

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Welcome!

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the first edition of the Kumeroa-Hopelands Community Newsletter, proudly brought to you by Kumeroa-Hopelands School.

This edition is designed to introduce you to some of the key groups operating within the community, what they do and how to get in touch with them for any further information.

Further editions will include more news and stories from around the local area. If you have an event or any news you would like included in future editions, please forward the information to the school office.

I would also encourage you to visit the school's web site or facebook page for regular updates on school news and events. Details for accessing these are below.

Kumeroa-Hopelands School is a great place for learning and community involvement. We celebrate our rural identity and blend it with future-focused learning. If you are interested discussing what this may look like for your children, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Ngā mihi nui,

Nick Rate

Principal, Kumeroa-Hopelands School

School web site: <http://kumeroa.school.nz>

School facebook: <http://facebook.com/kumeroahopelands>

Community Calendar

November 26

Kumeroa-Hopelands
Educational Trust Meeting

November 30

Bush Primary School Athletics

December 1

Kumeroa-Hopelands School
Working Bee

December 7

Dairy Women's Network

December 13

Kumeroa-Hopelands School
Prizegiving

February 23

AgriKids regional finals,
Woodville

March 15 & 16

Kumeroa Sheep Dog Trials

April 20

Annual KHSFG Ball

Kumeroa-Hopelands Playgroup

The Kumeroa-Hopelands Playgroup aims to provide a place for parents and children to meet on a regular basis. We aim to provide a range of educational activities to foster children's learning and development and a chance for parents to get to know each other.

We meet once a week on a Wednesday morning during school term time from 9:30am-12pm. All are welcome!

Find us at the Kumeroa Hall, next to Kumeroa-Hopelands School on Township Road

Contact Phone Numbers:

- Donna Timmins: Ph 376 4663
- Zoe Kuriger: Ph 376 4810
- Ruth Pinfold: Ph 376 5568

Kumeroa Domain Board

The Domain Board is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and administration of the Kumeroa Hall, St Andrew's Church and the surrounding Domain land.

The Kumeroa Hall is a wonderful, community facility used extensively by Kumeroa-Hopelands School, the Kumeroa-Hopelands Playgroup and the Kumeroa Tennis Club. It is used for community social gatherings, private functions, community meetings and also available to be hired by clubs and persons from surrounding districts.

Services in St Andrew's church are usually conducted by the local vicar from the Anglican Church in Woodville, Rosie McMillan. It is, however, available to be booked by any denomination.

To book the hall or St Andrew's church contact Annie Poulton 376 5599 or email tas@inspire.net.nz

The Domain Board is run by a committee, ably lead by the current chairman, Ian Fountaine. Meetings are held approximately 4 times a year, but more frequently as required. We are currently overseeing the re painting of the hall so watch out for a smart, freshly painted building in the not too distant future. A disclaimer on the



Congratulations to Eleanor from Kumeroa-Hopelands School - Supreme Champion Calf at the Pahiatua Primary School Agricultural Day.

colour scheme...if you don't like it you can blame the colour consultant!

Kumeroa Sheep Dog Trial Club

After the eventful and very successful celebration of the clubs centenary this year, next year's trial will be a lot lower key. The dates for our 2013 trial are March 15/16th.

Following our recent AGM the officers for the upcoming year are:

- President: Geoff Smith
- Secretary: Tim Poulton
- Treasurer: Annie Poulton

If you would like to help out over the trial, either in the kitchen or on one of the courses, contact Geoff on 376 5721.

Outsiders were amazed at the level of community support we had at this year's trial and to encourage and also thank everyone's involvement, we will host a sponsored BBQ for families with games for the children on the Friday afternoon of next year's trial.

Kumeroa–Hopelands School Education Trust

Twenty years ago members of the newly formed Board of Trustees of Kumeroa School saw the need for an organisation separate from the school to act as an independent repository for funds raised from the sale of cattle raised locally and strainer posts cut from trees on the property of KR Perry on Cemetery Road. These funds were to be managed for the purposes of educational and sporting projects in the district.

