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Waitara East School Weekly Newsletter Tuesday 26 June, 2018.

Principals Message

Kia Ora Whānau,

Welcome to week 9!

Firstly, we would like to thank Methanex for donating computers to Waitara East. A few weeks ago representatives from Methanex came to school to deliver 35 computers for our school. These computers have been reformatted and are now starting to be integrated into our classrooms. Once again, we thank Methanex for this kind donation.

Secondly, due to our role growth in the Junior School we have decided to open a new classroom. We have appointed Mrs Nicola Crawford to teach this class for the rest of the year. Nicola comes with a vast experience teaching in the Junior School and we are very excited to have her on our team. Today whānau will be contacted about their child being moved to the new class. The class will be where the staffroom usually is and the staffroom has moved to the back of the hall until the redevelopment of Rooms 12 and 13 are completed in Term 4.

Also, attached to this Newsletter is a note about our Puanga celebration and Marae Noho next week. We feel this will be a great way to finish a busy term and celebrate Puanga in our school.

This week we host St John Bosco in a school sports exchange. This will start with a Powhiri at 12.30 pm to welcome our guests. Games will commence at 1.00 pm. We will be playing Rugby, Soccer and Netball (2 teams). All players are asked to bring a plate of food along to share at the after match. Please come along and cheer our teams on.

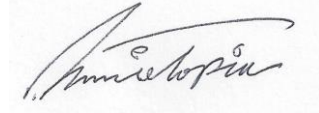
Lastly, on Thursday 28th of June, 2018, the teachers from Waitara East School will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools 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 at 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

CHILDREN'S LUNCHES:

There is a concern with children bringing noodles to school that need cooking at lunchtime because of the risk of burning themselves or other children. If you can give your child an alternative it would be greatly appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY:

We have a huge amount of lost property in the hall. If you are missing any of your children's clothes please come and have a look and reclaim them before it gets sent to Corso next Friday.

