

# NEWSLETTER



Tui students practicing their Peer Mediation skills.

## Week 10, Term 1, 2013.

Kia ora koutou,

The term is winding up quickly with only 7 more school days before the end of term is upon us. Please join us for our Community Assembly on the last day of term which will be followed by a shared lunch. This is a great opportunity to see our students sharing their learning and to catch up with other school community members. This term we have had a big focus on our new school values which will continue to be an active part of all learning at KHS.

We are hoping to extend the Kumeroa Kid Values into a character - but we need your help! We know what the Kumeroa Kid stands for but what would they look like? What would they be wearing? What would they be doing? What would they be carrying? Would they be realistic or conceptual?

What about our school motto? Currently we do not have one. What do you think is a short, catchy but meaningful phrase that captures what we stand for as a school? Some suggestions so far have been:

- Growing great learners.
- Together we learn, grow and achieve.
- Enjoy life, learning and success.
- Knowledge empowers us.
- Learn it, love it, live it!

All ideas and suggestions are welcome. You don't need to be able to draw either! I look forward to your input.

Ngā mihi nui, Nick.

### School Calendar

#### **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 (followed by shared lunch)

Portfolios Home

Last Day of Term 1

#### **April 20**

Gorge-ous Ball

#### **May 6**

First day of Term 2

#### **May 9**

Year 7/8 Technology

#### **May 13**

iMove starts

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### What can you offer? - Term 2 Electives Programme

Next term we would love to introduce an elective programme for all students at school. This would involve students opting in to participate in one of a wide range of activities made available to them.

There are many reasons why we want to introduce a programme such as this.

These include:

- Utilising strengths from within our staff and community.
- Catering to interests and passions of our students (and staff and parents!).
- Providing opportunities to learn something new that wouldn't normally be part of our curriculum.
- Small group numbers for a more personalised and targeted programme.

**We want you to be a part of this programme! Do you have a passion? Do you have a talent? Would you love to engage students through your interests?**

Here are some examples, but the sky is the limit!

- music/instruments/choir
- cooking/baking
- dance/drama/performance
- sports/running/biking
- science/technology
- designing/building
- computers/programming
- movie/animation
- painting/sculpture/art
- crafts/knitting/scrapbooking

Still interested? Great! Your commitment would be for one afternoon a week (1:45-3:00pm) for the duration of Term 2.

Students would opt into your elective and stay with you for the whole term, allowing you to build on prior experiences and learning.

**Any questions?** Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Nick.

**Keen?** Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter or email/phone Nick.

### Toys at School

A reminder that toys should not be brought to school unless specifically asked for by a teacher to support classroom learning. The school will take all care but no responsibility for any damaged or lost toys that do make it to school. The easiest thing is to keep them all at home! Thanks for your cooperation.

### Digital Citizenship Student Use Agreement

Thank you to those families who have returned the Digital Citizenship Student Use Agreement.

#### 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](mailto:principal@kumeroa.school.nz)

All outstanding agreements need 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
- 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 checked, could you please inform the school office as soon as possible.

### **Touch Results**

- Under 13+ vs. Woodville Peckers: Lost 4-3

### **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 3m<sup>3</sup> 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!

- Under 11s vs. St Anthony's: Won 3-2
- Under 9s vs. Woodville All Stars (U7): Won 6-5

Congratulations to the Under 11s for making it into their final - good luck for this week!

### **Touch Draw for Friday 12 April (Finals and Prizegiving)**

- Under 9s vs. Pahiatua Flyers, 4.00pm, Field 2B

Junior Prizegiving is at 4.30pm on the grass in front of the Stadium lounge deck.

- Under 11s vs. Pahiatua Chasers, 4.45pm, Field 1
- Under 13+ vs. Toki 2 (U11), 4.45pm, Field 4

The final round of games this week is at 5.15pm and the Senior Prizegiving will follow this.

### **Newsletter Checklist. I have...**

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| ✓ Sent in named emergency supplies                                      | ✓ Discussed, signed and returned Digital Citizenship Agreement |
| ✓ Returned the Electives form if you can support our students next term |  |

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Pool Keys

Swimming season has now come to an end!  
For all of you who have pool keys, can you please return them to school. \$10 will be refunded for keys returned.

### For You Gardeners Out There...

Need horse manure?  
Contact Carole or Dave, phone 376 5825.

### Bush Junior Rugby

First practice for 2013 - Thursday, 18th April 2013, 4pm at the Bush Stadium.  
Those still wanting to play but have not registered can still sign up on the 18th.  
\$30.00 per player, \$75.00 for a family of 3.  
Phone Duncan Elliott 376-6727 or Jody Hewitt 376-6641 for any queries.

### Junior Squash 2013

Squash for juniors is available at Tararua Squash Club (at the Stadium, Pahiatua) every Tuesday evening for all of Terms 2 and 3. Each session involves some skills coaching and some games of squash.

Introductory evening (Week One of Term Two):

Primary - Tuesday 7th May 5 pm – 6 pm

Secondary - Tuesday 7th May 6 pm – 7 pm

Turn up and try squash for the first two weeks for free. Racquets are available if you do not have your own.

If you have any questions, please ring:  
Peter Arnott (coach) 06-212-6633  
Terry Powell 376-7272

### 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!

### Term 2 Electives Programme

Yes! I would love to run an elective in Term 2 for our students!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Elective: \_\_\_\_\_

Resources/materials required: \_\_\_\_\_