



Room 9 All Ready For The Show

"Can't Be Tamed"



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Power Cut

Thank you to all our whanau for their co-operation with yesterdays power cut. Ahipara was one of the last areas to have it restored so we definitely made the right decision regarding the postponement of the concert. It's very hard to dance with no music. The production takes place on **Tuesday 13th December**.

2) Ahipara School Production

Tuesday 13th December is the Big Night and the excitement is building!!!!

I have been very fortunate to be able to watch some of the class practises and I can tell you, we are in for a treat! Children will need to be at school by 5.30pm for getting into costume and be ready for our 6.00pm start.

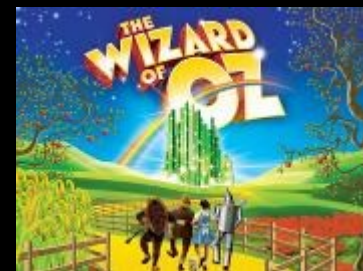
THE STARS WILL BE OUT ON TUESDAY NIGHT

AHIPARA SCHOOL PRESENTS

The Wizard of Oz.

- 6:00 pm - Opening Karakia
- Room 1 - Somewhere Over The Rainbow
- Room 10 - Thunderstruck
- Room 2 - Munchkins
- Room 6 - Follow The Yellow Brick Road
- Room 8 - Stuck In Middle
- Room 5 - Love On Me
- Room 9 - Can't Be Tamed
- Room 3 - Bright Lights, Bigger City
- Room 4 - Ready Or Not
- Room 7 - I'm Coming Home

6.45 pm - Prize Giving (Year 8 Awards for Academic, Sport, Most Improved, Service and Contribution, Excellence in Tikanga Maori, and the Mainfreight Award for Excellence in Attitude).



3) End of Year Reports

Due to the school being closed yesterday our End of Year Reports will be sent home today. This report will reflect your child's progress over the last half year in all curriculum areas. The report will give you a clear picture of your child's strengths and areas for development in the core curriculum areas which are reading, writing and maths. We hope that it is informative and we welcome the opportunity to discuss the contents of the report if needed. I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all staff for the extra effort they have all put in during these last few weeks.

4) Juniors 'Big Day In'

Next **Wednesday 14th December**, our Juniors will be having a 'Big Day In' at school. It will be a day full of fun activities, games and sharing at school. Children will be participating in a variety of activities at school and will be able to wear mufti on the day. Please remember togs and parents are welcome to join us.

5) NZ Surf Day

A selection of our Year 5 - 8 students will be given the opportunity to have a go at surfing. Our 'NZ Surf Day' will be held on **Tuesday 13th December**. More information will be given to children closer to the day.

6) Year 8 Presentation

The Year 8's will be having their graduation lunch at the Bayview restaurant on **Monday 12th December**. Details will be sent home via class newsletters.

7) Lost Property

We have a huge range of lost property that needs to be claimed by the owners before the end of the year. We will be putting it out on display outside Room 2 on Wednesday and classes will have the opportunity to view it. You are welcome to come in and check, as often children don't identify what actually does belong to them. Uniforms can now be purchased at The Warehouse. We will also be having a second hand uniform sale on **Thursday 26th January, 2017** at 9.00am.

8) Production DVD

This year we will have production DVDs on sale (Koha), before school finishes for the term. Orders can be placed at the office as early as Wednesday morning.

9) Resene Art Awards

This year we have been successful in winning second place in the **Resene Mural Competition** for our Pukapuka Park artwork. We have also achieved a highly commended for the metamorphosis mural. We feel very proud in winning recognition in such a fiercely competitive competition! Congratulations to Kim Subritzky and all the tamariki who have been involved in these projects. Keep an eye out for our next fantastic artworks based on old photos of Ahipara, they are nearing completion and we hope to have them up in the next couple of weeks. They are amazing!!

10) Garden Competition

This is currently being judged and the winners will be announced at Mondays

assembly.

11) Second Hand Uniforms

As the end of the year is nigh, please think about what you want to do with your second hand uniforms. We always have families in need of uniform items, so any donations would be much appreciated.

A reminder that school closes **Thursday 15th December** at the usual time of 2.45pm for the Christmas break and will reopen on **Tuesday 31st January 2017**. All staff will be present on **Thursday and Friday 26th & 27th January** for teacher preparation days should you wish to obtain any information on the school, to enrol children, etc.

A few last words for 2016

What is most important for a school? It is the students. A school's most valuable asset? It is the staff. A school's strength? It is the community.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge the work that our staff have done this year in terms of teaching and learning. As I look back on the 2016 school year I can say it has been vastly rewarding to see our pupils' achievements in the academic, social and sporting arenas. I would also like to thank the BoT, P.T.A. and all the people who have assisted our students and staff in any way this year. I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyful Christmas holiday period.

Holiday Reading

Read lots of books in the holidays!!! If you read books on 10 days you will get a free swim. If you read books on 20 days you will get a swim and a balloon. If you read books on 30 days you will get a swim, balloon and another surprise when you get back to school. You can read any of your home books. You can join the town library for free and get books from there. You can read a chapter from a book. You can read one of your school books. You can read the same book twice if you want to. The more you read the better you will get!! **Have fun with your books.**

Looking After our School

When passing school: - Please cast an eye over the school facilities to check that all users are being careful with our property. We like to see our facilities being used sensibly and safely but ignoring careless or dangerous behaviour just seems to encourage it. Any money we spend repairing damage by a few inconsiderate users is less we can spend positively.

Kia Ora
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal

**Have a safe and happy holidays.
Season Greetings to you all!**

Year 8 Graduation Ball

This is being held at **KIS** on **Monday 12th December, 6:30-10:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 each, this includes supper. These are available to purchase from the school office. Dress is formal.