

# NEWSLETTER



## Week 1, Term 4, 2015.

Tēnā koutou,

I'm really excited to be writing my first newsletter as Principal of Kumeroa Hopelands School. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you all. I feel very privileged to be able to lead the school and take over the reigns from Julia. She has done a fantastic job here and I know I have very big shoes to fill! I wish her all the best for the future and her new role as Principal of Paekakariki School.

One of the factors that attracted me to the position is the experience I had growing up in a small rural school, which was similar to Kumeroa Hopelands School. I fondly remember rearing calves and participating in Lamb and Calf day. I am looking forward to being involved in a School Pet Day again and am sure that students are working hard with their animals to ensure that everything is ready for the 9th of November.

I also remember my experience moving from a school where I was the only boy in Year 8, to a secondary school where there were over 330 boys in Year 9. Needless to say it was a bit of a shock. I appreciate the importance of preparation and look forward to working with all students, but in particular the current Year 8s, over the coming term so they are prepared for 2016.

Ngā mihi nui, Simon

### School Calendar

**Oct 15** - Year 7/8

Technology

**Oct 15** - Shake Out

**Oct 17** - Mud Muster

**Oct 19** - BOT Meeting

**Oct 20** - Fundraising  
Group Meeting 7pm

**Oct 26** - Labour Day

**Oct 28/29** - Learning  
Conferences

**Nov 5** - Technology

**Nov 6** - Community  
Assembly

**Nov 9** - Pet Day

**Nov 12** - Bush Ag Day

**Nov 13** - Small  
Schools Athletics

**Nov 16** - BOT Mtg

**Nov 19** - Year 7/8  
Technology

**Nov 27** - Bush  
Athletics

Full school calendar is  
available online at:

[http://  
kumeroa.school.nz](http://kumeroa.school.nz)

**Virtue**

This week's virtue is consideration.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to: Tara Taylor who received the Principal's Award for Week 10.

Hopelands House who was our overall winner for Term 3.

**Office Manager**

Towards the end of last term Kumeroa Hopelands School advertised the position of Office Manager. There were many quality applicants who applied for this job and we are pleased to announce that Donna Timmins has been appointed to this role. We look forward to working with her.

**Paekakariki Trip:**

Thank you to all the parents who took a vehicle down to Paekakriki on Monday. The students really enjoyed the day and it was a fantastic way to farewell Julia.

**Ellingham Farm experience:**

Thank you to Nicky and Craig Ellingham for hosting the Year 7 & 8s last term. The students really enjoyed the caving experience!

**Bible in Schools**

Bible in Schools will begin again on Friday. Please make arrangements to collect your child/children at 2.30pm if you would prefer your child/children not attend Bible in Schools. Alternatively, students can wait for the buses which will leave as per normal.

**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 Simon on [principal@kumeroa.school.nz](mailto:principal@kumeroa.school.nz) or if unable to email, please call 3764542.

**Learning Conferences**

Learning Conferences will be held on the 28th and 29th of October. More information to follow.

**2016 Camp**

All students who will be in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 in 2016 will be heading off to Forest Lakes in Otaki from the 21 March until the 24 March 2016. More information will follow later this term.

**Blogs**

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

### 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.

### Pet Day

Our school Pet Day will be held on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pre-school and Home-schoolers are welcome to join us for this event, to gain the experience of participating in a day like this. Participation certificates **only** will be given. Entrants will not be eligible for judging and placing but will gain the days experience. Can all pre-school & home-school entrants register with the school office by 28th October.



### SPORTS

#### Outdoor Hockey Term 4

#### Week 2 20/10/15

U7 Kumeroa vs Ruahine Strikers  
3.45pm Turf 1A

Kumeroa 4 vs Pongaroa  
4.15pm Turf 1

Kumeroa 3 vs Pahiatua Black  
4.50pm Turf 3

Kumeroa 2 vs Pahiatua Tahiti  
5.30pm Turf 3

Kumeroa 1 vs Pahiatua Rua  
5.30pm Turf 4

**Please remember mouthguards, shinpads and suitable footwear.**

### Shelter View Jetsprint Park, Wanganui 17th October 2015

The McDonald's Mud Muster® is Wanganui's Premier Mud Run, which is now in its third year running. With 3km, 5km and 10km course options available, there is a category to suit all needs and fitness levels. Check it out at: <http://rachel8743.wix.com/mcdonaldsmudmuster>



## Cups and Trophies - Urgent

**All cups and trophies from pet day and end of year prize giving need to be engraved, cleaned and returned promptly to the office.**

**Can we please also have helpers to be stewards for our judges for pet day. Please advise the office if you can help.**

### SPUD IN A BUCKET COMPETITION Free Entry

#### Age Group and Novelty Prizes

Collect your free seed spuds and bucket from Help-n-Hand  
42 Main Street, Pahiatua  
Between 27<sup>th</sup> October -  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

Weigh in:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
At Pahiatua Help-n-Hand  
10 am

For more information  
Ph 376 6759

**KOHINUI** 3 bedroom house for rent.  
College bus at gate, single garage and big shed, \$160pw. refs required.  
Contact Ian 06 3765559.

### Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service October 2015

“Switch to Water” will be the focus for National Oral Health day on 6 November this year. It challenges us to switch from sugary drinks to water. Soft drinks have no nutritional value and damage teeth. Even juice attacks teeth – much better to eat fresh fruit and drink water. And water is free!

Please encourage families to attend their children’s dental appointments - free until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. See the schedule below for a list of facilities and contact details. If you have any queries, please do contact us.

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#### Fixed and Mobile Dental Clinics

For October 2015, our staff will be working in the clinics below and are available from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4pm.

#### Tararua

#### Pahiatua School

027 244 4271 or (06) 376 8596  
Glenda Young

#### Woodville School

**027 244 4159 or (06) 374 7361**  
Nicola Fleming

### Pahiatua Trout Fishing Carnival

**Sat 24 -31 October**

Registration at the Pahiatua Info Centre

**Adults: \$15.00**

Children: \$5.00 (under 12)

**Weigh in (Post Office Hotel)**

**Week: 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

**Saturday: 31 Oct until 12.00pm**

**Prize giving 2.00pm Post Office Hotel**

Fishing license – Farmlands & Hunting & Fishing

Children under 12 are free.