partnership in Maths we plan to run these sessions again this term. The first session being held in the library on Wednesday 12th August. We will have two sessions every alternate Wednesday from 9 to 10am and 2 to 3pm giving you a choice to attend either when dropping your children off at school or just before home time. Put these dates on your calendar 12th August, 26th August, 9th September and 23rd 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.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

To help ensure great attendance at school, which is vital to your child's academic progress, Kaikohe West, Kaikohe East School, Kaikohe Intermediate and Northland College have appointed an Attendance Officer, **Angie Davis**. We also have a Truancy Officer, **Ngamaru Brown**.

Angie's role is to encourage children's attendance before the need for our Truancy Officer's involvement. Angie may call to help support you as a whanau to ensure your child's attendance is as regular as possible, but naturally we expect any unwell children to be kept at home. Angie will possibly be in contact with those whanau who do not inform us of why children are not attending school and the children who miss Mondays and Fridays, a pattern that needs to be improved.

Thank you for your support in ensuring great attendance.

CALENDAR

JULY
 Wednesday 29th Board of Trustees Meeting at 5.30pm.
AUGUST
 5th/6th Parent Teacher Interviews
 Wednesday 12th 9.00- 10.00am and 2.00-3.00pm Fun Maths
 Hour in the Library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Agenda includes a report by Andrew Chambers on our Information Communication Technology programmes at school. Our meeting starts at 5.30 this evening in the staffroom. All most welcome.

MID YEAR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are planned for the third week this term on Wednesday 5th August and Thursday 6th August. Interviews will be 15 minutes enabling you and your child to have a three way interview with your child's teacher. Having your child involved in the interview process ensures your child's ownership of his or her next learning steps together with yourself for support at home and the teacher enabling a partnership in learning. *On Wednesday 5th August we will be closing the school at 2pm allowing children to go home at either the beginning of lunch at 1pm or during the lunch hour for interviews to start at 2pm and finishing at 7.15pm.* *On Thursday 6th August we will start interviews at 3.15pm and finish at 5.30pm.*

Bus children will be supervised and the bus timetable remains as usual. If there are any changes for your child in regards to catching the bus please inform the school. To ensure you get the time/day you would like, please **complete the form below** and return it to school. Also thank you to everyone who returned the orange forms from last week. If you still need to fill these in please do so and send them back to school as soon possible.

I/We would like to meet with.....
 To discuss our child/ren:

Name.....Rm.....

Name.....Rm.....

Name.....Rm.....

Wednesday 5th August (*circle best time*)
 2pm-3pm 3pm-4pm 4pm-5.30pm 6pm-7pm
Thursday 6th August (*circle best time*)
 3.15pm-4.15pm 4.15pm-5.15pm

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Phone: