

## Week 8

17/06/2019 by Karen Poole

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Kia ora e te whānau

Here we are in the last two weeks of the term and it certainly feels winter is upon us. We have had a large number of children away from school for various illnesses. Hopefully the 2 week holiday will give everyone a chance to have a good break and come back refreshed for Term 3.

### **Staffing Updates**

#### **Congratulations Michaela Ryan!**

Michaela in Room 6 has been filling a fixed term position and has now successfully been appointed to a permanent position. Michaela quickly became a very valued member of our staff and we are thrilled she is staying.

Some not so good news on the staffing front is the resignation of Ginny Treadwell. Ginny has made a decision to have a break from teaching and while we are going to miss her tremendously, we wish her all the best (and will hopefully have her back for some relieving days). I would just like to acknowledge all Ginny's contributions, both to the learners here at Tawhai School and to her colleagues in the wider community.

While we were successful in appointing Michaela to the advertised Year 2 position, we have not managed to fill Ginny's position for Term 3. Unfortunately the teacher shortage that we are all hearing so much about in the media, is affecting almost every school in terms of relievers and staffing. I am just finalising arrangements for next term and Room 4 parents will have an update by the end of the week.

### **Learning Conversations - 3rd and 4th of July**

Teachers have been busy writing reports and are looking forward to sharing these with you during our Learning Conversations next week. Thank you to all the parents who have made an appointment. If you haven't yet, just follow the instructions below or pop by the office and Kelly will book a time for you. Please note that you will need to come to the office 10 minutes before your child's interview to receive their report.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and follow the 3 easy steps below:

1. Enter the Tawhai School booking code: **ktyh2**
2. Enter your name and email address.
3. Select your child's class from the list provided and choose a time that best suits you and your family.



### **2019 School Elections results**

Congratulations to the following people who have been elected onto the 2019 Tawhai School Board of Trustees;

Angela Whitmarsh

Jaydy Marsh

Dominic Wright

Stuart Berkeley

Raewyn Lummis

### **Parking around the school**

The Board of Trustees and Karen, our Principal, are aware of some recent conversations

regarding parking issues around the school. In addition, Karen has received two separate complaints in writing.

Over the past 5 years the Board have attempted a number of initiatives to reduce the issues created with parking before and after school, with only some being successful:

- walking buses
- meeting posts
- a request to have a drop off and pick up zone outside school
- speed humps
- traffic control and monitoring
- policing the area
- wardening the area
- a request to look at widening Horoeka Street
- using the bowling club as a car park or pick up and drop off zone
- building a new car park for staff to alleviate congestion on the Street

After all of this, congestion is still an issue because people do favour parking close to school rather than walking a distance.

We are asking families to please be respectful of the neighbouring houses around school and especially not parking over driveways.

If the issues continue to occur, we believe that the best action is to get wardens to ticket the parents and caregivers who park illegally. To get the wardens out, people need to report the habit to the Traffic Management Team at the Hutt City Council. The more people that call, the more significant the matter will become.

If you wish to discuss parking and congestion around the school please refrain from using social media, instead we encourage you to report the matters to those mentioned above. In addition, please notify Karen by email and we also encourage you to speak to Constable Stu Blake our Community Policeman. Stu can be located occasionally at our Community Hub

Regards

Tawhai School Board of Trustees

## **Pasifika**

Hutt Fest is on next Tuesday 2nd July. If your child is part of the Hutt Fest group please ensure that they have returned their permission slips. Tickets are ready to be paid for and picked up if you have requested your two. If you have requested extra tickets, these are now on sale in the office. We have managed to secure some extra tickets.

Any questions please contact Dave Whiteman in Room 3 [dave@tawhai.school.nz](mailto:dave@tawhai.school.nz).

## **St Bernard's College Orientation Day** - Friday 28 June 9:15 - 11:30am

St Bernards is running an orientation half day for Year 6 Catholic boys who are considering enrolment at St Bernards next year.

**Fantastical, majestic Children's Neon Ball** - Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust are hosting a special evening for children (and their parents) at the Dowse Art Museum in Laings Road Lower Hutt on Friday 19 July from 5-7pm. There will be a photo booth, facepainting, crafts, dancing, entertainment and food and drinks! Tickets are \$15 for one adult and one child, \$25 for a family pass. To purchase your tickets for this amazingly awesome night go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/childrens-neon-ball-tickets-63318987797> or purchase your tickets at the door on the night. The event on Eventbrite is called 'Children's Neon Ball'. You can also purchase tickets by clicking on the event on our Facebook page 'Greenstone Doors'."

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 2 July - Regional Cross Country (4 July postponement date)
- 2 July - Pasifika Festival
- 3-4 July - Learning conversations
- 5 July - End of term 2/PTSG gate combo.

- Term one: 4 Feb - 12 April
- Term two: 29 April - 5 July
- Term three: 22 July - 27 Sept
- Term four: 14 Oct - 19 Dec

