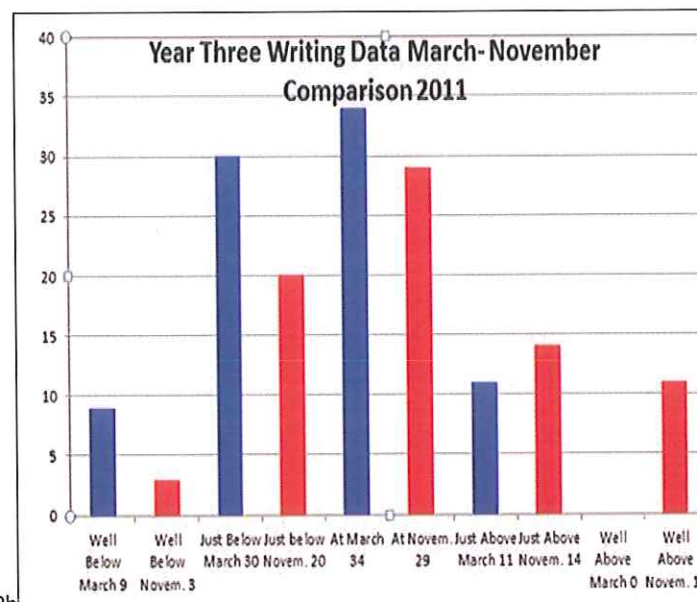
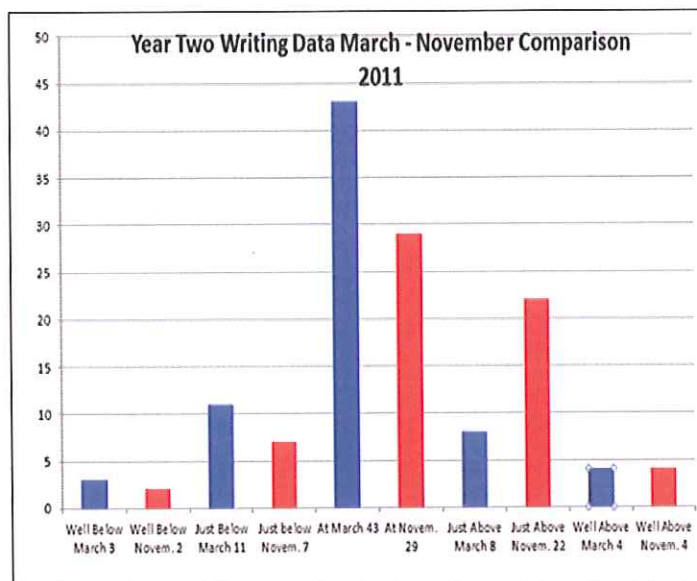
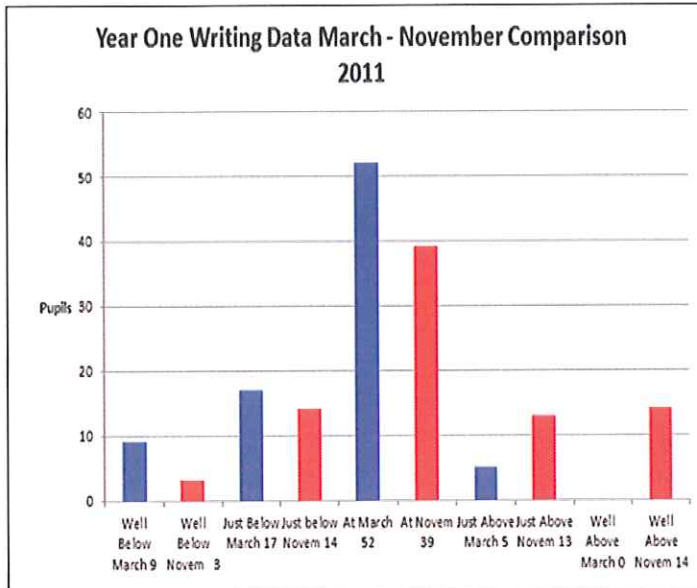


Dear Parents and Caregivers

**NAG 1. Curriculum**

Below are the Junior School writing results. The blue columns represent the March data and the red columns represent the November data.



**NAG 2 Documentation and Self Review**

I am in the process of reading each child's report. These will be sent home on Friday 9 December. They are a similar format to the mid-year reports, measuring student achievement against national standards with a commentary on how well your child has met their mid-year goals. This report will also include your child's teacher and room for 2012.

