

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Tēnā koutou,

There has certainly been a lot happening since our last community newsletter! Our new building is well and truly underway and we are planning to be in our new classroom spaces at the beginning of next term, which is very exciting! We are also looking forward to the opening of our new spaces and the unveiling of our new school logo and uniforms early next term, we will let you know more details closer to the time.

Our students have been thoroughly enjoying applying some of what they have learnt through the AGRI curriculum at the Awapikopiko Reserve. Students have been busy planting a variety of flora and have been placing chew cards around the school and the reserve to find out what types of pests visit the properties. We recently also had a group of students invited to a session at Pukaha Mount Bruce to learn more about trapping and looking after our environment.

As many of you will be aware, my time here as Principal will be coming to a close at the end of this term. I feel very privileged to have led such a fantastic team of passionate teachers and staff. I also feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such a supportive and interested community. Thank you all for your involvement and help over the past two years, I have really appreciated it. I know that with your ongoing support, Kumeroa-Hopelands School will continue to go from strength to strength in the years to come.

Have an awesome week.

Ngā mihi nui,

Simon.

BoT - Principal Update

Acting Principal Announcement

We are pleased to announce that Claire Audier has been offered and has accepted the position of Acting Principal for Term 4 this year. Claire will fill the position very well while we search for our new principal. Thank you Claire, for helping us through this time and for your amazing ongoing dedication to our school.

Fulltime Principal Update

Advertising for this position closes after the school holidays. It is a very sought after role and so far we have had several expressions of interest. Once applications close, we will create a short list of interviewees. All things going well, we hope to announce our new principal before the end of Term 4.

School Calendar

25 Sep - Bush Schools Social Dance practices Yr 7/8

26 Sep - Kea class trip to Woodville Fire Station

28 Sep - Bush Schools Social Dance Yr 7/8

29 Sep - Last day of Term 3 Sausage sizzle lunch 1.00pm & Community Assembly 1.40pm.

16 Oct - First day of Term 4

18 Oct - Technology Yr 7/8

20 Oct - The big shift working bee

23 Oct - Labour Day - School closed

6 Nov - KH School Pet Day

8 Nov - Technology Yr 7/8

9 Nov - Bush Ag Day

Term 4 16th Oct - 15th Dec

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

GROW

This week we are thinking about being Resilient.

Congratulations to:

- * Maxx Easton who received the Principal's Award for week 8.
- * Sam Cresswell, Tara Taylor and Manawarangi Papa received GROW awards for week 8.
- * Kohinui house who were our winners for week 8.

Pet Day

Our school Pet Day will be held on Monday 6th of November. Categories are calves, lambs, dogs and other pets. Details about the other events to enter will come home closer to the time. Please note lambs and calves must be born **AFTER 1st of August 2017**.

Sports Results**Hockey**

Bush 1 played Russell St drew 2-2 (Bush won the division).

Bush 3 played Hokowhitu Bush won 6-0 .

Football tournament (Jorja)

Rep in Wanganui.

Played Wanganui Drew 3-3.

Played Taranaki Lost 8-0.

Firewise

As part of our Firewise learning yesterday three fire fighters came to visit the Kea Class. To complete our Firewise work the Kea Class will be going to the Woodville Fire Station on Tuesday 26th at 12.00pm. They will be travelling by bus. Please wear school uniforms. Kea class parents & your preschoolers are welcome to come along.



Performing at the Bush Schools Cultural Festival

Community Assembly to farewell Mr Marshall

Friday 29th September - Sausage sizzle lunch 1.00pm-1.40pm gold coin donation. Followed by Community Assembly.

The big shift working bee

On Friday 20th October during the school day we will be moving everything around. Even if you can spare half an hour or longer that would be great!

Milk Bottle Tops

The Kea Class are collecting plastic milk bottle tops for their activity based learning curriculum. Please help us by sending in all your clean milk bottle or same size bottle tops to school. Many thanks, Claire & Kim.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is kept in the entrance to the school, where the buses park, so it can be accessed by the community in case of an emergency.

