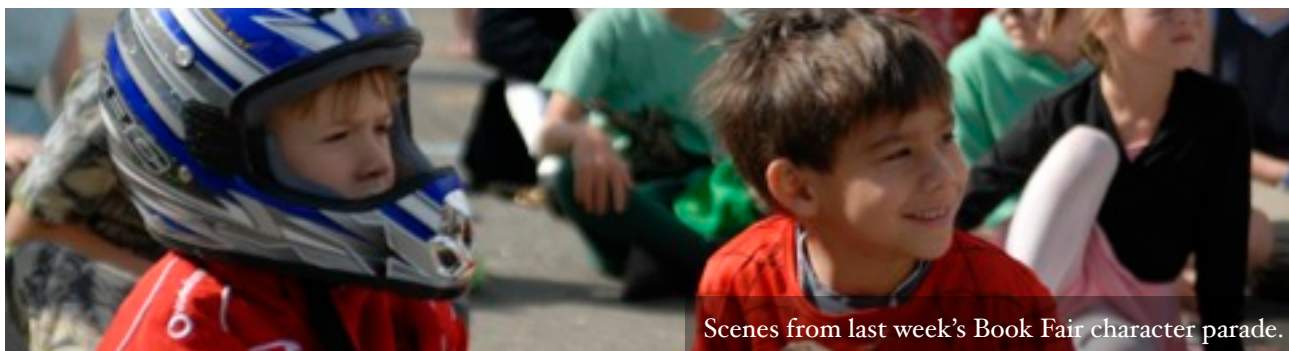


NEWSLETTER



Scenes from last week's Book Fair character parade.

Week 8, Term 1, 2013.

Kia ora koutou,

I am really pleased to let you know that our newly developed school charter has been received and approved by the Ministry. They described it as a "high quality" document clearly supporting our school's aspirations and plans. It is great to know that the efforts we all put in through our consultation process last year have resulted in this recognition.

If you haven't read our Charter, take a look - it is on our school's web site:

<http://goo.gl/Bu4Na>

More good news also regarding the Novopay education payroll system which has been in the media again this week. The announcement of a compensation package for schools is a positive step recognising the problems there have been for administering pay.

Finally ERO have visited this week and the board received a synthesis of their findings yesterday afternoon. While the final report will not be available for another 8 weeks, the discussions yesterday were very positive and reinforced the school is in a very good position. We will send home copies of the report as soon as it is available.

Ngā mihi nui, Nick.

School Calendar

March 27

Vaccinations HPV/dTap Yr 7/8s

Weetbix Triathlon

March 29

Good Friday - School Closed

April 1

Easter Monday - School Closed

April 2

Easter Tuesday - School Closed

April 11

Year 7/8 Technology

April 16

BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

April 19

Community Assembly @ 12pm

Last Day of Term 1

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

SCHOOL NOTICES

Digital Citizenship Student Use Agreement

Last week the BOT approved a new Digital Citizenship Procedure. This replaces any references to the former CyberSafety and Internet Use documentation. It is supported by both a student and staff Acceptable Use Agreement.

Why the change? The previous documentation was developed when technology was very different from today. Now there is a huge range of devices available to support learning and access the web. The way that these devices are being used to learn, share and communicate has significantly changed.

Current research shows that there are 9 elements which breakdown what it means to be a successful digital citizen and cyber safety is only one of these. You can read more about that here: <http://goo.gl/sVxtT>

The new procedure and agreements acknowledge this and instead of going into 'lockdown' mode, provide a foundation of understanding and responsible use of technology.

The agreement by itself will not create successful digital citizens. It is through the ongoing reinforcement and modeling of these behaviours that our students will develop these understandings.

I trust that you will join us in forming a strong partnership in this important learning area. Any questions are welcomed!

