

# NEWSLETTER



Week 1, Term 1, 2016.

Tēnā koutou,



What a fantastic start to another school year! The sun is shining and everyone is enjoying the pool during swimming lessons and lunchtimes. It has been great to catch up with the students and hear all about their holidays and adventures over the summer. As a staff, we are feeling refreshed and enthusiastic about what we have planned for 2016. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a welcome back BBQ Starting at 5.30pm, there will be an opportunity for you to find out more about class routines, learning and expectations for the year. We look forward to seeing you all there.

At the end of last year the students put the finishing touches on our GROW matrix. Over the next four weeks you will receive a part of our school matrix. Please read through it with your child, they all had a part in creating it so ask them to explain it to you. I'm sure like me, you will be very impressed with what they have developed.

We have two new families joining us in 2016. A big welcome goes to Lily and Alex McLeod and James Snowsill. It must be an exciting time in the Mead household too as Liam starts school at the beginning of the year. We are sure that all four of you will come to love Kumeroa-Hopelands School as much as the rest of us do!

Once again we will be operating three classes in the mornings for literacy and numeracy. This means that we can have smaller classes and can focus our teaching more effectively. Mrs Cannon will be working with the Fantails, Ms Audier with the Keas and I will be with the Tuis. We are all very excited about what the new year holds and are looking forward to helping your child achieve to their full potential in 2016!

Have an awesome week.

Ngā mihi nui, Simon.

**Virtue**

This week's virtue of the week is confidence. Please ask your child to explain how they might display confidence at school or around home. As a staff, we look out for those students who we think display the virtue of the week and award three of them certificates on Friday afternoon. As you can imagine, sometimes it is very difficult to just choose three.

**Congratulations to:**

- \* Hannah Allomes who received the Principal's Award for Week 9 2015.
- \* George Ellingham, Thomas Fountaine, Ryan Mead who received virtues awards for Week 9 2015.
- \* Hopelands house who were our winners for Term 4 2015.

**Woodville Christmas Parade**

Well done & great work to those of you involved in the KH School Float, We received a \$150.00 donation for highly commended.

**School Swimming**

Students will swim most days. Please make sure your children come to school with swimming togs and a towel – we recommend rash tops.

**Library**

All students visit the school library on Mondays - please make sure library books that need to be returned are here on Mondays. There is also an opportunity for the students to visit the library on Wednesdays at lunchtime.

**School Calendar**

**Feb 4** - Optimist Yachting yrs 7-8  
**Feb 08** - Waitangi Day Public Holiday - School closed  
**Feb 09** - KH School Education Trust Meeting  
**Feb 10** - Welcome back BBQ  
**Feb 11** - Technology Yr 7/8  
**Feb 22** - KHS Triathlon  
**Feb 24** - Small Schools Swimming  
**Feb 25** - Technology Yr 7/8  
**Mar 2** - Marae Visit  
**Mar 3** - Vaccination Yr 7/ Yr 8 Girls  
**Mar 6** - Woodfest  
**Mar 7-9** - Book Fair  
**Mar 8** - Bush Schools Triathlon  
**Mar 11** - Bush Schools Swimming  
**Mar 16** - Bush Tennis  
**Mar 18** - Bush Minor Sports Yr 1/2  
**Mar 21** - Camp Yr 5-8

**Thank You**

To all those people who helped out during the school holidays looking after the school, school grounds, chickens, gardens & pool. All those jobs you did over the holidays meant we were well prepared for the start of the new term.

**Yummy Stickers**

Please continue to collect more yummy stickers so we can get some more sports equipment.

Please find a new sticker collection sheet attached and you can also download new sheets at [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz)

## Brain Food

Everyday students are encouraged to have brain food around 10am. Our morning block is 2 hours in duration so it is a long time between meals. Brain food should be fruit, vegetables or nuts. It should be something that can be eaten in one hand. For younger students, fruit should be cut up.

## Swimming Pool - Reminder

If you are using the community pool here at school please take care with rubbish disposal. The blue bins by the Fantail Room are for Fonterra Milk cartons only – these are *not rubbish bins*. The bins beside the mower shed are for recycling. Rubbish should either be taken home or deposited in the big red skip bin near the school field.

Pool keys are still available at the school office if you would like one, the cost is \$30, \$10 back when key returned.

## Pahiatua Swimming Club

Will commence at the Tararua College pool on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5.00pm onwards until approx end of March.

Bucket 1 - 5.00 to 5.30pm

Bucket 2, 3 & 4 - 5.30pm to 6.00pm

Junior & Senior Squads - 6.00pm to 7.00pm

If you are new to the club or are unsure what Bucket you will be in, please arrive at 4.30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> to be assessed.

\$30.00 per swimmer for the season.

## Parent/Grandparent Helpers

We really appreciate helpers – sometimes teachers are looking for additional support in the classrooms, other times it's great to have an extra pair of hands in the office area. Please let us know by contacting Donna in the office if you are able to help out – once a week, once a month or just occasional days, we'd love to see you.

## Dannevirke Sports Club Cricket – 2016 NOTE TO SCHOOLS

Dannevirke Cricket starts again this Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Upper Domain starting at 5.15 pm. All welcome.

**New Cricket Competition** is commencing on Saturday mornings at the Upper Domain starting from 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30 am. All welcome, come along and have a game. See you all there.



## 2016 Bush Grass Roots Athletics "A fun introduction to athletics" 3.30pm Tuesdays during Term One

First session Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm at Bush Multisport grounds.

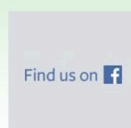
No cancellations—wet sessions inside Stadium Pahiatua.

Ages 3 years to 10 years welcome.

- Cost = \$10 per child
- No uniform required
- Season will run until the end of term one

"Volunteer help required—please contact Kelly—athletics experience not necessary"

Register via BMS Office, BMS Park Facebook page or with Rita at Property Brokers





# Welcome Back BBQ



When: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Where: Kumeroa Hopelands School

Come and celebrate the beginning a new school year with us. The BBQ will be available for cooking. Please bring any meat that you wish to cook on the BBQ, and any other food to enjoy for dinner.

Note: To make things easier, please just cater for your own family.

Teachers welcome you into their classroom at 5.30pm to briefly talk about what's in store for 2016. Please note this isn't an opportunity to talk specifically about your child. If you do wish to do this, please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

The pool will be open for all to enjoy and we are hoping to have some 'lifeguards' on duty while you meet with your child's teacher. At the conclusion of the class visits, if your child wants to continue to swim it will be your responsibility to supervise them

Feel free to invite other families that may be interested in hearing about our fabulous school.

## See you there!

