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*Principal's comments:*    **NEWSLETTER No. 8**

**1 April, 2016**

*Ngā mihi ki a koutou, Greeting to you all*

*Each term we have a 'Whānau Art Day', this is where all the families are invited to come in and spend time in the classroom creating art masterpieces with their children. The theme is how Waitara go its name. A notice will be coming home on Monday with more information on it.*

*Next week (Thursday 7th April) is the Tony Kemp Cup at Clifton Park Waitara. Mike Kātene has been coaching the team. If you are free please come and support our Kura.*

*This week we had Josh from TRFU teaching the Year 5 and 6 children Rippa Rugby Skills. We have the annual Rippa Tournament on Monday 30th May and the postponement day is the Tuesday 31st May.*

*A big thank-you to you all for allowing the teachers to have a full day's professional development on Wednesday 30th March. We spent the day setting up our individual inquiries on how to further improve our teaching. Teacher Inquiry is an important part of teaching. We also had development in the Partial Immersion classes on writing.*

*The Health and Safety Reform Bill will come into force from April 14. This will mean big changes in the workplace. All volunteers who regularly volunteer their time will be under the care of the Board of Trustees. Police vets will also be needed. We are currently developing a Policy and Procedure to support this new reform. This will be shared with the whānau via the newsletter. If you have any comments please let us know.*

*We are also writing other Policies/Procedures around Enrolments, Vulnerable Children's Act and the school van.*

**Graham Sands**