

Kimi News, Week 5, Term 3, 2015

The Family Fun Day on Saturday certainly lived up to its name! Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a great event. We often say that as a school we are 'geographically challenged'. This refers to how spread out all of our families are, from the Kapiti Coast to South Wellington. Being so spread out means that it can be difficult to make connections with each other. Our hope is that the Family Fun Day is an opportunity to get to know each other, as well as an opportunity to share our school with extended family and friends.

Another way we connect is through our school's Facebook page. Look us up... "Kimi Ora".

Please also feel free to come into school anytime, you are welcome to bring in your family or friends too. This week Kimi Ora Naenae had a visit from Malaya's family and their newly hatched chicks. What a great surprise for everyone! As you can see by the photos, everyone was delighted by the visit.



Term Dates

Term 3
 20 July - 25 Sep
 Term 4
 12 Oct - 16 Dec

Events:

Mon 24 August -
 Cultural Day
 Thurs 24 Sep -
 Food, Funk and Fun



Cup Winners
 Congratulations to Olivia-Rose for remaining calm throughout the whole swimming session.

Congratulations to Vinnie for focussing more during activities and improved communication.



Board Talk



The Board of Trustees held our monthly meeting on 11 August in the staff room at Naenae. This was my first meeting as Chair, after the resignation of long-time Chair, Anne McKegg, last month. We welcomed Lee Sutton (Staff representative) and Lina Stowers (parent representative) to the Board.

Two staff from the Ministry of Education were visitors to the early of the evening, as we had questions on processes and procedures for exploring the establishment of satellite classrooms, community classrooms and admissions criteria. Being able to provide places for students who would benefit from the specific learning environment we can offer is an important strategic direction for the school.

We also celebrated the acknowledgement provided by the latest Education Review Office (ERO) report which will soon be published on our website.

The Audit report for 2013 (delayed due to issues with Novopay) has been completed with no tags. Thank you to our Accountant, Lisa Kovacs and to our Office Manager, Leanne Brooks for the enormous amount of work that is dedicated to ensuring our finances run smoothly.

Each month policies come due for review. This month the policies reviewed were; Asset Management, Theft and Fraud, and Sensitive Expenditure.

The school response in the case of emergency is continuously being reviewed. Discussions will be taking place between Civil Defence, taxis and schools regarding transport of students.

Our next board meeting is 22 September 7-10pm at the staff room of Kimi Ora, NaeNae. Board meetings are public, which means all parents are welcome to attend. The Board is responsible for school governance and the Principal for school management. If you have any issues you think are governance issues, contact Shirley or myself, pwood.nz@gmail.com or 021 1655329.

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