

NEWSLETTER



Week 11, Term 3, 2012.

Kia ora koutou,

Education has been in the news over the past week with the publication of 2011 National Standards achievement data in the School Report on www.stuff.co.nz. If you have taken the time to have look at this site you may have noticed that there is no data from our school.

The achievement data for the site was obtained under the Official Information Act by Fairfax Media. Our BOT was not comfortable submitting our school's data due to a number of reasons mostly centering around the privacy of our students.

In small rural schools achievement data is hard to keep anonymous as year, gender and ethnic groups are reported on separately. Anyone who knows our school and families would be able to identify individual students, a situation we believe is unsatisfactory.

The BOT and staff believe that any data on student achievement lacks value unless the context of the school and learning is taken into account and discussed openly. This takes place at our monthly BOT meetings and I am also available to discuss our achievement further at any time.

Our school's National Standards data will be published by the Ministry of Education on September 28. Let's hope that it is put into context and is sensitive to the privacy of students at small rural schools.

Ngā mihi nui, Nick.

Calendar

September 27

Bush Year 7/8 Social

September 28

Community Assembly @ 12pm

Last Day of Term 3

October 15

First Day of Term 4

October 16

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

October 18

Technology Yr 7/8

October 19

Te Kids

October 22

Labour Day

October 24

Art Intensive

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

SCHOOL NOTICES

Thanks: LOUD Shirt Day

We raised \$60 for the two independent charities dedicated to enabling deaf children with cochlear implant or hearing aids to listen and speak like their hearing peers. Awesome!! Thanks to the Student Council for their organisation.

Community Assembly & Shared Lunch

We will be finishing the term with a community assembly in the Kumeroa Hall this Friday @ 12pm. This is an opportunity to celebrate some of the learning that has taken place over the term.

Please bring a plate and join us for a shared lunch after the assembly.

Remember that even though there is a shared lunch, it is still a good idea to pack a light lunch for your child/children to ensure they have had enough to eat.

The assembly will start at 12:00pm followed by the shared lunch at 1:00pm. We always need a bit of help getting the lunch organised so if you are able to lend a hand that would be awesome!

BOT: School Uniform and Religious Education Consultation

This consultation process was integrated into the August Community Consultation meetings to provide a quick snapshot of two commonly discussed and questioned areas of school. Attendees at these meetings were asked to indicate yes or no as to whether they support religious education or a school uniform.

The results were as follows:

	School Uniform	%	Religious Education	%
Yes	15	50%	24	80%
No	14	47%	5	17%
Undecided /don't mind	1	3%	1	5%
Total	30	100%	30	100%

As a result the BOT have taken the following actions:

- Due to the 50/50 split of the school uniform result, the school is not in a position to make any clear decision on whether to pursue a school uniform or not. As such, the community will be consulted again in 2015 and any appropriate action taken as a result of that process.
- The feedback from the school community is clearly in favour of continuing to provide a religious education programme at KHS. Therefore the current programme will be maintained.

The full consultation report can be found on our school website.

Reporting to Parents Consultation

The summary report of this process was presented to the BOT at the last meeting.

In a quick summary:

- High levels of satisfaction with the mid-year report
- Student portfolios have mixed levels of satisfaction with work required in the regularity they come home throughout the year
- Parent/teacher conferences have mostly high levels of satisfaction with the

exception being the length and timing of the sessions.

- Across all areas of reporting to parents, further discussion and understanding is required regarding student involvement in the reporting process.

The full consultation report can be found on our school website.

Reminder Year 7/8 Social

Thursday 27th September 2012

Stadium Pahiatua

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Cost: \$2 and bring a plate for supper.

This is an event for our Year 7 and Year 8 students only. We ask that there are no college students, older or younger siblings who attend. Parents are asked to pick them up at the end of the evening. Make sure students bring plenty of water to drink. There will be supper.

Hot Lunches

This week is the last week for hot lunches.