At this inaugural meeting of The Kumeroa School Educational Trust held in April 1992 Messers K Stevenson, P and C Johns, L Luke, I Fountaine and D Last agreed to move \$1434.80 into an independent account. From this point the Trust has received income from Land Rentals, sales of redwood and pine timber, and sales of firewood, mostly from gum trees planted by the school along Kumeroa Road.

Four years after the merger of Kumeroa and Hopelands schools in 1994 the name was changed to incorporate Hopelands School and a new governance structure created. Equal numbers of representatives from both the Board of Trustees and the community now make up the Trust Board of the Kumeroa-Hopelands School Education Trust.

Funds raised from interest and the sale of firewood have been used by the school for school trips, purchasing books for end of year presentation and recently a cash injection of \$8000 into the school current account. In 2011 the Trust assumed financial responsibility for the running of the school swimming pool that technically belongs to the community.

Good attendances from the entire school community at firewood working bees will make it that much easier to recharge our capital reserves.



David Last, Nick Perry and Carron Perry from the Kumeroa–Hopelands School Education Trust.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held 7:30pm 26th November at the school.

Kumeroa-Hopelands School Fundraising Group

Every parent, guardian or caregiver of a child at Kumeroa-Hopelands School is automatically a member of the Fundraising Group. We have a small executive team and we meet up once a term. Our purpose is to provide financial assistance to support the school in acquiring the equipment and services that will benefit all students and their experience at school.

Some examples of the fundraiser's we have had this year are:

- The Gorge-ous Ball in February
- A Food and Beverage Stall at the Hurricane's vs Crusader's Rugby
- Possum Hunt and Gala plus a number of other smaller fundraiser's throughout the year.

We could not have achieved the success of our past fundraisers without the much needed support of the many people that offered their time to help out where they could, and we are always needing people to provide whatever help

AgriKids Regional Finals

The East Coast AgriKids Regional Finals are being held in Woodville on the 23rd of February, 2013. More info can be found on the web site <http://www.agrikidsnz.co.nz> or by contacting Bexx Brown on 376 5364.



An invitation from the Dairy Women's Network

Gourmet Pizza & Wine Tastings @ Junction Wines, State Highway 2, Takapau. Friday 7th December, 7pm.

John & Jo Ashworth are our hosts for a fun evening of Gourmet Pizza's matched with their Award Winning Wines!

\$25 per person for Gourmet Pizza & Dessert, the tastings are FREE.

Junction Wines has been described as unique and quirky, and they were recently named as finalists in the Hawkes Bay Cellar Door of the Year challenge. Junction Wines is a relaxed and informal place perfect for a fun end of year gathering!

Charlotte Heald (Hawkes Bay Convenor, Dairy Women's Network. Ph 027 4898049)



or support they can to keep KHSFG achieving our goals.

Next year we look forward to providing the only food and beverage stall for Young Farmers and AgriKids finals at the Woodville Rugby grounds on the 23rd of February 2013. Plus, the KHS Ball will be held on the 20th of April 2013, so it will be a busy, yet exciting start to the year.

We will be needing as much help as possible to make these event's a success. If you are able to help, please get in touch with the members listed below or the Kumeroa-Hopelands School office.

Here are a list of the current executive:

- Chairperson: Clint Worthington 06 376 5347 clint.haley@vodafone.co.nz
- Treasurer: Nadine Williamson 06 376 4348 csnbwilliamson@slingshot.co.nz
- Secretary: Shannon Watson 06 376 5832 sdwatson_26@hotmail.com



Well done Sophie from Kumeroa-Hopelands School - Champion Lamb at the Dannevirke Lamb and Calf Club.

Kumeroa-Hopelands School Working Bee

Saturday December 1st from 8:30am.

Help required for a range of jobs both inside and out. Phone the school office on 376 4542 for more information!



Congratulations to Courtney from Kumeroa-Hopelands School who was runner up in the Tararua Young Cyclist of the Year competition.