

NEWSLETTER



Week 1, Term 2, 2013.

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to the second term of the year. I trust you had some quality time with your children and family over the holiday break. It is great to see the students back at school and ready to learn!

This term the learning continues on from the work we did around the school values last term. In a way we are growing this learning so that it goes beyond the individual student and into the whole school. We are asking the students; ***“How can we make Kumeroa-Hopelands School a better place?”*** We are aiming for the students to initiate a range of projects that they direct in order to enhance our school. This has huge potential for some really authentic and student led learning! Can't wait!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jacqui Frost who has recently become a fully registered teacher. This is an important stage in a teachers' career as they move from being a beginning teacher to full registration. Well done Jacqui, your hard work over the last two years has paid off!

Ngā mihi nui, Nick.

Final call for school motto ideas!

We are aiming to finalise these ideas next week. If you have had any thoughts about what you believe a great motto would be, please send these to Nick asap!

Thanks!

School Calendar

May 9

Year 7/8 Technology

May 13

iMove Starts

May 14

BOT Meeting at 6.30pm

May 16

BOT Elections - Nominations Close 12pm

May 21

ICAS Computer Skills

May 23

Year 7/8 Technology

May 27

Teacher Only Day

May 30

BOT Election Day - voting closes 12pm

Year 5/6 Maths Quiz

June 3

Queens Birthday

A full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Sores

The health nurse has informed us that impetigo is doing the rounds again. It is often called “school sores” because it is common in school children and it spreads amongst them quite easily.

Impetigo is caused by bacteria. These bacteria can live on the skin, in the throat or nose, or on other parts of the body without causing a problem but sometimes they start to cause an infection such as impetigo.

For more information go to: <http://www.kidshealth.org.nz/impetigo-school-sores> or seek advice from your health professional.

Hot Lunches

This year we are aiming to promote healthy eating habits as well as reducing the impact on student learning in Kea. As such, we are limiting how much hot food can be brought to school.

Classes will have an allotted day for bringing hot lunches as follows:

- Tuesday: Kea
- Wednesday: Tui
- Thursday: Fantails

We will trial this system and review it in June.

Please remember that hot lunches must be wrapped in tin foil and clearly named with a permanent marker. Noodles or food requiring to be microwaved is not suitable.



iBike 4 Kids

iBike4Kids is up and running again for 2013. Last year kids on bikes took over the Esplanade, with approximately 350 children pedaling around the bush and river tracks participating in the inaugural iBike 4 Kids event. The event is an off-road cycling event aimed at children up to 15 years of age.

Schools with the most kids will receive Sports Vouchers to the value of \$500!!!

1. The school with the highest number of kids entered.
2. The school with the greatest percentage of kids entered.

Come on KHS, can we do it?

For more information and to enter the event, go to:

<http://www.ibike4kids.co.nz/>

Colgate Carton Race

The Colgate Carton race is a competition for schools where they can win prizes online simply by collecting Colgate Cartons. The more Colgate Cartons we collect the more prizes we can win.

Each Colgate brand toothpaste carton counts as one carton.

So come on Kumeroa-Hopelands School and Community!! Raid your bathroom cabinets, ask your friends, family, uncles, aunts, grandparents to buy Colgate in your groceries, collect them and send them in to school!

The Colgate Carton Race collection closes on the 11:59:59pm 17 June 2013. For more information, see the website: <http://colgatecartonrace.co.nz/>

Term 2 Electives Programme

Information will be coming home later this week regarding the elective programme. We would like you to discuss this with your children and help them to select the most appropriate option.



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!

BOT Elections

The Board of Trustee Elections process has begun! Nominations are now being received so get yours in asap. The timetable for elections is as follows:

- 16th May - Nominations close at noon
- 21st May - Voting papers distributed
- 30th May - Election Day - Voting closes at noon
- 5th June - Votes are counted and results declared
- 6th June - Board takes Office

Contact the Returning Officer, Mel Parker on 376 5500, if you have any queries about the eligibility criteria for becoming a trustee or any questions about the election process.

Sandpit Toys Wanted

Do you have any old sandpit toys your children no longer use, that are in good condition, that you'd like to donate to the school?

How about any novaflow or downpipe cut-offs or similar for making tunnels in the sandpit?

If so, we'd greatly appreciate them, thanks!

Newsletter Checklist. I have...

✓ Submitted Nomination Form for BOT Elections if interested

✓ Discussed, signed and returned Digital Citizenship Agreement

Digital Citizenship Student Use Agreement

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

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.

Netball Draw for Thursday 9 May

- Country Mixed vs Woodville Warriors, 4.30pm Court 1
- Kumeroa Fernettes vs Pahiatua SK, 3.40pm Court 3

Indoor Hockey Draw For Friday 10 May

- KHS 1 vs Woodville Seniors, 4.20pm Court 1
- KHS 2 vs Pahiatua Silver Sticks, 5.20pm Court 2

Scholastic Book Club

The latest flyers are now out. Please return your orders with payment to school by 31 May. Cheques to be made payable to Scholastic New Zealand. Remember to let Mel know if ordering for presents!

COMMUNITY NOTICES**Pool Keys**

Please return pool keys to school in order to get your \$10 refund. Thanks.

Pinecones For Sale

\$5.00 per bag. Nice and dry, great for starting the fire. Delivery is possible, please just ask. Contact Heather on 06 376-6091. Fundraiser for the Tararua College Under 16 Netball team travelling to Australia, July 2013.

Aerobics

Jane Tylee Aerobics. Thursday 7pm at Stadium. Cost \$7. All levels of fitness.

**Kumeroa-Hopelands School
Board of Trustees Election**

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 16th May 2013 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll, and a list of candidates' names as they come to hand, can be viewed at the school during normal school hours.

Voting closes at noon on 30th May 2013.

Mel Parker
Returning Officer