



Term 4

'Learning for the Future'

4th November 2015

Dear Parents & Caregivers, Tena koutou katoa

It is with sadness that we farewell Mr Ken Ward this week. He is leaving this Friday to take up a Principal position at Murray's Bay in Auckland. He will be missed by students, parents and staff who wish him all the best for his new role. He has been an inspirational leader of our school for the past 5 years, his innovative ideas, and supportive caring approach has left our school with a lasting legacy and a great reputation in the community.

Tena koe e hoa. Nga mihi nui ki a koe mo tō manaakitanga mai.

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui, kia manawanui roa.



As I write my last newsletter at Kamo Primary School I reflect back on the past 5 years with pride, knowing that we have achieved so much over this time. Being the principal of a school is more than a job, it's a privilege and a choice you make to lead educational outcomes for students in New Zealand. I would first of all like to thank the Board of Trustees, not just the current Board but previous ones too. I have been in a fortunate position to have Boards that I could work with to achieve the best outcomes for the staff and students at Kamo Primary. I would especially like to thank Moira Geerkens, current Board Chair for her ongoing support of the school and myself. I have really appreciated the regular meetings and discussions about educational issues and ideas. The Kamo Primary School community should be proud of the Board of Trustees who work tirelessly to provide the best learning environment for your children.

Some of the key things we've achieved in the past 5 years include, updated school vision and values, inquiry model for learning, whanau support group, enhanced Kapa Haka programme, 1:1 iPad classes, many property projects such as heating of the school pool, Astro Turf, Room 12 re-build and more recently Room 20 relocation and refurbishment. These are just some of the things we've achieved as a school over the time of my leadership but there are many, many more... I'm sure you will agree you have a great school.

I would like to thank all the staff at Kamo Primary for your support during my time as your leader, or as some of you like to say 'BOSS'. It's been an honour and a pleasure to work alongside you, to see you grow professionally and give your best every day to the students of Kamo Primary. A big thank you to all the support staff for all your hard work you do an incredible job in our school. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Batten who has been my PA and support person; your support has been invaluable throughout my time at the school.

I would also like to thank the many families I've met and been involved with throughout my time at Kamo Primary; it's been great getting to know you all.

The last word goes to the students... Thank you for making me smile each and every day I come to school, you are amazing!

I wish the new Principal Sally Wilson all the best in her new role and I know the school is in good hands under her leadership.

**Ken Ward
Principal**

Room 15

Mr Ward

Funny, Proactive, Nice
Who cares... about our school.
Who likes... people coming up to his office to show him their good work.
Who dreams... of working at two different schools at the same time.
Who feels... unhappy about people hitting at school.

By Makayla Hanley

Mr Ward

Caring, Helpful, Nice
Who cares... about the school.
Who likes... kids playing around his office.
Who dreams... of going to a different school.
Who feels... loved by the school.

By Ryan Leyland

Mr Ward

Caring, Intelligent, Kind
Who cares... about the school and the kids.
Who likes... the kids writing.
Who dreams... of staying at Kamo Primary.
Who feels... sad when people fight.

By Charlotte Ballantine

Room 17

Mr Ward is a handsome guy. Mana.

Mr Ward is cool because he has fun.
Jayden.

Mr Ward is very good at looking after the school. Beau.

Mr Ward looks nice in his black and white shirt. Louis.

Mr Ward is fun and smart. Ahnika.

Mr Ward is really cool because of his hair. Te Paea.

Room 19

Mr Ward is very good but how is he good? He's a good boy looking out for fires. We have to have lots of fire drills so we know what to do and to keep safe.

Amelia

Mr Ward is the Principal. He looks after us. Mr Ward is in charge of the teachers. Mr Ward makes funny jokes at assembly. We are going to sing a special song to him.

Melissa

Mr Ward is very cool but he's going to Murray's Bay in Auckland. He is cool because he's nice. He is fun as well. He always takes photos of us in class. He puts the meetings on. He is a special Principal. We are having a special assembly this week.

Kataraina

Today Room 18 and 19 are learning about Mr Ward. I will miss him because he is going to Murray's Bay. I will miss his smiles. I will miss his funniness. I will miss him being cheeky. I will miss his photos. Who is the next principal is it a boy or a girl Principal?

Freya

SCHOOL NOTICES

Stationery - Reminder Activities contributions/School Donations are now due please pay ASAP.

