



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

- Nelson Mandela

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Whānau

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us at the Swimming Sports today, it was fantastic to have you there helping with timing, record keeping and cheering on our students. The children displayed fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship, I am very proud of you all! Mr Shanks and I will be taking our school's top swimmers from the year 4 - 8 races to compete in a swim off against Otaika, Waitotira, Portland and TAS on Friday 2 March. The swim off will help us identify the swimmers to enter into the WPSSA competition in Whangarei.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Community Consultation evening on Wednesday night, it was great to see so many of you there. Throughout the evening, the other staff members and I were receiving lots of positive feedback about the evening and the future direction of the school. As explained last night, we have four focus areas for the year, these are:

- Improve literacy levels of all students.
- Accelerate the progress of Māori students performing below expectations.
- Redevelop our school vision, values, logo and behaviour management plan in alignment with our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) contract.
- Grow our school roll by becoming a school of choice for new and existing students.

We have solid plans in place to meet these goals that are based on data and a collaboration of community, student and staff voice.

Our school Parent Support Group held their first meeting last week, thank you so much to everyone who attended. All staff members appreciate the time and effort that the members put in to support our school. As is always the case, many hands make light work. At the beginning of the year, the PSG find themselves in the situation of looking for people who are interested in joining them. Meetings are held regularly at school, however, even if you are unable to attend the meetings you can still help out in multiple ways throughout the year. If you are interested in joining or would like to put your hand up to be contacted when help is needed throughout the year, please talk to Trudi Bertie (Staff Representative/Chairperson) or Jade White (Secretary).

We have finalised the details for our camp this year. We have decided to run a whole school urban camp in Auckland. We will all leave for Auckland at 9am on Tuesday 15 May, Piwakawaka and Kereru will return to school on Thursday 17 May, Mr Shanks and I will stay on with Korimako an extra night and return to school on Friday 18 May. A notice will be coming home early next week with further details. If you wish to start paying now, please contact Tania to make arrangements.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards

Sophia Roulston
Principal

Mana Award Winner



STAFF PROFILE

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House Fun Day

Friday 16th February!

A fun day of house challenges for all students.



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WAIPU RUGBY SQUASH CLUB

JUNIOR RALLY 2018

Thursday 8 March and

Thursday 15 March

5.00—6.00pm

Upstairs in the clubroom

Grades U7 (Rippa), U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14

Contact:

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CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year is one of the most ancient events celebrated around the world.

Today the festival is about bringing family together, celebrating a year of hard work and to wish for a lucky and prosperous coming year.

The date of Chinese New Year is based on the Chinese lunar calendar.

This year, it falls on 16 February and celebrates Year of the Dog.

Ideas to celebrate

- Make lanterns or do Chinese paper cutting.
- Invite a parent or whānau of a child who celebrates Chinese New Year at home to share skills to make traditional decorations.
- Create art relevant to the the Chinese animal of the year.
- Make traditional foods like dumplings or steamed buns (recipes at fuelled4life.org.nz).
- Dress in red and have your own Chinese New Year parade.
- Cook with traditional vegetables (learn more here: bit.ly/2B4xdkg).



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