



Friends, Learners, Guardians  
Whakahoahoa, Akonga, Kaitiaki

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

*Friday 2nd November 2018*



## **Transition of Principals Well In Place**

**During Term 4, there are meetings of transition taking place between the retiring Principal Ms Hansell, and the newly appointed Principal, Mr Wilson. Systems are GO in preparing the school for a successful handover for 2019.**

**We are having Mr Wilson's Pōwhiri on December 4th @ 11.30am in the school hall  
You are most welcome to attend if you can make it.**

# Important Dates

Date	Event
5.11	Hautūtanga - Technology Programme @ One Tree Hill College begins
6.11	EZ Touch Tournament - Year 7/8
7.11	APPA Choir Performance @ Town Hall 7pm - Tickets available
9.11	Diwali Festival Celebration (changed from 7th as many will be away on this day)
24.11	Kapa Haka Group in Te Kotuku Festival @ Ruapotaka Marae
29.11	<b>WHĀNAU FUN NIGHT - COME AND SEE YOUR KIDS PERFORMING</b>
14.12	End of Term 4 and break up for Christmas Holidays

**Please remember to keep the 29th November free for our Whānau Night  
This is our BIG community get together to celebrate children's performances  
We are counting on a full turnout on this lovely evening - it is a great night!  
It is MOST IMPORTANT THAT ALL CHILDREN ATTEND on this evening to perform.**

## Community Corner

- ➔ **Pool Keys for Hire - We are hoping to get up to 35 pool key hirers before the end of year. The cost of hiring a school pool key is \$250 for the whole summer from December 2018 - March 2019 of which \$50 will be returned as a bond at the end of the season on return of the key. We welcome you to hire a pool key so your family can enjoy swimming in the holidays. Please come to the office to organise pool key hireage.**
- ➔ **Harris Road School Entrance - please remember to NOT use this entrance in the morning or in the middle of the day for picking up children. The Ellerslie Highway entrance is the one to use for this. This week a parent turning in the car park hit one of our teachers' cars, and refused to take ownership of it even though it was witnessed and the dent was evident. Please help us avoid these unhelpful situations by using the Ellerslie Highway entrance when picking up children.**

## **Week 2 and Week 3 Update - Progress of our Goals**

- At the end of 2018, we farewell the wonderful Ms Betsy Flynn who is going on her travels to London to begin her OE and have adventures. We welcome Ms Laura Wansink as the Room 13 teacher for 2019. We have also appointed a new experienced teacher as the new teacher for Room 18 - Ms Samantha McRae joins our staff in 2019. Samanta comes to us with an extra qualification in Sport and Recreation and states Science as her subject of strength and passion. The Maternity Leave position left vacant by Ms Melling will have our wonderful Ms Sujata Dubey in Room 19 until her return. We will also farewell Mr Michael August-Sutherland at the end of 2018 who has relieved in the position left vacant by Ms Youle (in Doha)**
- The Year 7/8 students completed their ATTITUDE programme on “WHO AM I” strengthening their self awareness and identity this term**
- A round of full staff appraisals began in Week 3 and by the end of Week 4, all 40 staff members will have completed an appraisal. One thing to report is that our teachers are highly competent in the coverage of the Standards for Teachers, given the alignment from our strategic plan goals carefully planned to link fully into classroom teacher goals to ensure setting our teachers up for success.**
- Our teachers are completing their Spiral of Inquiries, which are tools used to investigate teacher practice in a more indepth way. Every school in our Kāhui Ako is completing their Spiral of Inquiries and next week our Across School Mentors will collate them ALL and report on the common strengths and identify ongoing teacher goals for 2019.**

We look forward to hearing our Choir at the APPA Choir Festival at the Town Hall next Wednesday 7th November. We thank Mrs Catherine Park and Ms Sujata Dubey who have given up many lunch hours to ensure our students are ready to perform. One of our students Ilaizac, has been chosen to sing a solo on the night in front of the whole town hall audience la Manuia Ilaizac! We are all very proud of you and your singing talents.

Hautūtanga held their House Sports on Friday 2nd November - and what superb organisation that saw, yet again, our students absolutely loving their day at school! Congratulations teachers for the house costumes which create the perfect atmosphere - hula skirts and tutu wearing rock!

Ms Melling gave birth to her lovely new son ARIKI on 24th October. Congratulations to the whānau on the welcoming of a new "chief!"

Our school was invited to take part in Te Kotuku Kapa Haka Festival at Ruapotaka Marae on Saturday 24th November, but sadly we have only had 7 students return permission slips to say they are able to attend. It is a very busy time of year, and many families have family activities already committed, so we are hoping that many more permission slips will come back on Monday to boost the numbers before we make our final decision.

Thank you to all our parents who are working behind the scenes at the moment getting prepared and ready for our Whānau Night. At the same time many teachers are working on designing costumes and outfits for the performance groups and we are practising like crazy to ensure a great show is presented to you all. We sure do know how to work together at this school - it is a great night and ALL children will need to be here! Looking very forward to my last Whānau Night as your Principal - it is an event that has always seen our community really come together in large numbers - and so very much enjoyed by all who attend.

**Looking forward to another productive week ahead in Week 4  
Enjoy your weekend everyone, Corinne Hansell**