A defibrillator is a portable medical device that can automatically assess a patient's heart rhythm. It judges whether defibrillation is needed and if required, administers an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart.



Planting trees at Awapikopiko

Working Group for the Agri Curriculum

If you are interested in helping us further develop our Agri Curriculum we would love to hear from you. You might have some ideas of Agri projects/learning that the students could get involved with or might have some connections for people who work in the industry who would be prepared to come and speak to the students. If you would like to find out more, please send me an email at principal@kumeroa.school.nz

Worm Farm Group

Could you please save us some empty milk bottles so we can use them for worm wees garden fertiliser. Thank you from the Worm Farm Group - Jared, Liam, Kees, Leiana, Van, Morgan & Maxx.

Eggs Cartons

Our chickens are full on laying again! We would appreciate empty 1doz egg cartons. These can be dropped into the school office. If you wish to purchase our eggs they are sold for \$5 per dozen. All money goes directly back the Agri Curriculum projects. Thank you for your support.

Yummy Stickers

Please make sure you send all your Yummy Stickers and cut outs to school by 22nd **September** so we can collect points for new sports gear. If anyone would like extra sheets please contact the office or you can print out from : <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schoolstickerpromo>



Pizza Oven



Games Wall

SCHOOL CATTLE SCHEME

This is our School Fundraising Group's major earner of money for our children to be able to have new things and have new experiences.

EVERYONE can contribute to this scheme through donating calves, grazing OR **donating** any amount of money to combine together to buy a calf. If you would like to know more of how you can be involved please contact Luke Matthews 3764547 or Donna at school 3764542.

Playgroup

Kumeroa Hopelands Playgroup would like to thank Thomas, Tim and Saul for your hard work creating cupcakes and donating the takings to Playgroup. We really appreciate your generosity and wish you the best for the rest of your William Pike Challenges.

Playgroup is a great place for parents and caregivers of young children to get together and socialise in a fun and active environment. However, Playgroup is not just for those with kids!

In fact socialising and getting to know people in our community will make for a stronger community. On that note, we invite parents with children at school, grandparents, empty nesters or those just wanting to socialise to join with us on Wednesday mornings, during the school term, from 10-12pm in the Kumeroa Hall. We will start back up in Term 4 on Wednesday 18 October. For further information please contact Anthea 3765917.

Kumeroa Hall Working Bee

Saturday 30th September 1.00pm

The Domain board wish to have a working bee, to catch up on a few odd jobs around the hall.

- Cleaning of the guttering
- Trimming of the odd tree
- some spraying & garden maintenance
- plus a general tidy up around the grounds.

Many hands make light work - everyone welcome.

All you need to bring is yourself and some gardening tools, saws, a ladder or two will also be required. Any enquiries please ring Ian Fountaine on 3764601 or Sue Hansen on 3765532.

Connect Kumeroa Community Meeting (Telecommunications Update)

Tuesday 31st October
7.30pm at Kumeroa Hall
Everyone welcome

Newsletters

If you have something you would like included in the newsletter please have your information to the school office by Tuesday each week.

Please send all empty Colgate packaging/ products and Yummy Stickers to school.

Family day watching the All Blacks v Argentina

at Kumeroa Hall, Sunday 1st October 11.00am-3.00pm

Bring the whole family down to the Kumeroa hall to watch the rugby on the big screen. The BBQ will be available for your lunch. Rugby starts at 11.30am. For more information contact Ian Taylor 3765559.

Early Voting

It's hard to escape the fact that there is an election just around the corner on Saturday 23 September. If you haven't already enrolled, you have until Friday to get this sorted to ensure you are still eligible to vote on Saturday. As I am sure you would agree, it's really important that everyone takes up their democratic right to vote. To that end, there are lots of places that you can cast an early vote if you think you may not get to a polling booth on Saturday the 23rd. You can find all the locations where you can cast an early vote in the Tararua here:

www.elections.org.nz/events/2017-general-election/electorate-info/information-voters-wairarapa