

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to 2013!

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the first edition of the Kumeroa-Hopelands Community Newsletter for 2013, proudly brought to you by Kumeroa-Hopelands School.

In this edition we celebrate some of the events from last year and look forward to what 2013 brings for the community and school.

Kumeroa-Hopelands School is a great environment for student learning and community involvement where we celebrate our rural identity and blend it with future-focused learning.

If you are interested in 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

The Kumeroa Hopelands Playgroup

The Kumeroa Hopelands Playgroup had lots of fun in Term 4, activities included painting, playdough, puzzles, decorating and planting pots, messy play and obstacle course, and Crafty Christmas with REAP. We also had an excursion to Fantasy Cave in Dannevirke and a yummy lunch at The Regent Cafe. We ended the year with a Christmas Party and a visit from Santa which everyone enjoyed.

Kumeroa Hopelands Playgroup meet at the hall next to Kumeroa-Hopelands School every Wednesday morning during the school term from 9:30am-12:00pm. All pre-schoolers and their parents/caregivers are welcome to come along.

For further information please call Donna 3764663.



Community Calendar

January 28

Term 1 commenced @ KHS

February 1

Optimist Yachting

February 6

Waitangi Day

February 7

BUSH Schools Cricket Festival

February 12

KHS BOT Meeting

February 23

AgriKids Regional Finals, Woodville

February 26

BUSH Schools Triathlon

March 15 & 16

Kumeroa Sheep Dog Trials

April 20

Annual KHSFG Ball



K-H School Web Site

Kumeroa-Hopelands School Fundraising Group

We hope that everybody had a wonderful holiday period!

2013 is going to be off to a busy start, with the organising of the catering for the Young Farmer's and AgriKid's finals at the Woodville Rugby grounds on the 23rd of February.

Also coming up is the Kumeroa-Hopelands' School Ball which will be held on the 20th of April.

Both of these events are going to be great fundraisers for our school, so we will need as much help as possible to make these events a success.

If you are able to help with anything please get in touch with the member's listed below, or the Kumeroa-Hopeland's School office.

- Chairperson: Clint Worthington 06 376 5347
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- Treasurer: Nadine Williamson 06 376 4348
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- Secretary: Shannon Watson 06 376 5832
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Kumeroa Hopelands School - 2012 Highlights

2012 was a positive year for Kumeroa-Hopelands School.

Looking back there have been some great successes. These include but are in no way limited to:

- Parent and community involvement in all of our events.
- Successful Optimist yachting for our senior students
- Bush Schools tennis championship winner
- Hosting the Small Schools Cross Country event resulting in multiple Bush and Small Schools cross country winners and places
- Hugely successful school triathlon involving all students
- Great learning through our technology based CO₂ Whizz Car unit
- A 2nd and 3rd place in the Tararua Young Cyclist Competition
- A huge number of ribbons, reserve champions, champions at local lamb and calf and ag days
- Aggregate Rose Bowl cup winners from Pahiatua Lamb and Calf day
- Authentic learning through our Primary Enterprise Programme Market Day
- A range of great results at athletics with champions in high jump, shot put, sprints and long jump
- Winning the Tararua iMove competition
- Our end-of-year achievement data showing our students are getting better at reading, writing and maths with improved results across the board!



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 Rebecca Brown on 376 5364.

Kumeroa Sheep Dog Trial Club

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

The officers for the 2013 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.



Kumeroa Hopelands School - What's in store for 2013?

This year sees no changes to our staffing with everyone returning to the school for another year. This is great news for our students enabling them to maintain effective learning relationships with all teachers and staff.

However, new and exciting changes have been made in our Charter where the strategic direction of the school has been updated and is reflected in the following four strategic goals:

1. To provide the best possible learning opportunities for all students.
2. To celebrate and enhance our rural identity.
3. To ensure the long term sustainability of the school.
4. To govern the school effectively.

These are positive changes and a fantastic set of goals to take our school forward in 2013, making it an exciting place to be - focused first and foremost on improving outcomes for our students.

Kumeroa-Hopelands School Board of Trustees Elections

The triennial BOT elections take place this year at the end of May. Have you considered standing? Parents of the school and community members are eligible to be on the Board which governs all school operations. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Nick on 376 4542 or any of the current BOT members at bot@kumeroa.school.nz

The new Charter also includes a new set of values to be incorporated into all aspects of school life. These aspirational values describe the attributes of the Kumeroa Kid, a local community inspired character possessing the desired attributes of a Year 8 school leaver.

The Kumeroa Kid:

- **Relates to others** in a range of situations demonstrating empathy, cooperation and collaboration
- Is **proud** of who they are, how they act, their learning and the environment
- Is **reflective** and thinks critically about their learning
- Is **reliable**, responsible, uses their initiative and self-manages
- Is **motivated** to learn and actively participates in all situations

House for Rent in Kumeroa

4 bedroom house, next door to Kumeroa-Hopelands School with college bus at gate, single garage, pets ok, \$130pw. Playground and swimming pool on your doorstep! Phone Ian 376 5559 or Zena 376 5292.



Kumeroa-Hopelands School

Do you want your primary aged children to excel in a friendly rural environment with a strong community focus?

Only 12km from Woodville, **KUMEROA-HOPELANDS SCHOOL**, is now accepting enrolments for children in years 1 to 8 for the 2013 school year.

Former pupils of Kumeroa-Hopelands School go on to excel at secondary and tertiary education as well as a wide range of cultural and sporting events.

Contact the Principal, Nick Rate, to discuss your child's needs and to visit our successful, vibrant school.

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