**NAG 3 Personnel**

We currently have three fixed-term teaching vacancies for 2012. In accordance with the provisions of the New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI) collective agreement for teachers, these positions have been advertised nationally. I will advise you of the successful applicants in the next newsletter.

**NAG 4 Finance and Property**

The pool changing shed floors have just been repainted to minimise slipping.

We are currently planning an upgrade of Rooms 1 and 2, which will include internal access between the two rooms. This is likely to be done over the Christmas break, depending on the building consent process.

The 2012 budget has been drafted and will be ratified at the next BOT meeting.

**NAG 5 Health and Safety**

I realise it is soon after gala but we are very keen to support the Kerikeri/Kaeo Food Bank with a Christmas appeal. We are accepting grocery items including tinned and packaged food, Christmas items, even cleaning products. Please send any donations to the school office. We feel that this is a way we can physically give back to the community and make life a little easier for those less fortunate.

**NAG 6 Legislation**

There has been one stand-down and no suspensions or exclusions this year.

**Swimming pool open**

Swimming starts next week. Children will not have to swim if it is too cold however we will be encouraging children to bring their togs.



### Puriri Syndicate Sausage Sizzle

Puriri Syndicate are having 2 sausage sizzles for fundraising - this Friday 25 November and Thursday 8 December.



### Year 5 Drama performance

7pm Thursday 1 December in the school hall. \$2 per person, \$5 family (2 adults and 2 children). Tickets will be available for sale from Rm 23 from Monday 21 November. This event is a fundraising event for the Year 5/6 camp 2012.

### Fun Swim

The Year 5 /6 children are having a fun swim at the KKHS pools. Rooms 23/22 Thursday 8 December; Rooms 19/20 Friday 9 December; Rooms 21/25 Monday 12 December- from 1pm - 2.30pm.

### Fun Day

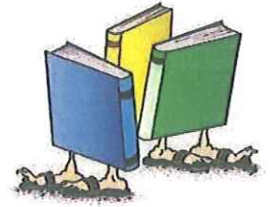
On Tuesday 13 December there will be a sausage sizzle, fun games and a water fight for the year 5/6s. The High School Pools and the sausage sizzle have been funded with money raised from the school disco.

### Year 6 and High School drama performance

Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November Year 6 and High School drama performances. There are 2 evening shows and a matinee on the Thursday for Kerikeri Primary children.

### Scholastic Book Club

Brochures were sent home. Please return your order by **Wednesday 30 November**. Put your order form with the money in an envelope and take orders to the library. Cheques to be made out to Scholastic NZ. Thanks



### Community Notices

#### KERIKERI STRIDERS ATHLETICS

Wednesday evenings 5pm - 6.15pm @ Kerikeri High School Fields. Ages 5 - 13yrs. Starts Wednesday 26 October. Contact Cara Dawson 0210354038 or email: stefand@xtra.co.nz

#### Santa's Grotto

For the 3rd year running, Santa will be setting up his magical Grotto in Kerikeri at the Plunket Rooms. Sunday 4 December from 9am-1pm, children from the community are invited to come and see Santa and share a special Christmas story.

### 2012 School term Dates

Term	Start date	End date
1	Wednesday 1 February	Thursday 5 April
2	Monday 23 April	Friday 29 June
3	Monday 16 July	Friday 28 September
4	Monday 15 October	Tuesday 18 December

### How to blow up a balloon without lung power

Sometimes when two or more materials are mixed together a new material is formed. This is called a chemical reaction. When Room 16 blew up balloons without our lung power we used only two ingredients, vinegar and baking soda.

To do this you need to find a bottle and a balloon. Fill a quarter of the bottle with vinegar. Pour two teaspoons of baking soda into the balloon. Attach the balloon onto the top of the bottle and shake the baking soda down.

When the baking soda mixes with the vinegar a chemical reaction is formed. This produces CO<sup>2</sup> (carbon dioxide) gas which blows up the balloon.

*By Brendon Mitchell, Room 16*

## Kerikeri Primary School

### 2011 Christmas

### Foodbank Appeal

Kerikeri Primary School is supporting the Kerikeri / Kaeo Community Foodbank appeal. We are asking for donations of non perishable and Christmas food items. Help us support Foodbank. Please send any items with your child to the school office. Thank you!

No One should go Hungry!



School Families in need can be referred to the Kerikeri / Kaeo Foodbank by the Principal.

*Paul Lindsay*

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Principal