

Waitara East School Weekly Newsletter

Monday 6 August, 2018

Kia Ora Whānau,

Welcome to week 3.

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your support last week with our whānau goal review meetings. These meetings were essential to set our students learning pathway for the rest of the year and a real opportunity to positively celebrate your child's achievements so far.

Secondly, we would like to congratulate our Netball girls for their achievement of making the North Taranaki Primary Schools semi-final. On Wednesday we played Tikorangi School in a very exciting, hard fought, game with our girls being beaten by a well drilled Tikorangi team. Today our rugby boys play Mangorei school at Waitara East starting at 1pm.

Also, last Friday our school leaders attended the Taranaki EdLead conference in New Plymouth. This event was organized by the New Plymouth Principals Association and had many keynote speakers on a variety of topics including special performances from various groups. It was fantastic to see our Whakataetae group also perform at this event. Some of our student leaders have written a short recount about their experiences of the day to put in this newsletter.

Lastly, please find a very important letter regarding school closure on Wednesday 15th August, 2018.

Ngā Manaakitanga,

Nga Mihi,

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<u>Perrie Topia</u>



JUST A REMINDER ABOUT THE MANA PROGRAMME: In the near future we will be calling for Whanau feedback on what you think is working with our Mana system. Please remember if you have any concerns please talk to your classroom teacher first, then either Whaea Lestine, Matua Luke or Matua Perrie.

Leaders Conference

On Friday the leaders and chosen members from Waitara East went to the Lead conference at the City West Church in New Plymouth. There were 650 kids, adults and teachers there. "Words are thoughts and thoughts are power" was a message by Mark Armstrong (one of the presenters). Sometimes we have good thoughts and sometimes we have bad thoughts. We need to be able to "catch the thoughts", "check the thoughts" and if we need to then "change the thoughts" so they become a positive. Liz Alexander said "Find what you have in common use that common ground to try and make a friend" but she said that in a funny, she started with a joke like this "I like taking long romantic walks on the beach... by myself" she also said "I live with a man his name is dad". The moral of this story is "If you have common ground with another person use it".

Josh Hickford -

If you have watched Survivor New Zealand you will know who this guy is. He talked about resilience. So what does resilience mean?

Resilience means never give up, never give in. If something doesn't go the way you want it to go, being resilient means that you are able to bounce back from it. Josh followed the doctor's orders so he could get rid of his cancer. Josh watched Survivor New Zealand (1st season) and he then decided to go on season two. The moral of the story is "Never give up, get back up and keep trying"

Our Favorite speaker was Liz Alexander because everytime she spoke she added something funny that made everyone laugh even when her time was up she was hilarious her last joke was "I hope you laughed at one of my dry jokes"

Our school kapahaka group also performed at the conference and Whaene AJ won the teacher dance off against all of the other teachers there which was really cool. She won a heap of cheeseburger vouchers so she shared them will all of the leaders.

By Kingi & Hemi

