



We are MANA!

Together achieving success as confident learners.

Manaakitanga Angitu Ngākaunui Aroha

Caring About Others

Doing My Best

*Caring about Our
Environment*

Respecting Others

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Principal's Comments:

Kiaora e te Iwi, Hello to everyone,

Yesterday I attended a workshop around the Bullying Prevention Guide which has been published by the Ministry of Education. This supports the school's MANA programme.

Here is one definition of bullying:

Deliberate and Repetitive behaviour that is Harmful to another person.

It also involves a power imbalance. Many times we have children saying they are being bullied and when we unpack their issues / bothers it is one of the following:

1. When someone says or does something *unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's Rude.*
2. When someone says or does something *intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's Mean.*
3. When someone says or does something *intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it- even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset- that's Bullying.*

With our MANA programme we give all children strategies to deal with bullying. The most powerful prevention of bullying is getting the bystanders to stop it by using specific strategies and establish a positive environment.

We also had Kayla McAlister and her fiance Pita Ahki (he plays for the Hurricanes) who came to Waitara East's Assembly on Thursday. Lots of children got to see, touch and wear her silver medal from the Rio Olympics. Her and Pita were able to hand out certificates to our children (Thank you to Bevan Mātene for organising this). Our basketball team also brought their medals (they won the Waitara Division B Basketball competition) to show Kayla and Pita. A big thank you to Kane Mahara and Grant Lee for coaching our Waitara East team.

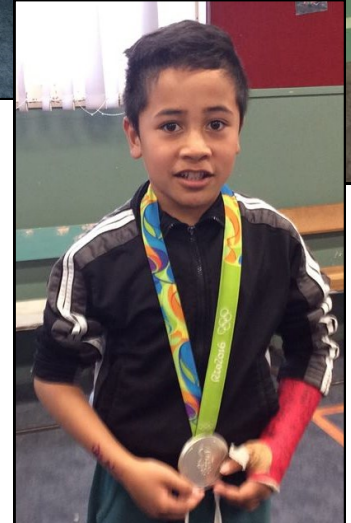
Today we had Ranui. We have Ranui every 5 weeks. Those children who have had 0 incident forms get an ice-block and free time for the afternoon. Those children who have had 1 incident get to have free time for the afternoon. The data from the last 6 weeks shows that 94% of our children will attend Ranui. This is fantastic.

Have a great weekend as it is the beginning of spring.

Please remember School is closed on Monday 12th September 9.00 - 11.30a.m. The school will open at 11.30a.m. **There will be no van running that day.** NZEI is having a paid union meeting to discuss the new funding proposal from the Ministry and we will be voting on possible actions to take from here.

Graham Sands.

ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY WITH OUR OLYMPIAN KAYLA MCALISTER.



FULLPHAT Dance presents:

HIP HOP DISCO

Friday 9th September 6pm until 8:30pm

\$2 entry and cupcakes, sweets and drinks for sale.

Theme: NEON colours plus there will be a dance competition

Waitara High School Gymnasium

TELEPHONE BOOK DELIVERIES NEXT FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 2016

Due to a glitch the phone books won't be delivered until next Friday. At the moment we need more senior children to help deliver and if there is anybody who has some time on the Friday and a car to help deliver books please ring Margaret who will be delighted to hear from you!!!!