Bank a/c number is 12 3093 0156736 01 - Please put child's name and a reference: eg activities contribution/donation

Contribution Fee \$14.00 per child

School Donations are now due - 1 child \$60.00 Family \$90.00

Wanted- Clean polystyrene meat trays for Rooms 9's art.

Can tabs - Please keep collecting these and send to Room 19.

Seedlings - If you have any seedlings we could grow in our shade house please see Mrs Thomson Room 15.

Twilight Hockey - starts today at 4.00pm at the Kensington Hockey Centre. Please pay \$15.00 to the school office asap.

Kowhai Syndicate please remember your Petting Farm money \$3 per child

Twilight Gala requests

Please could Room 1 have donations of rolls of pretty gift wrap, ribbon and wrapped lollies for our lolly necklaces for the Twilight Gala.

Gift wrap and small second hand toys in good order for Room 18's lucky dips.

Home and School Notices

Home & School Raffle - Thanks to the families who have sent in grocery items for the raffle. Please keep bringing in more items.

This week we are asking for bottles.

Please send all raffle books to school. If you would like more tickets please come to the school office. The raffle will be drawn at our Twilight Gala on Friday 20th November.

**Please note an amendment to the list that went out recently
Room 17 are not doing a book stall they are doing jelly cups.
Room 3 are now doing the soccer game.**

Athletics

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Athletics Day yesterday. There were some outstanding results on both the track and field. Well done to Room 11 who won the Rimu relay and to Room 4 who won the Kauri relay. Thanks to everyone who managed to come and support our students.

Rimu and Hospice

As part of our topic for Term 4 centered around volunteers we have been learning about helping in our community. Hospice is one way we have identified that we can help out by supporting the Hospice shop. If you have goods of any kind from electrical, toys, clothing or even books we want to collect these and send them to Hospice. Please take to Room 8 for collection. What a great way to clear out your house before summer.

Rimu Syndicate

Raapa 4 o Whiringa-a-rangi

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Whangaruru School Cultural Festival

On Thursday 12th November, a group of senior students will be travelling to the Whangaruru School Cultural Festival to represent Kamo Primary. We will travel to Whangaruru by bus, leaving Kamo at 8:15 am and returning by 3pm.

All whanau are welcome to attend but will need to find their own mode of transport to and from Whangaruru.

Please get permission slips back to Mrs Norman by Friday.

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• **Bush Road Medical** •
• **Centre** •
• **We have been advised by** •
• **Bush Road Medical Centre** •
• **that they will be doing a** •
• **renovation to their building** •
• **starting shortly and going** •
• **through until after** •
• **Christmas.** •
• **There will be some** •
• **disruption to the footpath** •
• **and to traffic during this** •
• **time on Clark Road.** •
• **Could we ask parents that** •
• **when this starts to please** •
• **redirect their children to use** •
• **the Bush Road pedestrian** •
• **crossing before and after** •
• **school.** •
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If you have information that you would like to share with us, to assist us with 2016 class placements, please put your views in writing and return them to the school office by Friday 13th November at the latest. Such requests need to be based around social, health or education factors. However, it is not easy to meet all requests and we do reserve the right to exercise our professional judgment in making final decisions. Also a request does not mean automatically that it will be followed. The process is a very inclusive one with the final decisions resting with the school management team.

Whangarei Lions Fireworks Spectacular

[Toll Stadium](#) Okara Park, Okara Dr, Whangarei

Saturday 7 November 2015 6:30pm

(if wet the reserve day is Sunday 8th November)

Gates open 6.00pm. Cost \$25 Family 2 adults 2 children

Whangarei Theatre Company presents Little Shop of Horrors. Friday 13th Nov to Saturday 28th Nov. Tickets \$30 for show or \$50 for dinner & show. www.whangareitheatrecompany.org.nz or buy at Whangarei suit hire.

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Sherry is a proud Northlander and a well known and trusted local identity. With over 20 years of award winning sales, and managing and marketing experience within the Whangarei retail sector. Her interests include house rejuvenation, travel, and the company of family and friends.

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KAMO COMMUNITY FITNESS HUB

Winter Timetable

Mon:	9am - 5.45pm	Weight/ Fitness Circuit	BoxFit
Tues:	9am - 9.30am	KickFit (Mum & Bub friendly)	SeniorFit (Senior Circuit)
	5.45pm - 6.30pm	KickFit	Yoga
Thurs:	9am - 9.30am	BoxFit (Mum & Bub friendly)	SeniorFit (Senior Circuit)
	5.45pm - 6.30pm	KickFit	Yoga
Sat:	8am	Fit Bits	

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