

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Rural Education

Kia ora koutou,

I have recently been reading of the work being done by the Rural Education Reference Group (RERG). This is a collaborative group of organisations with an interest in rural education. Their vision for rural education in New Zealand includes;

- rural education being an integral part of each rural community and household.

- an enriched education that is appropriate to learners circumstances, responsive of their needs and supportive of their communities.

This group recognises that rural communities are the backbone of New Zealand's national identity and our economy. It was heartening to read that "a robust and vibrant rural education system is a critical investment in the future of New Zealand's rural communities, and therefore in New Zealand's future". (STANews July 2015)

I feel very privileged to have been involved in the Kumeroa Hopelands School community for almost two years. Although my time here is coming to an end I have learnt an enormous amount about the rural sector and in particular, rural education. I have met many wonderful people in our community and beyond who are passionate about, and dedicated to, rural schools and rural education.

The most significant learning for me has been the deep understanding of the role the community plays in the life of the school and the role the school plays in the life of the community – the two are inextricably intertwined. As reported in the STANews July 2015, "local knowledge is a critical factor in meeting local needs effectively ...". Kumeroa Hopelands School enjoys a wonderful connection to 'local knowledge' resulting in learning experiences that are meaningful for our children.

Thanks to a dedicated community and passionate staff, Kumeroa Hopelands School is a fantastic place to learn and GROW, and is a wonderful example of strong, quality rural education.

Nga mihi nui, Julia Bevin, Principal

Wetland Visit

On Wednesday last week we visited Dale Percy and Deirdre Power on their farm out at Kohinui. Dale and Deirdre have been working hard for several years to develop a wetland area and to regenerate the native bush area on the farm. The purpose of our visit was to ignite students thinking about the role of native plants in our environment and ecosystem.



School Calendar

Aug 20 - Technology

Aug 21 - Bush Volleyball Year 6-8

Aug 25 - KHS Fundraising Group Meeting- 7pm

Aug 28 -Community Assembly

Sept 3 - Technology

Sept 7 - Photos

Sept 14 - BOT meeting 6:30pm

Sept 17 - Technology

Sept 24 - Bush Formal Dance-Year 7 & 8

Sept 25 - Kapa Haka Festival
- Last day of school

Oct 12 - Term 4 starts

Oct 15 - Year 7/8 Technology

Oct 26 - Labour Day

Full school calendar is available online at:

<http://kumeroa.school.nz>

Virtue:

Our virtue for week 5 is creativity. "[Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way.](#)" [Edward de Bono](#)

Congratulations

Congratulations to:

* Jack Allomes who received the Principal's award for week 4.

* Marc Manley, Thomas Fountaine and Leiana Rivers who are able to co-operate.

* We had a three way tie for our house winners for week 4.

New Principal

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce the appointment of Mr Simon Marshall as Principal, starting at the beginning of Term 4.

Simon is particularly interested in our agri curriculum, and modern learning approach and is passionate about mathematics, science and sport. He is excited about starting his first Principal role.

Simon and his wife Lisa, and young family live in Palmerston North, where Simon is currently a team leader at Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School. He will travel over every day, and is looking forward to being a part of our community.

Farewell

Our school community has recently farewelled the Perry family. Nic and Carron have a long association with the school, they have been heavily involved in the life of the school both while their children were students and more recently as members of the Kumeroa Hopelands School Education Trust. Thank you both for the time and commitment you have shown to our school and community.

Nic has done a fantastic job maintaining and servicing the pool for many summers – thank you Nic for ensuring this wonderful resource is in top condition. The students, parents and staff of Kumeroa Hopelands School will miss you both and we wish you the very best.

Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent movie fundraiser to help the three Canterbury sisters who lost their family in a house fire – we raised over \$60 for the girls, great effort for our small school. Many thanks to the Ball family for encouraging us to hold this event.

Movement for Learning

Kim has now established a Movement for Learning blog which can be found here <http://kumeroapmp.blogspot.co.nz/>

Kim will make regular posts about what is happening in the programme as well as keeping us up to date with research and information.

School Office Attended Hours

Standard office hours will be 8am - 12ish, Monday to **Thursday**.

Please try and advise queries, absences, bus changes etc during these hours.

The best way to contact the school after these hours is to email Julia on

principal@kumeroa.school.nz or if unable to email, please call 3764542.

Pet Day

Our school Pet Day will be held on November 9th. Categories are calves, lambs, dogs and other pets. Details about the other events to enter will come home closer to the time. Please note that lambs and calves must be born AFTER AUGUST 1st.

Pre-schoolers and home-schoolers are welcome to join us for this event.

Bush Districts Boys & Girls Agricultural Club

The Agricultural Group Day will be held on Thursday 12th November. For more information please see emailed newsletter.

School Photos

On Monday September 7th we will have school photos from 1:30pm. Envelopes will be sent out shortly to order if you would like portraits of your children.

Smart Steps Program

Starting today K/H School will be running a toddler/preschool movement program in conjunction with K/H Playgroup.

This will run every Wednesday at 11:30-12noon in the Kumeroa Hall. Come along and check us out.

Yummy Apple Stickers

Please make sure you send all your Yummy Apple stickers and cut outs to school so we can collect points for new sports gear. If anyone would like extra sheets please contact the office.

Empty Colgate Products Please

Please send all empty colgate packaging and products to school this week.

