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KAITAO A FINALIST IN THE WESTPAC ROTORUA BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Kaitao Middle School have become the first school to be a finalist in two categories in the one year.

Newstalk ZB Community Organization Business Award, which recognizes their work as a school in education and the results they have achieved particularly in literacy, numeracy and inquiry learning. They have also been recognized for their outstanding results in student engagement with no stand downs or exclusions in three years and only two suspensions.

They are also finalists in the Rotorua Charitable Trust Social Responsibility Awards which recognizes their work in giving back to the community through donations to over thirty charitable organizations, their food parcel programme, the technology for our community programme and by keeping their kids at school they are supporting their community. One of their school values, compassion, is the driver behind these initiatives.

Well done to Kaitao and good luck

WHO'S ON THE EXEC BOARD

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SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/RPA EVENTS

- **Mangere Bridge School and Kindergarten presents "Transition to School" - Building Relationships between Early Childhood and School** - Monday 13th September at the Helen Downer Kindergarten 5–8 pm - Please see the flyer attached for more information
- **Rotorua AP and DP Association presents "Alison Mooney" author of "Pressing the Right Buttons" and 2009 Speaker of the Year (NSANZ, Auckland)** - Thursday 23rd September at Westbrook School - Please see flyer attached for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kaitao Middle School Sports Camp** - Recently, a team of 32 students from Kaitao spent a week at the Auckland Schools Sports Camp at Totara Springs near Matamata. Kaitao competed in all 25 sports against some of Auckland's largest Intermediates as well as Tauranga Intermediate with 10 schools in all. Kaitao was the lowest decile school competing and we had the smallest team but still managed to win four cups and five runner up spots.
- **Rotorua Town and Country ICTPD Cluster** - 32 teachers from the Rotorua Town and Country ICTPD Cluster (Mamaku, Kaharoa, Kawaha Point, Ngongotaha, Otonga, St Marys and Aorangi) visited Newmarket Primary School (www.newmarket.school.nz) on Saturday 28th August. The day was spent working with the Principal, Dr Wendy Kofoed, and her very knowledgeable DP & AP on curriculum development, assessment tools such as SOLO and the work they have done around Enviroschools and community partnerships. We came away inspired, excited, somewhat in awe and full of ideas and plans. It was an excellent professional learning day and is a huge credit to the schools and their teachers that so many were prepared to give up a Saturday with their families to take part in this PD opportunity. Many thanks to all - By Lorraine Taylor, Project Director, Rotorua Town and Country ICTPD Cluster

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

- **8th September** - 2010 Rotorua Graduating Students (University of Canterbury Event) - Invitations will be sent out shortly.
- **10th September** - RPA Meeting, Rotorua Education Centre
- **17th September** - Lip Sync
- **16th October** - Mamaku School Lamb & Calf Day
- **24th March 2011** - Westbrook 2011 Gala





Paris - We had our first tour day in Paris. Genaro is our very experienced driver who allows us the confidence to sleep between viewing stops. Getting to know 43 other people on a bus can be a challenge but one good way is to have them take photos of us!!! Hehehe. One down side of a bus trip is you don't have the choice of where you are stopping so often photos have to be taken from the bus window.

London - This car was being used as a promotional vehicle in Wimbledon, yes promoting astro grass. The driver assured me he didn't have to mow his car!!!



Kensington Castle - Bridget went knocking at the Castle Gate but alas there was no one home. Behind the Castle there is a very interactive playground developed in the memory of Lady Diana. This is in the Hyde Park area. We stayed in this area before our 10 day Cosmos tour. The tour interrupted our connections with the world. Sorry World!!!!!!



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