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Waitara East School Weekly Newsletter Monday 18 June, 2018.

Principals Message

Kia Ora Whānau,

Welcome to week 8!

On the Friday the 8th of June we played Puketapu School in a sports exchange. We were all very proud of our tamariki involved in this event. The sportsmanship showed by all our teams and Puketapu was outstanding and great to see. A big thanks to Ngatai Walker and his school for a memorable event. On Friday 29th of June we play St John Bosco School here at Waitara East. Games will start at 1.00 pm.

As many of you know our year 6 tamariki are working hard to raise funds to go on their end of year school camp. Last Thursday they held a quiz night at Crowded House in New Plymouth. This was a fantastic event and we would like to thank everyone who made the journey from Waitara to help this even be successful.

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase. On Thursday 28th of June, 2018, the teachers from Waitara East School will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on Thursday 28th of June, 2018 to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2pm.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their children up from school at 1.00pm on on Thursday 28th of June, 2018. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until the end of the school day.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates. Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

Ngā Mihi,

Perrie Topia



On Friday it was Ranui. The activities were awesome. There was tug-of-war, face paint, movies, colouring and drawing, a bouncy castle and gymnastics. I felt like I was at a carnival. I got my face painted and watched movies. It was the best Ranui ever. Maybe next time it will be better, but I doubt it! *By Violet Chard*

