

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Left to Right: Blake Witcher, Tobias Redwood-Bennett, Leiana Murray, Imogen Redwood-Bennett, Jorja Waite



ROOM 3 WORK

Room 3 artwork has been inspired by Craig Platt wildlife and bird painter. The students have taken the idea of drawing a New Zealand bird and then collaging it. The next step will be to collage a background.



ROOM 6 WORK

HAIKU POEMS

Beach

Cool summer water
Waves crashing on the dry sand
Fresh breeze in the air
Tianna

Sunset

Sun slowly setting
Red, blue, gold and violet sky
Day turns to night.
Keziah

Eclipse

Sun and moon connects
Look at it; you will be blind
Comes once a long year
Michada

Kids

Running all around
Screaming their little heads off
Begging for candy
Maraea

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

The next Board Meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Monday 20th September in the Staffroom. Everybody is welcome to attend.

P.R. Hamilton—Board Chairperson

Principal Certificate Winners—Week 8

Congratulations to the following students

Grace Burnett, Ryley Gelderman, Thomas O'Brien, Rebekah Chandler-Bruce, MacKenzie Garrett-Dalton, Holly Ellett

Upcoming Dates

- School Disco - Fri 17th September
- Last day Term 3 - Fri 24th September
- Daylight Saving starts - 26th September
- First day Term 4 - 11th October 2010
- Labour Day - 25th October
- Calf Club Day - Sat 30th October

Congratulations to JJ Phillips and Robert Hamilton who sat and passed their Touch North Harbour referee's course.

Bits and Bobs

Rewiti Market

DATE: 26th September 2010

TIME: 9am - 12pm

We need more stall holders—\$10.00 per stall. A great Whanau atmosphere. For more information phone Levia (09)411-8615 or Kiri (09)420-8842

Roosters

2 Roosters free to a good home. Phone Jan 420-8987

Netball Uniforms

As the Netball season is now over, Netball Uniforms need to be returned to Ms Howard asap.

Bits and Bobs

SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 17th September 2010

6pm - 8pm

**Fancy Dress optional
Food & Drinks available for purchase**

We are looking for parents to donate prizes for at the Disco. If you can assist with this, please phone Levia Uruamo on 411-8615

Dear Parents,

Next week Room 5 are planning to create wearable art out of recycled rubbish. For this we need to collect a number of items. If you have any of the following at home could you please bring them to Room 5 at school by next Monday (20 September). We need: plastic bottles, bottle caps, cardboard, plastic bags, plastic logos, bubble wrap, used chip packets, aluminium cans, tin cans, plastic or cardboard cups, toilet rolls, shells, fabric scraps, paper clips, dead batteries, buttons, flax, toitoi, old ties or clothing, balloons, old stockings and socks, used pens or markers and used wrapping paper.

Many thanks

Bronwyn Howard - Teacher, Room 5

THE KUMEU CHILDREN'S ART CLUB INC.

After school art for children who love art aged 6 to 12+yrs

Sessions: Wed 3.30 to 6.30pm at the Waimauku Hall

Thur 3.30 to 6.30pm at The Kumeu Art Centre. Huapai

Qualified art tuition in an encouraging environment.

Term 4 Topic: Moving Art: Drawing, Painting and Making Moving Models

Theme: LAND OF TOYS

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Calf Club

This year we have some goats! It is many years since goats have been part of Calf Club Day. There is currently no cup for this category. Is there anyone who would like to donate a cup or someone you know who may be interested in donating? Please let me know if you have any ideas. Don't forget to get your calf, lamb or goat forms back to school as soon as possible.

Alison Rowe



SCHOOL FEES

There are essentially 3 parts to the fee structure for your child's learning at Woodhill School in 2010 – School Donation, Stationery Fee, and Activity Fee. These are set at the following rates-

School Donation	\$20 per term	\$80 per year
Stationery Fee	\$10 per term	\$40 per year
Activity Fee	\$10 per term	\$40 per year
	\$40 per term	\$160 per year

• **Note** - there is no discount for families with more than 1 child at school. Prices are based simply on a per student basis – e.g.: a book costs the same for every student regardless of whether they live in the same house.

