



Friends, Learners, Guardians  
Whakahoahoa, Akonga, Kaitiaki

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

*Friday 21st September 2018*



## **TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI - KIA KAHA TE REO**

**Strengthen Te Reo Māori**

**We certainly did in Week 8.**

**We had hakari; we had harakeke; we had kutai; we had takakau. Our teachers and students integrate Te Reo Māori into our daily lives and not just in Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - but everyday!**

**Kia kaha Te Reo Māori - Strengthen the Māori Language.**

**The more we use it, the more we remember, the more we know!**

# Important Dates

- Sept 25 Inquiry Action Day - HEALTH EXPO - COME ALONG!!!*
- Sept 26 Year 5/6 Tamaki Netball Tournament*
- Sept 27 Leadership Assembly - Celebration of Year 5-8 Leaders*
- Sept 28 Funky Fun Friday Dress Up Day - Lunchtime Disco*
- Yr5-8*
- Sept 28 End Of Term - School Finishes At 3pm*

## Community Corner

- Thank you to everyone for your contribution to our 2018 Fun Run Fundraiser.
- We collected a massive **\$10,746!!!**
- New sports uniforms have been purchased and should arrive at school by the end of the term.
- We are planning to use the remainder of the funds to buy new sports equipment for all teams in Term 4.
- Park Supplies Playgrounds will scope the building of the Fitness Trail now that the wooden fort playground has FINALLY been removed from its position - we can begin the next project. First meeting in the holidays!
- Yummy Stickers
- Have you been collecting Yummy Fruit Stickers during the year at home or in your class?
- It is time to gather up all your stickers and send them to the office before Wednesday the 26th of September.

## **Week 8 and 9 Update - Progress of our Goals**

- Our Year 7/8 Basketball Teams did exceptionally well this year at their tournament - gaining 5th and 6th place respectively out of 20 teams. Manuia to Whaea Liz and Mr Moey for their superb coaching - and for all our Year 7/8 boys/girls who turned up for extra practices so they represent us very well at tournaments. We really appreciate you all!
- The Board of Trustees is working so hard at this time, attending a LOT of extra meetings in the evenings, completing the appointment process for a new Principal. The interviews take place this Saturday, so we should all know the results by next week. Thank you to our BOT for all the extra hours you are contributing to ensure this process is a strong one.
- Whakatōtanga completed their EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) at Corban's Estate - and THANK YOU to all the family members who turned up to supervise - such great numbers - and very very positive reports about the wonderful learning at Corban's Estate as well as the stunning behaviours of our children. Thank you!
- Our Kāhui Ako Community of Learners has been interviewing to appoint a new Leader to replace Ms Hansell in 2019. The cluster of 6 schools had representatives on the appointments' panel, and interviews took place Thursday 20th September. We have a new Leader, who will be announced once it has been confirmed by the Ministry of Education.
- Ms Melling has 'left the building' to begin her Maternity Leave. Room 19 class programme will continue in Term 4 with a new teacher.

# **TRANSITION PROGRAMMES AT SRS**

**At SRS, we have strategic goals around STRENGTHENING TRANSITION.**

**In 2015, we set up our first session of TRANSITION with our local ECE centres, and since then we have regularly held transition network meetings once per term with our local ECE teachers - over 20 local ECE centres attend these network meetings with our New Entrant teachers.**

**We have developed shared understandings of each other's learning environments and our teachers have visited all of the ECE centres, and the ECE's have been visiting our school on a regular basis. Our wonderful Mrs Hicks ensures consistent communication about our 5 year olds happens so that children have a happy start to our school.**

**The result of this great work, has been an increase in our school roll. We are now at 540 students - and each time we report to the BOT, the roll has increased. We can no longer take Out of Zone Enrolments now!**

**At the same time, Ms Starr has been focused on strengthening the transition of our Year 8 students into the Year 9 classes of One Tree Hill College - lots of communication, visits to the college, and setting our kids up for success as they move from one environment to the next**

**The exciting part of building our TRANSITION programmes, is that now it has become the work of the Across School Mentors within our Kāhui Ako. Our networks established have added value to the work of our Community of Learners, and we now have a plan to share assessment information from one environment to the other between ECE's/SCHOOL**

**At the college level, they are praising the work of our Year 8 teachers, as the assessment information they receive is totally accurate and placements are reliable and valid. We are happy with our TRANSITION!**

