

**NEWSLETTER NO. 17** 

1 July, 2016.

# Principal's Comments:

Tena Koutou Katoa Greetings to you all,

This week we had a visit from Penelope the Pukeko. Her job was to give out gifts to those children who were actively coming to school e.g. walking, scootering, biking... Penelope gave out lots of rewards to almost all our tamariki.

The Home and School Committee had a meeting last Friday to organise the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Congratulations to Jo Martin - Secretary, Lyn Doody -Treasurer, and Joan & Jason Newport, Adrienne Ahu and Jeanette Jordan - Committee Members. We are still looking for parents to join the committee. Some up and coming fundraising ideas are: Calendars (Term 3), Fish N Chip Friday (Term 3), Sausage Sizzles and Raffles.

The senior school had their Noho Marae last Wednesday. Well done to Matua Stuart who did the whaikorero for the senior tamariki. This was a day packed full of activities. It was also Whanau Art Day so those parents that were able to come to school or the Marae, thank you.

Waitara East School's Website has had a BIG upgrade. Margaret and I have had a webinar about how to organise and develop it further. We are looking at embedding Video Clips, Photos, Newsletters, Surveys, Blogging, Emailing, and so many more options. So keep checking the website as we will be adding more and more to it each week when it is live online.

Next week is the last week of term. We finish on Friday at 3.00p.m. We have Our MANA assembly on Wednesday this is where each teacher selects 2 children from their class to win the Angitu Award (accelerated progress, 2 children per class per term). We also invite those parents to have morning tea with the staff. The Kai is provided by the Staff.

We also have RANUI on Friday, all the children who have been showing the MANA Way for the last 5 weeks get an ice-block and an extra play in the afternoon.

<u>Graham Sands.</u>

# Notices:

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME:

St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Domett Street, Waitara. 11—15 July, 2016. The programme will run from 9.00—3 p.m. and the cost will be \$7.00 per day. The children will be going on a bus trip to town, skating, movie afternoon and baking. Please phone Denise on 7547710 in the mornings or call at St. John's Church Hall after school 3—5 p.m. and complete an enrolment form or email your interest to stjohnanwai@xtra.co.nz

#### WAITARA BASKETBALL CAMP:

Friday 15 July—Waitara War Memorial Hall 10 a.m.—2.30 p.m. \$10.00 for the day. Top level coaches in Taranaki will be taking players through skill stations, modified basketball games and much more. Players aged from 9—11 years and of all abilities welcome. Prizes up for grabs as well. To register or for more information email your name and phone number to vanessa.mccarthy@sporttaranaki.org.nz

## TARANAKI LANDGIRLS FRUIT TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP:

Invite you to join us for fruit tree pruning workshop, with demonstration by Linda and Trevor Swan and the opportunity to have a go yourself. The event will be held on Sunday 17 July from 10 a.m. at Kahu Glen, 175 Paraite Road, Bell Block. Entry \$5. To find out more or register your interest please contact Shonagh Hopkirk on 7520889 or shopkirk@gmail.com

# NEW HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS:

Any visitors or caregivers picking their children up early need to report to the office and sign in or sign their children out please e.g. Child's name, Room Number, date and reason.

## **PENELOPE PUKEKO**



#### **SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS:**

A huge thank you to everybody for your amazing support for our disco last night. It was a fantastic turnout, very smart looking kids and a very happy evening of fun and dance for everyone. Thanks so much again, the Senior school children and staff really appreciate it.

Many thanks also to a very generous Tony McGreal of Challenge/4 Square here in Waitara. Mr McGreal donated \$50.00 worth of vouchers to the Senior school as a raffle prize. That will also be a wonderful boost to our fundraising.

The Senior school staff and teachers would like to say thank you so much to all the parents and whanau who gave so generously of their time to join us at Owae Marae on Wednesday. We are very grateful for your support with preparing kai, facilitating activity sessions and cleaning up. We all had an outstanding day of fun, learning and sharing, as an extended whanau.