Fundraising with Chocolate

Money collected for chocolate sales can be given to Mel in the office to pass onto Nadine. Please ensure it's named clearly.

Cake Decoration Competition

The Cake Decoration Competition at Pet Day will be happening again this year! Details to come in Week 1 of Term 4.

KHS Fundraising Group Pet Day Raffle

It is that time of year again for our annual pet Day Raffle!

Tomorrow your child/children will bring home a ticket sheet with 20 tickets for you to sell.

It would be great if all families were able to sell at least 20 tickets.

First prize is a grocery hamper, second prize a Christmas hamper, plus other prizes.

We would like every family to donate a grocery item for the grocery hamper and Christmas item for the Christmas hamper.

Thanking you in advance.

Any enquiries phone Sandra Cannon 376 5218

Canteen Day-Student Council

The Student Council are holding an event for CANTEEN on Friday the 28th (last day of term 3).

We will be selling Bandanas, Wristbands and Key rings and all the money we raise will go to the Canteen trust for children with Cancer.

Prices

Bandanas-\$4.00

Key rings-\$2.00

Wristbands-\$2.00

We will be selling on Thursday the 27th and Friday the 28th
NO MONEY NO PRODUCT!!!

Newsletter Checklist. I have...

✓ Double checked there are no school sports shirts or jackets at home!

✓ Checked Civil Defence Emergency List & notified Mel of any changes.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

K/H Playgroup Fundraiser

We are selling Kiwi Clings - reusable stickers that cling to smooth shiny surfaces such as glass, laminated surfaces, whiteboards and whiteware. Over 50 fun designs, Christmas decorations and educational sets. For catalogues/order forms phone Haley Worthington 376 5331 or 021 114 6245.

Kumeroa Hopelands Tennis Club AGM

Wednesday 26th September, Kumeroa Hall, 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. Any enquires to Derm Ph 376 5889.

Hyline Pullets (Hens) for sale.

The Hyline breed is a great egg laying hen.

Phone Rachel Cannon (Ray & Sandra) 376 5218.

A little bit from the BOT

This is some information about the different roles/portfolios of the Board of Trustees.

BUS this is all about our buses, making sure they are up to date with all safety and legal requirements, organising WOF, COF, and services etc. Also working with our bus drivers and controller (Principal) on bus runs & times. Currently this portfolio is held by Ben Allomes.

PROPERTY this is looking after our 2 rental properties (each of the school houses) and the buildings of our school, organising tenants, repairs & maintenance. Also keeping up with Ministry of Education legal requirements. This portfolio is currently held by Ian Taylor.

PERSONNEL this is all about staff. Interviewing, hiring, contracts and agreements etc. Working with the Principal on any staff issues that arise and keeping up on employment agreement legal changes. This portfolio is currently held by Zena Beasley.

FINANCE a yearly budget is developed by the Board, is lodged with the Ministry, and covers all costs associated with running the school and the buses. We monitor the costs monthly, and make changes as required. This portfolio is currently held by Steff Cresswell.

HEALTH & SAFETY this is about keeping our whole school up to date with safety issues, playground hazards, health department requirements for drinking water etc. This portfolio is currently empty & will be filled at our next monthly meeting.

STAFF REP the staff representative is chosen by the staff themselves & gives an employee's thoughts & perspective during decisions & discussions. Currently Jacqui Frost is covering for Erica Leggett while she is on leave.

PRINCIPAL the school principal is always on the Board of Trustees to give the overall perspective from the teaching and learning side of things and to keep the rest of the BOT informed about how the school as a whole is going. The principal is the equivalent of the CEO of a company and is responsible for the day to day management of all areas of the school.

Zena Beasley, Board Chair

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BUSH Athletics 4 Week Run/Walk Challenge

Time to shape up for summer, ideal for the whole family!

Week 1 – Mon 8th Oct 2kms

Week 2 – Mon 15th Oct 3kms

Week 3 – Mon 22nd Oct 4kms

Week 4 – Mon 29th Oct 5kms

Course will be well signed around town near Bush Sports Park.

