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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Ahiahī Marie Koutou Katoa, Afternoon to everyone,

It has been a great week of fine weather and all our children have been doing plenty of outdoor activities.

The seniors had an Olympics Competition of their own with a medal ceremony at the end of the competitions. Thank you to Chris Wilson for her organisation.

We had David Price H.O.D. of the Wood Technology and Graphics working with Zac Reid, Luke Hill, Ben William, Chenneyne Robins, and Ben Rolof design to build a sandpit hut for our school. They brought it over on Wednesday and assembled it in the school sandpit. This is fantastic and we all give them a big thank you.

We are currently advertising the Deputy Principal Position with the start date being the beginning of term 1, 2017.

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face. Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes*
- less job security for teachers*
- lower quality teaching*
- fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff*
- more complex financial work for Boards of Trustees*

The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff

in schools from birth to year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means:

Waitara East School school will be closed on Monday, 12 September 2016 between 9.00a.m. - 11.30a.m. while staff attend the meeting.

School will start at 11.30a.m. on this Monday

It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.

We encourage you to keep your children home. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your child. Thank you

Finally our netball girls were in the Division 2 finals on Wednesday. We should be very proud of their efforts as the score was 13-14 in the final. Well done girls.

Graham Sands.



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