



Moerewa School

Te Karere o te Kura

Wednesday 30th November, 2011

Save Our Senior School

We want to re-assure our whanau that just because the elections are over – it doesn't mean that our fight to save our Senior Class is over. You will see our story on the front page of the Northern News today – and we are hoping that we can put pressure on the Ministry of Education and the Minister of Education to meet with our Board of Trustees, to get them to change their mind on this issue.

We have a whanau communication team (made up of whanau and community members) and they are working hard with us – to help us with consultation and communication with our community also.

Please check out our Facebook page – to keep you updated on developments with this kaupapa;
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/323886080959288/>

Enrolments for 2012

We would like whanau to come in and see Whaea Kim or Whaea Maia before the end of the year to confirm any new enrolments to our year 9 – 13 classes. This is just an informal conversation so that we know the numbers of tamariki we will be dealing with from 2012. If you are staying, bringing in more whanau or possibly leaving, please come in for a korero. Nau mai, haere mai.

Elections 2011

We would like to thank those whanau who took the time to vote on Saturday in the 2011 Elections. We would like to congratulate Hone Harawira on being re-elected as our member of parliament. We also wish to thank Kelvin Davis for the work that he has done in our community during his time as a member of Parliament, and we are disappointed that he was unable to return to Parliament. Also our thanks to Waihoroi Shortland for the support he has shown to our school during his build up for the elections. We wish all three of these men all the best for the future.

Electives Week

This has been electives week and as always the kids have been really enjoying themselves! It's a fantastic way for our tamariki to celebrate the end of the year. Some of the activities they are able to choose from are:

- Bike riding along the bike track to kawakawa
- Wheel-o-rama – Bikes, trikes, skate boards, wheel barrows – as long as it has wheels is the only requirement.
- Christmas Gifts
- Whanau frames
- Chocolate surprises

Here are a few photos from this week for whanau to enjoy:



Haere ra... Yes whanau, we say farewell to some of our staff...

We are saying 'Haere ra' to some of our staff who will not be teaching with us after this year.

We say goodbye to Whaea Stella Rihari who has been working in Whanau Kopunui for the last three years and also Whaea Sabrina Tana who has been teaching in Whanau Matariki for the last two years will be leaving at the end of this year. Whaea Raewyn Davis who has been working part time in our Senior Class is also leaving at the end of this year.

We also say farewell to Matua Alex Lobendahn who leaves Moerewa School after being here as a teacher for 14 years. Whaea Deseree Hildreth (who started here in Term 3) is also leaving us at the end of this term. Whaea Gill Dreyer is continuing as an RTLB in our Southern Bay of Islands community – but Taipa Area School has taken over the management of the RTLB for the Far North. We think Gill will be based at Opua School in 2012.

It is always sad to lose staff who have been an integral part of our school whanau and we thank them for their commitment to Moerewa, our tamariki and whanau, and their support of the school during their time with us.

School Bills

We would like to remind whanau to come in and clear any outstanding bills they may have at school for things like stationery, uniforms, hoodie orders, and or van fees. We realize that some whanau are finding times difficult at the moment however we are now in a position where we are unable to support whanau who pay off items in installments.

Please make sure any outstanding accounts are cleared before the end of the school year – that's next week whanau.



Coffee Korero – Thursday 1st December

We will be having our school coffee korero at the Tuna Café this Thursday 1st December starting at 10am. Please mark this date in your diary and bring whanau along.

School Calendar – Key dates for the end of Term:

There isn't much time to go now before the end of the school term. Please note our last day of school for the year.

- **Week 6 – Thur 1st December** Coffee Korero – Tuna Café (10am)
- **Week 7 – Monday 5th December** Reports out to whanau



If whanau would like to see their child's teacher about their report, please feel free to come in and see them before the end of the year.

- **Week 7 – Wed 7th December** Prizegiving (9.30am – 12.30pm)
- **Week 7 – Thur 8th December** Last day of school for all tamariki (2pm finish)

And last but not least, we would like to send out a big mihi to all our whanau who have continued to support the school and staff and their tamariki through the year. We hope you all have a very well deserved, enjoyable and safe Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back at school in the New Year. School starts back on Wednesday 1st February 2012.



Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa!