



# Kawaha Point School

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## NEWSLETTER - 9 February 2012

### Principals Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

Greetings Parents, Caregivers and Community members.

It has taken a while but the weather finally seems to have decided to settle and be warm! I suspect that having a full work week next week will feel a bit tough for us all but having a couple of short weeks to start the year is a nice way to ease into things. We have a busy term ahead and are really excited about the opportunities we have coming up for your children and the school. It is now only a little over 4 weeks until all our Year 5-6 students will be heading to Pauanui for a week that will include fishing, high ropes, tramping, seeing the odd cave weta to name a few things. It promises to be a cracker! We have applied for funding for the camp from the Southern Trust and hope to hear back very soon. In the meantime if you would like to start paying a little each week towards the camp that would be great.

We will not have the 'Whanau Night' this year but as per the suggestions from our community reporting group (we are still VERY keen for more people to join this group), we will hold a parent interview evening on Wednesday 7 March. We have set ourselves some targets this year for parent attendance at these interviews and need as many people as possible to attend. It will allow you to find out how your child has settled, what they are currently working on, what you could do to help, and of course ask any questions you like.

Next week we have the Education Review Office (ERO) here looking at the way we operate and assist us with our self-review for constant improvement. There will be an opportunity for parents and community members to talk with the ERO team on Tuesday 14 February (next

Tuesday) at 2.30pm in Space 10. Please do take the time to come and talk with Ann Roberts and the rest of her ERO team.

It has been great to see how many people have purchased all their stationery and have got some fantastic work in their books already. Please, if you haven't purchased books for your children yet, make this a priority. If you have issues with payments for anything, come and discuss payment options with me at your earliest convenience.

The sport session is getting underway and we have two new sport coordinators this year. Mrs Honeyfield and Mrs Ellen will be taking care of out of school sport. If you have any questions about anything to do with outside of school sport please see them. Sadly our budget does not extend to paying for students to play sport so we will again this year be operating a 'no pay, no play' policy. We love to see as many students as possible enjoying Saturday or afterschool sport and need dedicated coaches to make this happen. Please consider helping out by taking a team at some stage this year.

#### **Reminders:**

- Sunhats please!
- Please send your child to school each day they are well enough to be here. Remember that any student who misses less than 3 days this term goes in the draw to win a flash new bike from Rotorua Cycle Centre. Check out the bike in the foyer (or you may see me riding it around the school at some stage!).

#### **Attendance = Success!**

Have a great week.

Regards, Andrew Sinclair.

### TERM 1 EVENTS

Date	Event	
7 March	Parent Interviews	
12 - 16 March	Pauanui Camp	Year 5 & 6
27 March	Interschool Athletics	
5 April	End of Term	Finish at 3pm

Date	Team House Assemblies
10 February	Kauri Assembly
24 February	Kowhai Assembly
9 March	Rimu Assembly
23 March	Kahikatea Assembly
5 April	Kauri Assembly

## EVENTS

**Children and Family Fun Day @ The Redwoods, Sunday 4th March**

Show your support for the Rotorua Hospital Children's Unit

Activities for toddlers through to teens

Food & Refreshments for sale.....or bring a picnic!

'Mountain Bike Rotorua' - Great Go Kart Race

- Emergency Services Race 2pm

- Family Races start 2.30pm

- NEW ADULTS only race!

- Win a GT Kids Bike spot prize

(details & entry forms @ The Redwoods Visitor Centre)

Listen to Classic Hits 97.5 for bad weather postponement. Postponement date is 11th March

## PRESCHOOL

**4 YEAR OLDS**

If your child is starting school this year or if you know of any other child starting school, could you please contact the Office 07 348 5864 and leave a message for Mrs Puha.

Preschool classes this year will begin on 15 February, Wednesday at 2.00pm in Mrs Puha's class

## REMINDERS

**HEALTH & PERMISSION FORMS**

These forms were sent home last week with your child. It will show any medical or other needs your child may have. It also gives permission for your child to attend school trips, so that we don't need written permission every time a trip comes up, although you will always be notified.

The other important part of the form are contact details. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of emergency.

Please complete the form and send it back to school now.

**WEET BIX KIDS TRY-ATHLON**

Sign up now at: [weetbix.co.nz](http://weetbix.co.nz)

This is a cool website with heaps of information on it about the event and other things - check it out!

Tryathlon is open to anyone aged 7 - 15 years.

Events in Hamilton and Tauranga

**FARM DAY - 18 March 2012**

On this day 6 Farms from around NZ will open their gates to the public from 10 - 3pm as part of Federated Farmers Farm Day. It is a free, interactive, fun event giving urban people a chance to see what goes on behind the farm gate. This year in our area the following people will be hosting:

Hosts: Heather Family

Farm Type: Sheep and Beef

Address: Heather Dell Angus Stud, 945 Paradise Valley Road, Rotorua

Please visit: [www.farmday.org.nz](http://www.farmday.org.nz)

## FOTS

**Sausage Sizzle  
TOMORROW**

<b>Sausages</b>	<b>Juicies</b>
<b>\$1.50</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>

**(No calciyums)**

Thanks to those parents who have sent back their notice from last week indicating how they would like to help the school raise funds this year, we have had a great response so far. If you still have your notice at home, please send it to the school office when you can

## FURNITURE

We still have the odd bit of furniture sitting in the piazza that we would like to get rid of - if you are interested, please come and see Andrew to make an offer! All furniture will be gone by the end of the day tomorrow.



## BELL TIMES

8.55am All children to class, first learning block

10.30am Morning tea

10.50am End of Morning tea, Second learning block

12.30pm Lunch time

1.25 pm End of Lunch, back to class, third learning block

3.00 pm End of School day