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**KAITAO DOES IT AGAIN.....**

Kaitao Middle School have won the Rotorua Business Excellence Awards Social Responsibility category. 

Social Responsibility is all about giving back to our community and developing the next generation of givers rather than takers. As a school, we are guided by our school motto Kia Puawai I Roto te Whanaungatanga which means to blossom within the family and we regard our local, national and international people as our family. Our school values of compassion, honesty, respect and responsibility are taught through assemblies and in the classroom. We raise funds for a whole variety of charities within our community and beyond and this is normally done through mufti days with our Student Council selecting the charity. We also provide homes with food parcels and this is done whenever we do a home visit. Another initiative is to give our parents computers and technology when we have an upgrade and this provides up to 25 homes with computers at a time.

By keeping our students engaged at school (no stand downs, suspensions or exclusions for two years) we are protecting our community from students who are not at school.

Kaitao Middle School are finalists in the Fair Go Ad Awards. Kaitao were the winners of the first ever Ad Awards held by Fair Go and are pleased to be finalists again this year with their ad "In a perfect world". The students from Mr O'Rourke's film making elective have entered a number of competitions with success and enjoy the creativity involved in developing a story board to the final film. This year instead of a school production, the students are involved in the making of a full length movie which will premiere in Week 9 of this term.

**WHO'S ON THE EXEC BOARD**

- Colin Watkins
- Deb Epp
- Linda Woon
- Tony Pope
- Warwick Moyle
- Niels Rasmussen
- Rory O'Rourke
- Cynthia Holden
- John Naera
- Lorraine Taylor
- Para Meha

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## REQUESTS

- **Mayor's Attendance Reception** - Please pencil in your diary the date of Monday 6th December @ 10.30 for this years 100% Attendance Awards Ceremony to be held at the Rotorua Convention Centre. Serena will be away for Xmas from 20th November, so can you please provide her with your list of possible eligible students for this by Friday 5th November. She will provide certificates for all names, but if, at the end of November, you find a student is no longer eligible, please let Warwick Moyle at Kaharoa know at [principal@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:principal@kaharoa.school.nz)
- **Irlen's Testing** - A number of schools are now enjoying the benefits of the Rotorua Trust funded Irlen's screening programme that has been rolled out in the Western Cluster Schools. As part of this funding, we are required to provide a report to the Rotorua Trust. This report is required at the end of this year for the remaining funding. I am happy to collate and prepare this. For me to do this, schools will need to detail:
  1. Number of children tested
  2. Number of children needing to visit the optometrist
  3. Number needing Irlen's glasses
  4. A short report on the educational benefits and any other benefits noted

Please email this information to [principal@kaharoa.school.nz](mailto:principal@kaharoa.school.nz)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Roots of Empathy** - The Roots of Empathy Programme will be completing a successful first year with a baby celebration on Monday 22nd November. At this celebration, we will be recognizing the great teaching of our babies who have taught us through their instructors and parents about temperament, neuro-development, feelings, caring for and relating to others, difference in rates of development and learning, crying, how to hold a baby, faetal alcohol syndrome to name just a few topics. Five schools, Horohoro, Kaitao, Kaharoa, Malfroy and Selwyn have noted considerable benefits of this programme as they look to develop social and emotional literacy and empathy in their pupils. If any further schools are interested in being involved in this Barnardos led programme in 2011, or would like more information, please phone Warwick Moyle at Kaharoa School on 07 332 3444.
- **Kaitao Students Finalists in MADE Video Awards** - Kaitao students have two entries in the finals of the MADE Video Awards 2010. Their entries in the advert up to 30 seconds "Nerd Spray" and story telling up to 5 mins "Just in Time" were both successful in reaching the finals. The prize giving evening will be held at the Baycourt Theatre in Tauranga on 3rd November at 7pm.
- **Executive Meeting Minutes** - Please find the minutes of the last meeting attached.

- **28th October** - RPA Meeting, Rotorua Education Centre
- **5th November** - List of names to Serena for possible eligible students for 100% Attendance Awards Ceremony.
- **6th December** - 100% Attendance Awards Ceremony
- **24th March 2011** - Westbrook 2011 Gala



**FOR SALE**

- **Lynmore School** - Lynmore have two cows (capable of housing 10 laptops) minus computers for sale – Offers to Roger



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