

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Tēnā koutou,

We have had a fantastic end to the term here at Kumeroa-Hopelands School. On Monday, half the school made their way to Awapikopiko (pronounced Awa pee kor pee kor) to explore the piece of land that we will be working to develop in conjunction with the Queen Elizabeth II Trust. We are very excited about taking our learning through the AGRI Curriculum to the next level and are looking forward to the opening ceremony after the holidays.

After reading "Where the Wild Things Are" for inspiration, the other half of the school headed down to the Church Reserve land at the end of Township Road. Students have already started to plan how they would like to develop this piece of land and are busy writing to the council to ask for their help.

This week our year 5-8 students participated in the EPro8 Challenge. EPro8 stands for Engineering, Problem Solving and Innovate. Students enjoyed working together to design and build a variety of engineering structures, including a robot dog, a laser and a new theme park ride. Our students did really well at these events, with our two Year 7 and 8 teams coming second and third and one of our Year 5 and 6 groups coming first! I was very proud of the way our groups worked together to solve the various problems and achieve such excellent results. On behalf of the students I would also like to say a massive thank you to the Kumeroa-Hopelands Education Trust for donating money towards this worthwhile event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

I hope you manage to have a break over Easter and enjoy spending time with your family.

Have a fantastic break!

Ngā mihi nui,

Simon



School Calendar

Apr 13

- Community Assembly 2.00pm
- Term 1 ends

May 1 - Term 2 begins

BoT Meeting 6.30pm

May 3 - Opening of QEII Land

May 5 - HPV & dTap vaccination

May 9 & 10 - Learning Conferences

May 10 - Technology Yr 7/8

May 15 - National Young Leaders Yr 7

May 19 - Small Schools Road Race

May 24 - Technology Yr 7/8

June 2 - Teacher only day

Term Dates 2017

Term 2 1st May - 7th July

Term 3 24th July - 29th Sept

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 learning independently, which is an aspect of being 'Willing to learn independently and collaboratively.'

Congratulations to:

- * Kaiden Ball who received the Principal's Award for week 10 .
- * Aramona Papa, Zoe Williams, Mila Dorotan received GROW awards for week 10.
- * Kumeroa house who were our winners for week 10.

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



Movement for Learning (M4L)

At M4L we don't just move our bodies, we also use each session to work on our visual and auditory skills. Here is an example of some of our work.

Visual Perception

This week we completed two visual perception worksheets, a "Spot the Difference" page that worked on visual discrimination and a visual constancy worksheet that required students to find a particular word within a selection of other words - even though it was a different font or size.

Student's Dispositions

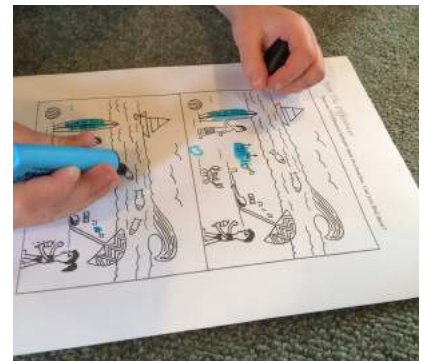
I loved the way the students settled quickly into these activities even though they hadn't done worksheets for a while. You all demonstrated a positive attitude and quickly developed their own strategies to solve the problems. All of the students were happy to describe their working to the group.

Physical Learning

Visual perception activities can help a child to make sense of the information that the eyes are sending to the brain.

What Next....

More visual perceptual activities - Spot What, I Spy, etc...



Community Assembly

Please join us tomorrow from 2pm across at the Kumeroa Hall for our Community Assembly. There will be performances from the finalists from Kumeroa-Hopelands Has Got Talent competition, a school wide performance of two waiata that we have been learning, as well as much more! See you there!



Games Wall

The conception plans for the games wall were created a few weeks ago during a rainy day. Students were randomly grouped into multi-levelled teams to brainstorm, research and draw a conceptual plan for approval.

Drawing their idea onto the 1200x1800mm ply panel, dividing the court and swimming pool, became their next step.

Sun then allowed the students to begin painting over the following weeks. The wall is really coming to life through these bright colours and exciting visions.

The students are clearly demonstrating how they can work collaboratively for a common goal. This fits in well with the W on our GROW matrix, where the students are 'Willing to lean independently and collaboratively'. Learning to listen, share ideas and record their thinking with a variety of people.

Well done Kumeroa Kids! We can't wait to see the final product.



SeeSaw

If you haven't already, it would be brilliant if you could find some time to download and sign up to the Seesaw app to access your child's account. Ask them to look through and explain their learning to you. We have included all the details about how to sign up and log in again with this newsletter for those of you who haven't already done this.



Visit to Awapikopiko

Portfolios

All students will bring home their Learning Portfolio tomorrow. These portfolios are designed to provide a stimulus for discussions at home about learning. Each portfolio will contain a sample of learning from across the curriculum during Term 1. These portfolios should be returned by the end of Term 2 so that we can continue adding to them.

Small Bore Shooting in Dannevirke will start in May, Mondays 5.30pm-7.00pm. Yr 7 & 8. More info to follow.

KH Swimming Pool

The pool is now closed, can you please return your pool key to the school office to receive your \$10 refund. Thank you.



Google Accounts belonging to former pupils

If you know a student who has left our school in the past three years who has had a school Google account, can you please let them know that over the Easter break their account will be deleted. I have sent an email to their school account explaining how to transfer the contents if they would like to keep the work that they did while at school. They can log in to their Kumeroa-Hopelands School account and follow the instructions. This needs to be completed before the end of Term 1.

Art Exhibition

Woodville racecourse, 20th-25th April 10.00am-3.00pm

Free entry each day except race day entry applies on Thursday 20th April 2017.

Some of our students will have their artwork on display at the exhibition.

ANZAC Day

Kumeroa Hopelands School will be present at Dawn Parade in Woodville this coming ANZAC day, Tuesday 25th April at 6.30am. Students are working on making a wreath that will be laid in Fountaine Square as part of the ceremony. We would like to see as many of you there as possible in your school uniforms.

Playgroup is for Everyone

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 Community Hall. We will start back up in Term 2 on Wednesday 3 May.

Seeking Volunteers

We are also seeking expressions of interest from members of the community who would like to volunteer on Wednesday mornings to help with setting up activities and morning tea. For more information on Volunteering contact Anthea Desmond on 06 376 5917 or call or text Waireka Collings on 0211838284.

We hope to see you soon!

Dog Trials - Lost Property

We have one grey cardigan size 1 & one black cap with AB equipment - Forklift Operator written on it. That were left behind at the dog trials. we also have a black watch that was left in the school grounds that does not belong to our students. Please contact the school office if they belong to you.