Situations Vacant: Board of Trustees Minutes Secretary

Our current Board secretary, Andrea Beagley, has decided to step down from the role due to her increasing work commitments.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank Andrea for the years of work put into her position on the Board and her professionalism while undertaking this role.

Ideally our new secretary will attend the April meeting alongside Andrea before taking over the role in May. This will continue with the newly elected or reelected board from June. This is a paid position.

If you are interested in this position and you have excellent organisation, communication and word processing skills, please email a letter of application to Nick: principal@kumeroa.school.nz

Indoor Hockey - Last Chance to Register!

It's that time of the year again for the Friday night indoor hockey competition to start. The 1st game will be Friday 10th May (1st week of term 2) and will run through until Friday 12th July. Subs are \$10 per player.

Registrations need to be in to school by Friday 22nd March. Please fill in the form below and send back to school if your child is interested.

Book Fair Week

Last week was a great success, thank you to everyone involved! We raised \$267.15 for the school from book sales which will go towards purchasing new books for the library. Well done!

Touch Results

- Under 13+ vs. Pahiatua: Lost 7-0
- Under 11s vs. Pahiatua Chasers: Lost 6-0
- Under 9s vs. Pahiatua Flames: Lost 2-0

Touch Draw for Friday March 15

- Under 13+ vs. Pahiatua 1: 4.50pm, Field 1
- Under 11s vs. Woodville Wanderers: 4.25pm, Field 1
- Under 9s vs. Woodville All Stars (U7): 4.00pm, Field 2A

Touch Rugby Coach Required!

The Killer Penguins Under 13's touch rugby team need a new coach for this year.

If you're able to coach us please contact Stone, Liam B, Oliver or Mr Wagener.

COMMUNITY NOTICES**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://goo.gl/OXAby>

Or call 021 252 3263 for more information.

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!

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.

Wanted Please

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

Pahiatua Swimming Club**Prizegiving**

Thursday, 28th March - 6pm at Pahiatua School Hall. Please bring a plate for a shared supper.

TelstraClear Intelligent Rewards

Help Kumeroa-Hopelands School get the stuff we need with TelstraClear and Intelligent Rewards.

Newsletter Checklist. I have...

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| ✓ Sent in named emergency supplies | ✓ Returned Hockey registration form |
| ✓ Discussed, signed and returned Digital Citizenship Agreement | |

It's FREE and an easy way to support our school.

You can either phone TelstraClear on **0508 011 737** and quote Intelligent Rewards OR complete the **online form at the following link:**

<http://goo.gl/NexsI>

Thanks for your support!

West End School 100 Years Old

West End School will celebrate its centenary on Friday and Saturday 5/6th April for past staff, pupils and parents who may be interested in attending.

Details and registration forms are available from the school website – www.westend.school.nz. It's mainly the Friday night and Saturday night 'get togethers' that there is a cost for.

Everyone is invited at no cost to the open day on Saturday April 6th from 9.30am-1.30pm . Activities include – Powhiri at 9.30am (meet outside school on Botanical Road), visit classroom (children will be at school like a usual school day), decade photos, time capsule, signing of attendees on Canvas, cultural items.

Gorgeous Ball

Saturday 20th April from 7pm

Woodville Race Course

Tickets are \$40

Band is Flip (who played last year)

Supper Provided

Bar and EFTPOS available

The Organisers would appreciate help to sell tickets – so talk to your friends, neighbours, work colleagues etc, get a group together and come along for a great night out!

Tickets are available from Clint Worthington (376 5331) and Nicky Allomes (376 5799) – numbers are limited so be in quick!

Indoor Hockey

Yes! I'd like to play Indoor Hockey for the season. Subs are \$10 per player. Please return this form, with money, to school by Friday 22nd March.

Student Name: _____ Under 7/Under 9/Under 11/Under 13

Student Name: _____ Under 7/Under 9/Under 11/Under 13

Played Hockey before? Yes / No Parent Signature: _____

I can coach/manage a team. Name: _____