

NEWSLETTER



Scenes from our Book Fair character parade.

Week 9, Term 1, 2013.

Kia ora koutou,

Last week I was lucky enough to escort Bradley to Take Note in Pahiatua where he had the privilege of selecting \$300 of books for our school library. These new books will be on the shelves soon for our students to enjoy and further develop a love of books and reading. Thanks Bradley!

Also new in the library are four colourful and funky bean bags courtesy of the Student Council. These bags are part of the council's desire to fundraise for the library to make it a better place to learn and enjoy. I look forward to see what future fundraising efforts enhance this space further! Congratulations to Liam Blatchford for being one of four boys chosen from the Bush Primary School Rugby team to train with the Manawatu Turbos Training Squad on Sunday mornings at the Manawatu Arena. This is the second time he has been chosen. Keep up the training Liam!

Lastly, today a number of our students are taking part in the Weetbix TRYathlon at Ongley Park in Palmerston North. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing how much they enjoyed the experience.

Ngā mihi nui, Nick.



School Calendar

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 at 6.30pm

April 17

Vision/Hearing Testing at 1pm

April 19

Community Assembly at 12pm

Portfolios Home

Last Day of Term 1

April 20

Gorge-ous Ball

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

SCHOOL NOTICES

Digital Citizenship Student Use Agreement

Last week every student was provided with a Digital Citizenship Student Use Agreement.

We require the completed agreements to be discussed, signed and sent back to school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or have misplaced your form, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Vision & Hearing Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians are visiting school on Wednesday 17th of April @ 1pm.

Children to be screened during this visit are:

- New Entrants who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check

Situations Vacant: Board of Trustees Minutes Secretary

A reminder that 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

- Year 7 Students
 - distance vision for all Students
 - colour vision for boys
- A Number of Year 8 Students
 - re-screening/follow-ups from the previous year
 - those who have previously not been screened as a year 7
- Children who have no previous screening record.

If your child is included in this list above and you do **not** wish for your child to be

A BIT FROM THE BOT

At the end of last year we took part in a series of training sessions to further develop our understanding of what it means to be a trustee. All of us have found that what we learnt and discussed in our training has been really useful in our roles as governors of the school.

As a result of the training we have developed a new review schedule for policies, procedures, monitoring student achievement and for how we work as a board. The review schedule ensures that we are always asking questions such as; What has worked and what hasn't? What can we (the board) do to help? What is the impact on student learning? How do we know?

We continue to be very focussed on providing the support and opportunities the teaching staff need to raise student achievement particularly in reading, writing and maths.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 16, 6:30pm in the library. These are public meetings and you are welcome to come along to find out more about school operation.

checked, could you please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Touch Results

- Under 13+ vs. Pahiatua: Lost 12-0
- Under 11s vs. Woodville Wanderers: Won 7-3
- Under 9s vs. Woodville All Stars: Won 9-8

Touch Draw for Friday March 29

No touch this week - Easter Friday!

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 or Ian 376 5559.

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.

Pahiatua Swimming Club Prizegiving

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

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!

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.

Cleaner Required

Once a week for house cleaning - basic housework (approx. 2 hours). Rate negotiable. Contact Bexx Brown 376 5364.

Craft Workshops for Adults

Pahiatua Marae Hall

Riccarton Rd, Pahiatua

Tuesday 2nd April 11am - 1pm

Topics on offer include: sewing, flax weaving, spinning, knitting, crochet, cooking, mosaic, card making, and more.

Cost: gold coin donation (there maybe a small cost for materials).

To register your interest and for further details contact Fay 376 6893.

Newsletter Checklist. I have...

✓ Sent in named emergency supplies

✓ Discussed, signed and returned Digital Citizenship Agreement

Rathkeale College Information Evening

North Wairarapa

- Gain an insight into evaluating any secondary school for your son
- Hear an overview of what Rathkeale has to offer
- Discover the advantages of boarding schools for boys
- Talk to current students about their experiences at Rathkeale

Wednesday April 10, 7:00pm

C/- Mr and Mrs Hewitt, Balfour Farm

82135 SH2, Pahiatua

Phone the school office for more information: 06 370 0175

www.rathkeale.school.nz

It's My Turn To Cook Tonight Bosch School Holiday Program

This program runs from April 22 - 24. It is FREE, ONLINE, FUN and unique with great prizes. It is available ANYWHERE there is Internet coverage. This means no travelling, no pick ups or drop offs – kids get food savvy and learn to cook in their own home, using their food, cooking their dinner. Find out more www.itsmyturntocooktonight.com



Kumeroa-Hopelands School

Presents

The Gorge-ous Ball

Saturday 20th April from 7pm

Woodville Race Course

Tickets are \$40 (R18), Formal Dress

Band is Flip (who played last year)

Supper Provided

Full Bar and EFTPOS available

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

Tickets are available from Kumeroa-Hopelands School Office, For Frock's Sake, Tararua Wine & Spirits, Clint Worthington (376 5331) and Nicky Allomes (376 5799) – numbers are limited so be in quick!