Blogs

Please remember to visit our learning blogs – see what we've been doing and provide some feedback! mathmindskhs.blogspot.co.nz and <http://kearoomkhs.blogspot.co.nz/>

Netball Uniforms

Can we please have all netball skirts returned asap. Thanks.

Agri- Curriculum

How many students can go home at the end of the day and say that they learnt how to mix and lay concrete? Well that is exactly what three of our students did earlier this term under the guidance of Ms Audier.



Hannah Fountaine, Tara Taylor and Lucy Allomes are members of the group planning and building a pizza oven and of course there needed to be a concrete slab laid first. Well done girls!

Our recent working bee has enabled us to get our first apple tree planted. This will be an espalier apple tree and the students will learn a lot about how to grow fruit this way – they got the idea after visiting Mr and Mrs Candy at Ruffitt Lodge.

The ground work for the greenhouse has been completed – soon we hope to begin building the walls. Our vege garden has a variety of crops planted and we have lemon and feijoa trees planted.

We are very grateful the World Wildlife Fund who have accepted our grant application to enable us to purchase gardening tools and supplies.

Thank you to everyone who supports our projects; the bottles you collect, the donations of various materials and your time is very much appreciated.

Worm Wees for Sale
It's back at Kumeroa Hopelands School. The fertiliser is back and it's great for your garden!

1 bottle for \$2.00
3 bottles for \$5.00
4 bottles for \$ 6.00
5 bottles for \$9.00

Straw Wanted

Here at Kumeroa-Hopelands school the pizza oven and chickens are after straw. Please if you have any we would appreciate it if you could donate some to the school. Thank you from Lucy Allomes on behalf of the pizza oven and chickens groups.

Kumeroa Hopelands School Fundraising Group

Please come down and join our Fundraising Group. Meeting is Tuesday 25 Aug 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

Mathematics

Every year our senior students participate in the Otago University Problem Solving competition for primary schools. This competition is made up of 5 challenge sets, each set has 5 questions of increasing difficulty. Students have thirty minutes to answer the 5 questions and they must be answered without the use of a calculator. I've included one for you to try!

An isosceles triangle is one which has two sides of equal length.

How many different isosceles triangles of perimeter 25 units can be formed with all sides having lengths that are whole numbers?



REMEMBER

20kms or slower when going past a **school bus, either way**. Please watch out as children will often cross the road when the bus actually arrives to pick up, as well as when it drops off.

If anyone knows of any families moving into the district or that have young families close by, please encourage them to give us a call and come and check out the school and our vibrant community.

Sports

Kumeroa Hopelands School students are, once again, involved in a range of sporting activities.

This year we entered two netball teams into the Bush Primary School Netball Competition. Many students had never played netball before and I am very proud of how well they played and developed as teams over the season. It was a real pleasure to coach a group of students so willing to learn and to work together.



We have entered a mini-ball and a basketball team into the Term 3 Friday night competition. It's wonderful to see students getting out there and trying new sports.

Our senior students are participating in the Bush Volleyball competition this week – once again we are entering two teams for this event.



Local Talent Needs Your Help

Hi. I am Rachel Cannon, a 15 year old equestrian rider who lives in the Hopelands area. I have been selected to ride in the 2015 NZMGA U17 team at the World Mounted Games Championship in Florida, USA, this November, something I am very excited about! Mounted Games is a fast paced, action packed discipline with riders and mounts displaying an incredible amount of fitness, training and skills. If you would like to following me, "like" my Face Book page called "Rachel Cannon Is Off to World Mounted Games Champs In USA". I am also doing a variety of fundraising activities if you would like to support me in them. **1.** Bags of pine cones for sale at \$5/bag or 5 for \$20. **2.** Big bags (750grams) of RJ licorice at \$5/bag **3.** Hyline pullets (hens) for sale from October onwards (phone to book in please) **4.** Collecting aluminium cans. Thank you. Rachel Cannon ph 376 5218 (Ray and Sandra Cannon)

Sports Results

Netball

Kumeroa Pulse won 8 – 7 against Aotea Taniwha
Kumeroa Magic bye

Miniball

KH Black lost 12 – 2 against Pahiatua Saints

BasketBall

KH White won 33 – 8 against Ballance

Football

Woodville FMG won 5 – 0 against Dannevirke
CopperMine Nurseries won 5 – 3 against KB Ford
Woodville Service Centre won 1 – 0 against Anglican Homecare

Fruitful Woodville won 6 – 3 against Woodville
CamperHire

Bush Hockey

Sharks won 6 - 3 against Cornerstone Christian School
Seniors won 5 – 0 against Dannevirke

Bush Rugby

U12/13 won 82 – 12 against Feilding Barbarians

Draw Friday 21 Aug

Miniball - 4.05pm court 2 KHS Black vs Papatawa
Basketball - Bye

Kumeroa Hopelands Playgroup

Kumeroa Hopelands Playgroup meet at the Kumeroa Hall next to the school every Wednesday morning during the school term from 9.30am to 12pm. It's **free** and all pre-schoolers and their caregivers are welcome to come along.

Things we have coming up this term:

26 August REAP
2 Sept Pet Rock Making
9 Sept Flip City Trampoline Park
16 Sept Costume Party
23 Sept Boys Activities

For further information please call Holly on 062126008 / 0274293933

Parachute Game



Kumeroa Hall

Notice to all users, there are two water taps that need to go on to get water at the hall. The usual one at the hall, and there is now also one over at the school, on the school wall behind the water tanks at the bus gate. Please ensure that **BOTH** taps are turned **off** when you finish or else it will burn out the school pump.