

NEWSLETTER



KHS under 9 touch team in action last Friday.

Week 5, Term 1, 2013.

Kia ora koutou,

This coming Monday is our first teacher only day for the year (the second is scheduled for June 27 next term). The staff will be spending the day visiting two schools in Palmerston North. The purpose of these visits is for our staff to see quality teaching and learning in place as a whole group. This enables us to collaboratively reflect on what we have seen and how this fits into the beliefs and vision we have for our learners at KHS.

The first school we will be visiting is Terrace End where we will be focusing on a strategy called the Daily Five.

This is the explicit teaching and practicing of behaviours that positively influence a student's level of reading proficiency. This then transfers to raised student achievement in both literacy and numeracy.

The second school we are visiting is Russell Street with a focus on literacy programmes and elearning. This high performing school has a number of exciting initiatives including digital classrooms, a school band and eportfolios.

I look forward to sharing the outcomes of these visits with you in future newsletters.

Finally I would encourage you to book in your parent/teacher/student conference time if you have not already done so. Details on how to do this are over the page.

Learning is a partnership between school and home and these conferences provide a great platform for discussion and goal setting.

Ngā mihi nui, Nick.

School Calendar

March 1

Small School Swimming

March 4

Teacher only day - school closed.

March 5 & 6

3 way conferences

March 6

Bush Triathlon

March 6

Firewood Working Bee

March 7

Year 7/8 Technology

March 8

BUSH Swimming

March 11

Book Fair starts

March 12

Art Intensive

March 14

Bush Tennis

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

SCHOOL NOTICES

Small School Swimming Sports

Please find attached the transportation arrangements for Friday. If you are helping out with the transportation of students please make contact with them to arrange pick up and drop off.

I look forward to seeing all students wearing their sports uniforms and *proudly* representing our school!

ICAS Test

Please find attached a letter and permission slip (Year 4-8 students only) regarding the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). These are an optional series of assessment administered through the school for Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Maths, Spelling, English and Maths.

If you are interested in your child participating in these assessments, please return the attached form along with the registration fee.

If you have any further questions please get in touch with Nick.

Last reminder - Australian Maths Competition

This year's AMC is taking place on Thursday 1st August. The competition is open to any children from Years 4-8. If you are interested in your child participating in this event please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and send it to school along with the \$7.50 registration fee.

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FIREWOOD WORKING BEE

Wednesday March 6

From 6pm

At the felled gum trees, Kumeroa Road, opposite the Brown's.

Bring your boots, gloves, ear muffs and a trailer or ute if you want to buy some wood on the night!

Supporting these working bees directly supports our learners:

- ✓ Prizegiving books for every child
- ✓ Optimist Yachting
- ✓ Maintaining the swimming pool

Reminder: Emergency Supplies

Please send sufficient food to school (named) that we are able to store, to feed your children for a day in the case of an emergency. Thanks.

3 Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

These are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday the 5th and 6th of March.

Conference times are available from **3:30pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday the 5th** (staff will also have a dinner break during this time) and from **3:30pm to 5:30pm on Wednesday the 6th.**

Conference times will be for a duration of 15 minutes maximum. If further discussion is required a separate meeting time can be made with the classroom teacher.

The **preferred** and **best way** for you to book a time is to complete an online form which can be found here: <http://goo.gl/2b98B>

If you do not have access to the web at home, please phone the office and we can complete the form over the phone. Make sure you know these details:

Preferred day...

- Tuesday or Wednesday

...and preferred time frame:

- 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm (Tuesday only)

Confirmation of times will be sent home later this week.

Touch Results

- Under 13+ vs. Pahiatua 2: Won 3-2
- Under 11s vs. Pahiatua Spurs: Drew 1-1
- Under 9s vs. Pahiatua Flyers: Won 3-2

Touch Draw for Friday March 1

- Under 13+ vs. Woodville Peckers: 4.50pm, Field 3.
- Under 11s vs. Toki 2: 4.25pm, Field 4.
- Under 9s vs. St Anthony's 5: 4.00pm, Field 3A.

Tararua College Girls U16 Netball are fundraising every Friday night at Touch for the Australian Southern Skies Tournament. Sausages are \$2.00 each, small drinks \$1.00 and cans \$2.00.

Firewood For Sale

Is your wood shed looking a bit empty??

The Kumeroa-Hopelands School Education Trust has gum firewood for sale. \$220 for approximately 3m³ or fill your own trailer/ute for a negotiated price.

Give Nick or Carron a call on 376 4624 to get your winter warmth sorted!

Scholastic Book Club

Please return your orders with payment to school by 8 March. Cheques to be made payable to Scholastic New Zealand. Remember to let Mel know if you're ordering books for presents!

KHS Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee will be having its AGM tomorrow night at 6.30pm in the school library. The first meeting for the year will then follow the AGM. Any questions or thoughts, call Clint on 376 5331.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

House for Rent in Kumeroa

4 bedroom house, next door to school & college bus at gate, single garage, pets ok, \$130pw. Playground and swimming pool on your doorstep! Phone Nick 376 4542, Ian 376 5559 or Zena 376 5292.

Newsletter Checklist. I have...

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| ✓ Booked parent/teacher conference | ✓ Returned Scholastic Book orders & money. |
| ✓ Sent in named emergency supplies | ✓ Returned AMC and/or ICAS registration & fee. |

Free Movie Screening

When you cycle to the cinema on Saturday March 2, 2013. The Regent Theatre Pahiatua, 11am. Movie: "The Hobbit: An Unexpected journey"
Contact Sport Tararua to register for your FREE ticket! (06) 374 4136. Spaces are limited!

iPad Training

Got a new ipad and struggling to use it? Tararua REAP are holding a one hour session on 'getting to know your ipad' - Wednesday 13th March, 7pm. For more details or to register, phone 374 6565.

Dannevirke Sports Club Football Registration Days

9th March, 10am - 12pm

16th March, 10am - 12pm

Dannevirke Sports Club

For any enquiries please contact the Dannevirke Sports Club on dannevirkesportsclub@gmail.com or phone 06 374 6478.

Girl Guide Biscuits 2013

If you would like to buy some, please let Jessie know by Monday 4th March.

Ph. 376 6173

Email. craigandnicky@farmside.co.nz

Plain = \$3.50 per packet (\$52.50 for a box)

Chocolate = \$3.50 per packet (\$63.00 for a box)

Mini's = \$3.50 (\$56.00 for a box)

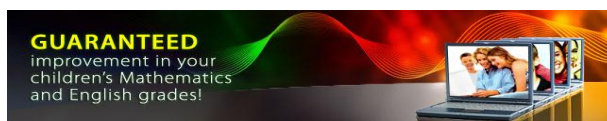
Wanted Please

60-100 plastic drums from farmers e.g. drums that have had teat spray in them. Phone Kathy on 376 4172.

The Growing Minds Fund

This is an initiative from Hatuma Dicalcic Phosphate Ltd and was established to help New Zealand's rural primary schools like ours nurture our children into fantastic young adults.

When a farmer places an order for Hatuma Dicalcic Phosphate, they'll contribute 20 cents to the rural primary school of the farmer's choice. So to all you farmers out there - don't forget to nominate Kumeroa-Hopelands School when making your purchase, which will help to benefit our students, thanks!

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Australian Maths Competition

Yes! I would like my child to participate in the AMC on August 1. I have enclosed \$7.50 for the registration fee.

Student name/s: _____