

NEWSLETTER



Week 4, Term 4, 2017.

Tēnā koutou,

Congratulations to all those who participated in our school Pet Day this year. What a fabulous day, even the few showers at the beginning of the day didn't put you off! It is always heart-warming to see so many well cared for pets, your dedication and commitment to their well-being is evident through their appearance and relationship you have with them. Your creative talents also shone through in the many other activities on display. This year we added the challenge of a theme, Agriculture/ Horticulture, and wow, did you deliver!

Thank you to Nicky Allomes and her William Pike team for providing a sausage sizzle for our lunch, and also to all of you who enjoyed the sausages and supported our raffles.

Last Friday we were fortunate to have Kerri from Dannevirke and Districts Home Budgeting Service come and tell us about the importance of money, especially saving. Kerri shared a story about the first item she had bought with her 'saved' money. Many of our students were able to relate to her dilemma of standing in a store and not being quite sure of how to spend that treasured cash. What made it even more meaningful is that she brought her wee toy in with her, as it still holds significant value decades on. As you can imagine, this touched many of our young people.

The new learning spaces are becoming ever so close to 'move in' day. We'll send out a message when we have a confirmed date for 'all hands on deck'.

Ngā mihi nui,
Claire

School Calendar

9 Nov - Bush Ag Day

15 Nov - Small Schools Athletics [Postponement day 17 Nov]

TBC - The big shift working bee

20/21 Nov - William Pike camp Yr 7/8

22 Nov - Technology Yr 7/8

27 Nov - BoT Meeting 6.30pm

1 Dec - Bush Athletics

6 Dec - Technology Yr 7/8

8 Dec - KH School Production

11 Dec - School trip to Wai Splash

12 Dec - Year 8 Leavers' Dinner

14 Dec - KHS Prizegiving

15 Dec - Term 4 ends 12.00pm

TBC - Grand Opening

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>



BoT News

The Board of Trustees is pleased to introduce and welcome Caroline Transom to Kumeroa-Hopelands School, as our new Principal. Caroline comes to us from Newbury School in the Manawatu (the school that Simon Marshall has gone to), and has 15 years of teaching experience. Caroline is passionate about teaching. She is currently a team leader overseeing four teachers, and is completing her Masters Thesis in Parent/Teacher relationships. She has a passion for rural schools and agriculture, and will fit right into the community and culture we have here. Miss Transom will begin her role as Principal at the beginning of Term 1 2018.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Claire Audier, who is our acting Principal for this term. She is doing a great job keeping things going as we rush towards the end of the year, especially keeping the pressure on to get our new building completed.

Next year is going to be great! We have an awesome team of teachers and staff, great kids and parents and we will have our brand new classrooms, all freshly painted and ready for the start of the new year.

Watch this space for an announcement about the official opening of our new place, at the start of Term One, next year.

Congratulations to:

- * Tim Cresswell received the Principal's Award for week 3.
- * Kaiden Ball, Alex McLeod & Van Matthews who received GROW awards for week 3.
- * Hopelands house who were our winners for week 3.



End of Year Production

We are looking for helpers to assist in the construction of props for this years production. Students will be working on these creations between 1.45 - 2.45pm Mon-Thu and Friday 11.30 - 1pm. If you can spare an afternoon or two, we would certainly appreciate your assistance. Thank you.

Woodville Christmas Parade Float

We are looking for some parent help to organise a float for the Christmas Parade, please let us know if you would be interested in organising this?

Outdoor Hockey

Can you please let the us know if your child/children would like to play outdoor hockey on Wednesday in Term 1 next year? We need to know if we will have enough players to enter a team. Please see your email for more information.

REMEMBER TO - Return your small schools athletics transport form.