

NEWSLETTER



Teamwork at the carpentry table and unloading the new pizza oven kit.

Week 10, Term 1, 2017.

Tēnā koutou,

When you look back at all the fantastic learning that we have covered in Term 1, it's not difficult to believe that it is week 10 already. However, the time has definitely flown by.

I would like to welcome Violet Gray, who turned 5 on Sunday, to Kumeroa-Hopelands School. We are sure that you will love learning and GROWing with us, Violet. With a number of 4 year olds enrolled to join us it looks like our roll will grow steadily, reaching the mid 50s by the end of the year. Having more than 50 students on our roll makes a big difference, as it means the Ministry of Education will fund us to employ another teacher.

I am looking forward to our Information, Communication and Technology evening on Tuesday 11 April at 7pm here at school. Come along to hear about how your child uses a device in class, how you can help them at home, BYOD and how you can make the most of SeeSaw, the online digital portfolio. Hamish Blyth is going to join us to talk about virus software and how you can get the most out of the devices you have at home. Please come prepared with any questions that you might have around ICT at home or at school.

We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you and setting their next steps at our Learning Conferences early in Term 2. Please mark in your diaries Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 May. More details will follow shortly about how you can book a slot online with your child's teacher.

Have a fantastic week!

Ngā mihi nui,

Simon

Could we please have all portfolios back to school.

School Calendar

Apr 10 - EPro 8
Challenge Year 7 & 8
5.00pm

Apr 11 - EPro 8
Challenge Year 5 & 6
9.30am

Apr 12 - Technology
Yr 7/8

Apr 13

- Community
Assembly 2.00pm

- Term 1 ends

May 1 - Term 2
begins

A full school calendar is available online at:

[http://
kumeroa.school.nz](http://kumeroa.school.nz)

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.

Community Assembly

Please join us next Thursday 13 April from 2pm across at the Kumeroa Hall for our Community Assembly. There will be performances from the finalists from our student run Kumeroa-Hopelands Has Got Talent competition, a school wide performance of two waiata that we have been learning, as well as much more!

GROW

This week we are thinking about 'Next Steps' in regards to our learning, which is part of being Open to Lifelong Learning.

Congratulations to:

- * Thomas Goodwin who received the Principal's Award for week 9.
- * Lucy Allomes, Hannah Fountaine and Kana McGrath who received GROW awards for week 9.
- * Kumeroa house who were our winners for week 9.

Agri Kids

Three teams comprising of William, Alex M, Lily, Lucy, Leiana, Kaiden, Jorja, Hannah and Tara competed on Saturday in Waipukurau.

Some of the activities involved testing milk, making a bridle, construct a beehive, an Ag quiz, building a gate, naming farm machinery and tools, naming crops and identify meat cuts on particular animals along with matching a sauce to it.

SeeSaw

Today you will have received a log in code for SeeSaw. There are instructions on how you can download the SeeSaw app to both Android and Apple devices and then step by step instructions on how to access your child's work. Please remember that one of the keys to any type of portfolio being successful is the feedback you provide to your child. If you have any issues or are unsure about how to access the app or your child's work we will be providing support during our ICT evening next Tuesday.

A note from Ms Audier

Today my 19 year old son came to me and shared how an experience he had as a young child playing in his sandpit had helped him solve a tricky problem at work. This involved removing dirt from a 2m deep hole and 600mm wide. When he was about 10 he worked out that he could use a rope tied one end to the hut, and the other to a bucket dropped into the hole. He used a long spade to shift dirt into the bucket and then pulley it up. Using this childhood problem solving skill he was able to have the holes ready before the concrete truck arrived on site. Just another example of the benefits of activity based learning.

Building Update

Currently the contract for the building work is out for tender and the plan is that construction will begin in Week 3 of Term 2. I am really excited that the light is at the end of the tunnel and that work commencing isn't too far away. I would like to thank you all for your understanding and patience around the new building. It will be more than worth the wait once it has been completed and we are enjoying our awesome new learning spaces.

Sports Results**Touch Rugby**

KHS U9's played Pahiatua and lost 4-2
KHS U13's played Pahiatua 1 and got smashed

Motorcross

Lily and Alex went to a kids trail ride in Dannevirke on Sunday.

Manawatu Cricket Prize-giving

William attended the Fitzherbert Park in Palmerston North on Sunday for prize-giving. William received a participation certificate.

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

Bus Evacuation Training

On Friday we had Constable Max come to visit us to run through bus safety and explain what to do in an emergency. Due to the fact that we often use the school buses to transport students to and from events, the whole school heard these important messages. Have a chat to your child about what they would do in an emergency on a bus.

Community Newsletter

We will be putting together a Community Newsletter in week 11. If you have something you would like included in the newsletter please have your information into the school office by Tuesday 11th April.

EPro8 Challenge

With less than a week to go until the EPro8 challenges, I know Years 5,6,7 and 8 are getting very excited. A reminder that the Year 7 and 8 competition is held on Monday 10 April at Dannevirke South School, starting at 5pm. The Year 5 and 6 competition will be held on Tuesday 11 April from 9:30am. For more information visit <http://www.epro8challenge.co.nz/>



From our buddy class at Stanley Ave School in the Waikato.
We had to work together to do the postcard puzzle



Wet day lunchtime activities

Fundraising

The school have been offered a fundraising opportunity to cater a morning tea for 70 people the first Wednesday after the school holidays. It would be great if you could chip in for this fundraiser, by way of baking, or if you don't have the time, a \$5 donation as we will need to buy some things, ie. Savouries, bread.

In the next day or two, can you please email Donna at the school office, whether you would prefer to bake or make a donation. For those who offer to bake, I will be in touch to give you an idea of what we need.

Many thanks

Nicky Ellingham