Register at Bush Sports Park from 5.30pm, run/walk starts 6.00pm.

SPOTS PRIZES!

\$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family

BUSH Athletics 2012/2013 Season

Registration Day Monday, 15th October

2012 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Inside Stadium Pahiatua

Start Date for Club Night is Mon 5th
November 2012

5.00pm at Bush Sports Park, Huxley
Street, Pahiatua

Junior Fee \$10.00 (3 yrs to 6 yrs) age as at 31/12/12 (6 week programme).

Senior Fee \$25.00 (7 yrs to 13 yrs) age as at 31/12/12 (12 week programme).

NZAA fees \$22.00 per athlete is optional, see Rita for more details.

T-Shirt \$5.00 (Juniors); Singlet \$10.00 (Seniors). Supply your own black shorts/tights.

NB: Uniforms purchased after the 12th Nov will be at full cost of \$31.00 singlets, \$19.00 T-shirts.

Enquiries to Rita 3766712 or Louise 3766969.

AGM Kumeroa Sheep Dog Trial Club

AGM for the KSDTC is to be held on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm.

Please note this meeting is being held in the Kumeroa Hall as the power has been turned off at the clubrooms.

Apologies to A Poulton

tas@inspire.net.nz or 3765599

Everyone welcome.

Riding For Disabled Fundraiser

Ladies Night Out!

At Vero's Cocktail Bar, Club Hotel, Main Street, Pahiatua

On 6th October At 7pm

Prenzels, La Reve, Avon, Nutrimetics, Tupperware

Spot prizes, DJ (Awesome Sounds)

\$20 entry

Contact Steff Cresswell

Kumeroa Hopelands School Education Trust Working Bee

When: 10.00am 30th September

Where: Opposite Angus Brown's Cowshed

What to bring: Chainsaws large and small, woodsplitter, flatdeck ute for moving wood and

WILLING HANDS TO LOAD AND UNLOAD SPLIT WOOD

There is much wood to split and move, so it would be great if we could keep a team of 6-8 persons on the go for the day.

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All funds raised are for the direct and indirect benefit of the School.

Tea and scones provided.

Mel Parsons: The Tour

Mel Parsons' Tour was born out of a dream and desire to provide rural audiences a chance to have a truly unique night out with their neighbours. Drawing on the close network of farming communities, actresses Amelia Guild and Emma Newborn are joined by acclaimed singer/songwriter Mel Parsons to bring theatre, music and comedy to the heart of the country.

21ST OCTOBER FROM 6PM

Balfour Farm Woolshed

Pahiatua School PSCA providing the catering.

Keep this date free, after a blindingly successful South Island tour, the girls are heading north. Amelia, Emma & Mel are bringing their unique show to the Balfour Farm woolshed.

The Regent Pahiatua

"KIWI FLYER" will open at The Regent Pahiatua on Friday 28th September and screen throughout the upcoming school holidays.

Kiwi Flyer is a story that comes from the heart of being a Kiwi. At its core are ideas that inspire all New Zealanders- the No 8 fence-wire, Kiwi-can-do attitude. Rated G, this gem of a film is guaranteed to enthrall and entertain families

throughout New Zealand these school holidays.

The director of Kiwi Flyer, **Tony Simpson**, will embark on a two week road-trip around New Zealand to promote the film and he will be visiting The Regent in Pahiatua on the morning of **Tuesday 2nd October**. Tony is touring with the Kiwi Flyer caravan complete with the Kiwi Flyer trolley in tow and will be at The Regent for a short presentation and Q&A session before the movie at a special **10.15am screening**.

**Pukaha
Mount Bruce**

School Holiday Programme
for
October

1st , 3rd, 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th

Join our holiday programme,
have some fun in the forest and learn
about caring for our wildlife

be a Pukaha Ranger for the day
From 11am - 3pm

\$20 per child
* Lunch included

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
(06) - 375 8761