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## TE REO O TE KURA

Tena koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Namaste, Bulavinaka, Mauri

26 February 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope all of our new enrolments and their families have settled in well to our school, it was great to see all those Whanau that came to our "Meet the Teacher" evening last Wednesday. The topic to start our evening was a snippet about the new curriculum Digital Technologies, it showed the many different ways our children learn.

### **HAUORA DRAW WINNERS:**

Thank you to the 60 families for taking the time to read our flyer and enter the draw!!

### **Winners:**

1. Pela Tuvae
2. Tierra Ngeru

### **UP COMING EVENTS:**

- 28 Feb – Jnr Classes Fun Sports Morning – All welcome !!
- 1 Mar – B15 - Goat Island  
B12 – SM5 – Maraetai
- 4 Mar – Class Photos (Orders in by 1 Mar)
- 7 Mar – TH7 – Ellerslie Challengers
- 8 Mar – TH6 – Waimarino Tauranga  
Y7/8 – Raft Race Competition Maraetai  
All welcome !!
- 14-15 Mar – TH/TRRR/OLT – Polyfest  
(some classes only)

### **TEACHERS UNION MEETING:**

March 18<sup>th</sup> – This is NOT a stop work meeting. Our school will NOT BE CLOSED. Some lessons will be interrupted for an hour – we will cover all classes.

### **CHANGES TO OUR SCHOOLING SYSTEM:**

The Government have commissioned a report on all NZ Schools. It is called "Our Schooling Futures – Stronger Together". You can google it to read the full report. They have reported on 8 issues for change. These possible changes will certainly affect our school and how we plan



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and operate for our children. Now, we are able to run our school with our Board of Trustees so that you and our community can decide on programmes to suit our students.

The report states that our Maori and Pacific students are failing – they certainly are not failing in our school.

- Less than 7% of NZ schools are having problems but the Ministry of Education can put in supports to help them.
- 93% of schools are really great so why change what we have and what we know is best for our community !!
- The report wants all schools clustered together (about 100 or so) in "Hubs" and these "Hubs" would take on much of the role of our Board of Trustees and control Governance of our school as well as employing the Principal and staff. They could even move the Principal and staff to other schools if they wanted to. These are just a few issues suggested in the Report and we must all have a say on what we think. **Changes will happen if we do not speak out now.**

### **PLEASE READ ATTACHED SHEETS**

#### **- Issues 1-8**

#### **Issue 1 – Governance**

- Boards of Trustees to have less responsibility
- Hubs will be formed to take more responsibility in schools and have more control.

#### **Issue 2 – Schooling Provisions**

- Change of schools levels
- Shift teachers into other schools

#### **Issue 3 – Competition & Choice**

- Hubs to make decisions on Zoning and Out of Zone enrolments

#### **Issue 4 – Disability & Learning Support**

- Hubs employs Specialist Teachers
- Shared expertise across schools

#### **Issue 5 – Teaching**

- Teachers could have better training models

#### **Issue 6 – School Leadership**

- More support for school leaders

- Principals could be moved to other schools to assist

#### **Issue 7 – School Resourcing**

- Improved funding for equity

## Issue 8 – Central Education Agencies

- Changes in Ministry of Education, ERO, NZQA Teachers Council

If you want to send in a submission there is a **letter attached** for you to sign. This can be sent back to school and we will send it off for you.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT:

[Conversation.education.govt.nz](http://Conversation.education.govt.nz)

### **BURGLARY:**

On Sunday 24 February in the early hours at 2.15am – 3 youths broke into our school. They smashed the locks of Te Roopu Reo Rua 10 classroom and stole a large flat screen TV (ripped it off the wall), 23 Laptops, 4 iPads and all the chargers.

### **HOW CAN ANY SCUM BAGS STEAL FROM OUR STUDENTS!!**

Our students work is ALL GONE – They are devastated !!! We have these burglars on our camera footage and we have given this to the Police. Someone around here will know them. PLEASE keep your ears and eyes open as they may try to use them at home or sell them off cheaply. We have serial numbers and all are painted with invisible paint so it will show “blue” on fingers when touched. Please let me know if you any leads (confidentially).

### **CLASS PHOTOS:**

These will be taken on Monday 4 March from 8.45am. Order envelopes have been sent home to order Class photos. All photos must be prepaid in the envelope provided with the correct money as we cannot give change. You can drop sealed envelopes into the office or to your child’s class teacher.



**Envelopes must be in by Friday 1 March.**

### **Year 7/8 Tech Contributions:**

**REMINDER** – This year the \$30 contribution for Tech classes can be paid at \$8 per term. Please pay to school office this week as Tech classes have started now.

### **SCHOOL START TIMES:**

Please have your children at school by 8.30am so they can get ready for class calmly. School starts at 8.40am on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri and **9.15am on Weds.** Already this term too many students are coming through the gate at 8.45am – 9am. **THIS IS TOO LATE. Please parents make your child’s day start on a good note. GET THEM HERE BY 8.30am!!**



### **HATS:**

Our school is a Health Promoting School so we are trying to teach our children about being SUNSMART. This means wearing a hat **everyday** in Term 1 & 4. Finlayson Park School bucket hats are available at the office \$7 each. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A NAMED HAT DAILY.

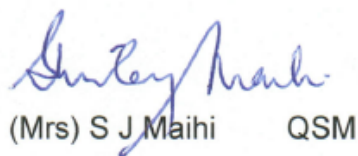
### **BED REST:**

It is very important for your child to get 10-12 hours of sleep every night. Their ability to learn will be strengthened if they are fully rested.



***Students who are tired and lethargic cannot learn***

Ka kite ano

  
(Mrs) S J Maihi QSM