

KUMEROA POST

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR THE KUMEROA SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Welcome Back

Schools are SO quiet without students so we are all delighted to have everyone back. We are looking forward to extending the great things that happened in 2018 this year and seeing our students grow and develop even further.

Today you will receive newsletters from each teacher introducing themselves and talking about what will be happening in class this term. I strongly encourage you to make contact with the teachers. You are the most powerful person in the education team surrounding your child and we appreciate any knowledge you have that helps us meet your child's needs.

We would like to say a big thank you to our community for their patience last year while we worked hard to find the best teachers for our students. We know that this was disruptive at times, especially for the Tui class, and appreciate your patience and support. This year we are fully staffed and can not wait for the year to begin!

Please feel free to pop in, call or email me on principal@kumeroa.school.nz if you would like to talk.

2019 Teaching Team

We are very lucky to have an amazing staff on board who all bring many talents to our school and community.

Bethany Nichols- Tui Room (year 6-8)

Bethany has just completed her Secondary Teacher Training and this knowledge will be a real asset for our senior students.. She is passionate about swimming and the outdoors.



Charquille Wanoa- Kea Room (year 3-5)

Charquille has just completed her Bilingual Teacher Training and is trained in both the NZ Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aoteroa. She is passionate about Te Reo Maori and the outdoors.

Sue Swinborne- Teacher Aide

Sue is an amazing help to all our learners in every classroom. She will support students in class and run learning programs as needed.



Nina Booth- Fantails Room (year 0-2)

Nina is an experienced teacher who brings a real depth of knowledge to Kumeroa. She is especially passionate about digital learning and Agri Curriculum.

Caroline Transom- Release Teacher Kea and Tui class (one day a week) and Principal

I am passionate about helping students and teachers to love learning and to take ownership over their education journey and future.

School closing early for Professional Development

Our Professional Development focus this year is Assessment for Learning. This involves teachers using a range of assessment to better understand and meet a learner's needs. This will lead to students who know themselves as learners, can set goals, work towards them and set next steps.

As part of this, our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) sub cluster will meet for professional development on the Wednesday of week seven in each term. To make this session worthwhile all schools will close at 2pm (bus runs will be an hour earlier than normal) to enable a longer learning session for teachers. The first date is Wednesday 13/03.

Term One Learning Focus

Our Place, Our Space

This term classes are focusing on

- understanding what makes Kumeroa School and Community special-learning about the Treaty of Waitangi and creation of classroom treaties
- student and teacher's roles and responsibilities as members of this community
- setting goals for 2019

Date and Time	Event
Week One	
Monday 29/01 9.30am	Powhiri
Thursday 31/01	Optimist Yachting Yr 7/8
Friday 1/02	2.30 pm Assembly
Week Two	
Monday 4/02	Public Health Nurse talk to Tui class Teachers at Kahui Ako Powhiri 4-6.30 pm
Friday 8/02	Technology (Year 7 and 8)
Week Three	
Monday 11/02	Meet the Teacher 6pm
Friday 15/02	Practice day for Triathlon- Bikes need to be at school 2.20 pm Assembly
Week Four	
Monday 18/02	6.30 pm Board of Trustee Meeting
Friday 22/02	Technology
Week Five	
Tuesday 26/02	Kumeroa Triathlon-Bikes need to be at school
Friday 1/03	Rural Schools Swimming Sports (all students)
Week Six	
Friday 8/03	Technology
Week Seven	
Tuesday 12/03	Bush Swimming Sports (selected swimmers Yr 4-8)
Wednesday 13/03	School closes at 2pm for Kahui Ako Professional Development
Friday 15/03	Bush Tennis 2.20 pm Assembly
Week Eight	
Friday 22/03	Technology
Week Nine	
Thursday 28/03	5pm EPro8 Yr 7/8
Friday 29/03	9.30am EPro8 Yr 5/6 2.20 pm Assembly
Week Ten	
Wednesday 3/04	GRIP Leadership Conference Yr 7/8
Friday 5/04	Technology Goal setting Reports come home Yr 3-8
Week Eleven	
Friday 12/04	2.20 pm Assembly Last Day of Term One

Swimming

Students need to bring togs and towel every day.

If possible we suggest students bring goggles too. If a child is unable to swim for medical reasons please send a note to school.

Keeping up to date

We encourage you to check our school calendar for upcoming events (on www.kumeroa.school.nz) and join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Kumeroaschool/> to see photos and articles about our learners

