Kumara School

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"Mining Every Opportunity" *Mission Statement: ....Extend .....Challenge ..... Motivate .....*

Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

This week we have:

- **West Coast Cross Country** for some selected senior Students, Kumara Racecourse Wednesday 25th May 2016
- **Storytime+ Plus** for pre-schoolers - Starting 10.00am at the School Library **each Friday**

Principal's Update:

Kia Ora Tatou,

Tomorrow, weather permitting, four (4) of our Room One students will represent Kumara School at the West Coast Cross Country. We would like to congratulate:

* **Mikayla Stevenson**
* **Jacob Thomson**
* **Deegan Davies**
* **Carlos Syme**

for qualifying for this event, and we wish them all the best for the big day!

While we have many things to be proud of at Kumara School, one area which greatly needs improvement is our students written language.
Writing is about being able to effectively communicate with others and the first building blocks for effective writing, is effective talking.
Through having conversations with your children you are not only helping build their vocabulary but also showing them they have got something worth saying! So, we are asking for your support.

Moments, such as car trips, family meals, and bedtimes are fantastic opportunities to draw your children into discussions. Please challenge them to elaborate on their ideas and use interesting language to help communicate their ideas vividly and clearly.

If our children are not effective at communicating through speech, we know they will struggle to become effective at communicating through writing. We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing about some interesting discussions you have with your child(ren)!!!

Wishing you all a safe and happy week!

Ngā mihi

Vic Hygate—Principal

Important Dates:

- **Raffle Table Helpers** still needed Friday 8th July 2016 in Hokitika & Sun/Mon 10th/11th July 2016 in Greymouth — There are a few spaces left. Thanks to all helpers so far.
- **Kumara Memorial Hall AGM** 8th June 2016, 7pm at the Hall — will Kumara people step forward to keep & run the community owned hall, or will it need to be sold?

Other Interesting Things:

- **Greymouth High School PTA Quiz Night** 7pm Friday 27th May 2016—Tickets $15. each, 4-6 in a team, from the **Bonzai or High School Office** Ph: 768 0472
- **Storytelling Workshop** with Andy Wright, International Story Teller, **Thursday 9th June 2016**, 6.30pm to 8.30pm $15.00 WestREAP 72 Tudor Street, Hokitika Ph: 0800 927 327 E: reception@westreap.org.nz - Registrations Essential

Thank you to Kumara School!

Pink Shirt Day Friday 20th May 2016 was a Mufti Day to ***'Stop Bullying'*** - Kumara School raised cash for the **Mental Health Foundation**— $47.50
Well Done!

Warm Winter Kumara School Royal Blue Beanie Hats for Sale:

Just $15. 00
Featuring the Goldfields Sam School Logo
One Size Fits All

Kumara School Board of Trustee (BOT) Elections
We Have 5 Nominations

This is exactly the required number for the new BOT to be formed, so voting is not required.

Names will be published in the Greymouth Star Wednesday 25th May 2016

Joan Gray has been elected as our Staff Representative

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE PROCESS

Did you know that...

...the Dragon Boat Festival is a 2400year old tradition held to commemorate the death of a famous Chinese poet?
... Dragon Boat Racing is the fastest water sport activity in the world today?
... people in China celebrate by eating special food and playing games?
... they believe making an egg stand on the day will bring good luck all year?

We want to learn more about this and will

celebrate Dragon Boat Day in Kumara on 9th June!

All children from Kumara school will gather at Kumara hall from 12pm and hear more about the festival. At different stalls they will be able to create Chinese Lanterns, build toy dragon boats, enjoy other dragon crafts and learn how to make yummy wontons and dumplings.

From about 2pm we will sample the food, have a boat race, parade our lanterns and showcase what we've made. Parents invited to join us at their availability.
Please advise the school of any special dietary requirements.

This event is supported by:

Kumara Residents Trust (KRT)

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The Dragonboat Festival on Thursday 9th June 2016 @ 12.pm

is being organised by:
New Coasters Incorporated
C/- Birte Becker-Steel, Settling in Service Coordinator
Ph: 03 768 6580 or 027 407 0302
Email Birte@newcoasters.co.nz
38 Albert Street Greymouth
72 Tudor Street Hokitika

http://www.newcomers.co.nz/regions/west-coast/ & https://www.facebook.com/NewCoasters

Bottles Wanted

Could families please send in to Kumara School any clean used 300ml or 1litre plastic bottles to make some wonderful creations at the dragon boat festival—just these sizes required, thank you.