

NEWSLETTER



Optimist yachting in Napier.

Week 2, Term 1, 2013.

Kia ora koutou,

I am pleased to welcome Stone-Teira Smith to Kumeroa-Hopelands who started in the Kea class this week.

Congratulations also to Brett, Jackie and Thomas Mead who welcomed Lilly to their family on January 18. We look forward to seeing Lilly at school in 5 years time!

There is plenty to look forward to at KHS for our younger students with activities like the seniors annual Optimist yachting trip which took place last week. The fantastic weather made for a great day on the water. The students were well prepared with their No. 8 and bowline knots - a special thanks to Mr Wagener for his guidance there! A huge thanks also to the parents who provided transportation and supervision on the day - we couldn't have done it without you.

Ngā mihi nui, Nick.

Teacher Only Day

There is a teacher only day scheduled for **Monday March 4**. School will be closed for the day. Staff will be visiting a number of other schools to look at best practice in teaching multilevel classrooms, the teaching of writing and use of e-learning.

BOT Meeting

The next BOT meeting is taking place on Tuesday February 12 @ 6:30pm in the school library - all welcome!

School Calendar

February 12

KHS BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm

February 14

Meet the Teacher Evening

February 20

KHS Triathlon

February 21

Year 7/8 Technology

February 23

AgriKids Regional Finals, Woodville

February 26

BUSH Schools Triathlon

March 1

Small School Swimming

March 4

Teacher only day - school closed.

March 8

BUSH Swimming

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Sports Uniforms

Staff have reviewed the current system for managing the use of school jackets and shirts. Attached to this newsletter is a new **School Sports Uniform Agreement**.

Why the change? The ongoing issuing, returning, chasing up, washing, folding re-hanging etc of uniforms falls upon our teachers and teacher aides. It takes time away from teaching and learning which is the core business of our school!

We would appreciate your cooperation as we roll out this system. It will streamline the process, bring accountability to the user of the uniforms and provide a robust tracking system to ensure the uniforms are here to stay for many more years.

If you have any queries regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact Nick.

Meet the Teacher Evening

On Thursday the 14th of February at 6:00pm we are holding a meet the teacher evening at school. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to hear and discuss the classroom programme and expectations for the year.

- 6:00pm: Welcome from the Principal
- 6:05pm: Individual meetings with teachers in their classrooms
- 6:30pm: Tea & coffee

Child care will be provided for students in the library.

Please note this is **not** an opportunity to discuss individual children with the teacher. If you wish to do this, please make a separate appointment.

School Camp Consultation

We are seeking your input into the future make-up of school camps at Kumeroa-Hopelands School.

Please point your mouse at:

<http://goo.gl/FV4Ez>

Contact, Emergency Contact and Medical Details

Attached to last week's newsletter was a print out of each student's contact details, emergency contacts and any medical conditions.

Once checked and/or updated, please send the sheet back to the school office - even if all details are correct.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Changes to Bus System

The changes outlined in last week's newsletter will commence on Monday, Feb 11. A separate notice will be sent to those affected by the change. If you don't get a notice, it is business as usual for you.

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.

Brain Food

Brain food is a healthy snack eaten during class time refueling and energising

students to better focus on their learning.

Suitable foods include:

- water to drink
- fresh and dried fruit
- vegetables
- unsalted nuts, seeds & popcorn

Each class will develop a process for eating brain food which best suits their class programme. While having brain food is not compulsory, please consider preparing a healthy snack specifically suited to this purpose in your child's lunch box.

Swimming

In line with our Sun Smart procedures, we ask that rash tops or old t-shirts are sent to school along with the swimming togs and towel. Students are in the water long enough to burn and these extra items will ensure sun safety for all. Thank you.

KHS Triathlon

On Wednesday February 20 we are holding our annual triathlon with all students involved in the run/bike/swim event. A separate notice will be sent out next week regarding the details of this event.

Until then here are a few reminders for the day:

- Bikes will need to be at school by 9am in time for the bike check.
- Please take the time to check bikes over before they are sent to school as safety is a top priority.
- If you need to arrange for someone else to pick up and drop off a bike to school please get that organised as soon as possible. If you are able to help others out please let the school office know.
- Helmets for the bike leg will need to be worn.

We require parents to marshal and help out on the day. Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter if you can help!

Yummy Stickers

Please find a Yummy sticker sheet attached to this newsletter. Please stick on any Yummy Stickers that you may have around at home as you eat your summer fruits and return to school when full. Don't forget you can also use the 'cut out' labels from the 2kg bags of 'Yummy' apples too!

Touch Rugby

Touch starts up on Friday Feb 15. \$6 per student for the season. Please complete the form below and hand back to school **tomorrow** if you are interested.

Newsletter Checklist. I have...

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| ✓ Returned my checked and updated contact details. | ✓ Returned the Sports Uniform Agreement. |
| ✓ Returned the school Triathlon request for help. | ✓ Returned Touch form. |
| | ✓ Returned 2013 Trip Permission Slip |

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 Ian 376 5559 or Zena 376 5292.

Free Ear Wax and Hearing Check

Book your appointment for a free check at Eketahuna Health Centre, Wednesday 13th Feb 2013, from 10am - 3pm. Phone Eketahuna Health Centre 06 375 8188. Any questions please phone Masterton Bay Audiology - 06 378 2732.

Kill the Speed, Not the Child!

As schools go back, Rural Women New Zealand would like to remind rural school communities of the 20km/h speed limit in both directions when passing a school bus that has stopped to let pupils on or off the bus. In the 23 years from 1987, 23 children were killed in NZ when crossing the road to or from school buses, 47 were

seriously injured and 92 received minor injuries.

If drivers observed the 20km/h speed limit, these lives would have been saved. Please slow down.

Bush Athletics

Club night resumes for 2013 on Monday 11th February. This is for 7 years and up, as the 3 to 6 yr olds finished prior to Christmas. For any further information contact Rita Petaera on 376 6712.

House For Sale in Kumeroa

Stunning house for sale in Domain Road - 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, with 2 acres of land. Close to school & college bus at gate. For a detailed description and photos please go to the following link on:

<http://www.trademe.co.nz/property/lifestyle-property/auction-546196386.htm>

Or call 021 252 3263 for more information.

Touch Rugby

Yes! I want to play touch rugby starting Friday Feb 15. \$6 per student for the season.

Name: _____	Under 7	Under 9	Under 11	Under 13+
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I can coach/manage a team. Name: _____

School Triathlon

Yes! I am able to help out during the school's triathlon on Wednesday February 20.

Name: _____