• **Note** – Year 7/8 students have an additional \$20 for manual fees

Note – School camps are not included in the activity fee.

The above is a reminder of the fee structure for our school. We would like to clarify that whilst we cannot enforce payment of these fees we are highly recommending and encouraging families to pay them. We rely on them to keep on top of our budget. As we are a school of choice for 65% of our students there is an expectation that most families will pay this amount. We have noticed a drop off in fee payment this term.

A note from Helensville Tennis Club

Junior coaching will commence the first week of Term 4. Sessions are on Thursdays and Fridays starting at 3.15pm. Please pick up a registration form from Annette Hemeheema at Aquatic Park or Christine Spencer at Mitre 10. Spaces are limited in each session so please register early to avoid disappointment.

PTA CORNER

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER REMINDER

All money or unsold chocolate must be returned to school asap. To be in the mystery prize draw you must have your money back to the school by 8.30am Friday 24th September 2010.

Tena kotou katoa,

Well here we are nearing the end of term 3, 2010. Once again it has been a busy term. I would like to invite all parents to the Whanau Day next Friday — this is a day where we simply like families to come into school and share it with our students. Last term we had karaoke, this term we will have performances from our school bands, choir and folk group as well as any parents who wish to take the microphone. The structure of the day is also simple — each child brings enough food to share with 3 of their friends and it is exactly that, a shared lunch! We will begin the sharing time at 1.00pm following an earlier assembly of 12.15pm.

I was appointed to this job over a year ago now and I began work with the staff and acting Principal around this time last year. When I look back to the school that we were then and the school that we are now I am able to see how far we have come. I am really excited about our upcoming ERO report; I know it will reflect all of the great things happening within our school. Last week I was privileged enough to attend the Tai Tokerau Principals convention and it was encouraging to see that a lot of our challenges are not unique to Woodhill School but more so the progress that we have made through these in 2010. Our progress and professional developments with regards to National Standards and the New Zealand Curriculum are quite advanced compared to other schools in this cohort. Your child/ren really is/are getting a Connected Curriculum encompassing the Key Competencies by way of cutting edge teaching and assessment pedagogy.

I am not shy to say that I am proud of my achievements but I am also humble enough to know that this was not achieved on my own — we have an outstanding school community from staff, BOT and PTA members, parents, and of course our students. I sincerely thank and acknowledge all of these people. As a community we should all take a moment to reflect and congratulate ourselves by celebrating our achievements thus far in 2010. Now I know some of you will be thinking - *hey Kit lets not get ahead of ourselves yet, wait for the ERO report before we start dancing in the streets...* **BUT** I am saying we don't need this to affirm and confirm what we already know. Woodhill School is a great school!

Does this mean that we are the perfect school? Of course not — we know that there are still many things that we can and need to do better and we are working through these systematically. However we now have the healthiest roll in this schools history and whilst this is only one measure of success it is a good indicator. We now have what I call 'great problems' like 1) How we can transport all of our students to school or 2) How are we going to manage our growth or 3) How do we continue to maintain the rapid surge in mathematics learning? There is still much to achieve in 2010 for Woodhill School and I look forward to the break between term 3 And 4 to reflect in order to progress.

Congratulations to Imogen and Bryony Roberts who represented our school impeccably at the Nor-West Speech competition this week. It was a pleasure to sit down, watch and be represented by such mature and eloquent students. As mentioned some weeks ago we are looking at our uniform and whilst we haven't reached any real firm decisions as yet we have decided that too many of our students are not wearing it with enough pride. Therefore we are going to ask that all students come to school with the correct uniform and no accessories, we also ask that all uniforms are clean and tidy. Whilst we do not specify the kinds of shoes that students wear we are going to stipulate that they are under-ankle shoes and not boots.

A slightly longer epistle from me this week to make up for last week but also to showcase out new letterhead format— thanks to the BOT!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you tonight at the disco and next week at the Whanau Day.

Kit Murray