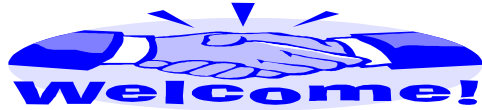


KAIKOHE WEST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 09/23

Wednesday 5th August 2009

Tena koutou e te iwi

Greetings to you all



A very special welcome to our new students this week,
**Ahuaiti Nathan-Johnstone, Delphine Maxwell,
Tuatai Wihongi-Tekatoha, Nikki Reeves-Price,
O'Shearne Reihana, Brooklyn and Tyler Hansen.**
We hope you all enjoy your school days at Kaikohe West!

HOCKEY NEWS

Congratulations to Zephaniah Warren, Thorne Cumming and Mayur Patel who represented the Bay of Islands in the Year 5 and 6 Boys team and Natasha Williams who represented the Bay of Island Year 5/6 Girls team in a recent hockey Tournament.

Draw for 8th August 2009
10.30am West Slayers vs Waima Field 2

KOOL KIDS CARE PRESENTATION "COOL TO BE KIND"

This show has a powerful anti-bullying focus developed especially for Primary aged children, tackling the issue of bullying with a deft balance between magic, fun and a serious message. So the children will experience humour, magic and ventriloquism. This is to be held on Wednesday 19th August in the Kaikohe Intermediate Hall starting at 9.15am. We ask children to pay \$2.00 each and thank the Friends of the School for subsidizing costs.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Gala is coming up and is planned for October 31st 2009. Can you come along to our meeting on Thursday 13th August at 3.30pm in the staffroom. Let the children play outside, your input will be really appreciated. Thank you.

Farewell

At the end of this year we farewell our wonderful Principal, Barbara Wards. Over the past 15 years as tumuaki, Barbara has enriched our school with her commitment to the development of staff and raising student achievement. She has strengthened relationships between staff, students, whanau and the wider community with her professional and friendly approach. On behalf of us all Barbara, we wish you the very best in your future path. Our heartfelt thanks go to you and your family for the time, passion and energy you have given to our school, especially our children, who will miss you dearly.

From the Board of Trustees

LIBRARY CAFÉ

Before or after your Interview this afternoon, you are invited to the Library for a hot drink to meet members of our Board of Trustees and to discuss our school direction, especially in relation to our Curriculum. If you still need to make an appointment time for tomorrow, Thursday 6th August, please complete the form below and return to school. You will receive a confirmed notice of interview time sent home with your child. **BUS CHILDREN** will be supervised and the bus timetable remains as usual. If any changes for your child regarding catching buses please inform the school. Thank you.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD PUPILS

This week were

KOWHAI WAA R12 and NIWA KOREWHA R10

Well done to these children who both received Duffy Books.

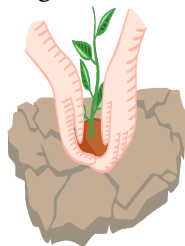
GARDENS 4 LIFE

We have been successful in winning an "Environmental Curriculum Award" from the Northland Regional Council as our proposal successfully gained \$1003.45 to put towards our School Garden Project of building special raised gardens known as "Organoponico" adobe style gardens, which are really user friendly for children.

Our theme is "Gardens 4 Life" as we want to support children and whanau in growing their own vegetables now and in the future.

Parental support would be really appreciated, phone the school if you are interested in helping.

On Wednesday last week Susan Botting from the NRC and Joe Carr our Northland NRC Councillor visited the school and presented the award.



CALENDAR

AUGUST

Thursday 6 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 11 th	"Brush In" programme begins in classrooms
Wednesday 12 th	9.00- 10.00am and 2.00-3.00pm Fun Maths Hour in the Library
Thursday 13 th	"Whakaparkari Tinana Shield Challenge"
Wednesday 19 th	"Cool to be Kind" Show – cost \$2.00 per child
Friday 21 st	"Teacher Only day" Maths – Place Value Teaching
Wednesday 26 th	Fire Brigade Cup

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

Name.....Rm

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

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

Thursday 6th August (circle best time)

3.15pm-4.15pm 4.15pm-5.15pm

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Phone:

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.

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.