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Naumai e te whanau o te kura Tawhai
Tena koutou katoa

A very warm welcome to all our new families who have recently joined the Tawhai School community.

Firstly a big thank you for all the wonderful messages of support I have received since being appointed to the position of Principal. I feel truly honoured to take on this role in such a successful and vibrant learning community.

At Tawhai School the children are full of potential, the staff and Board of Trustees are highly effective and the parent community is supportive in all aspects of school life. What an amazing place to be part of!

I look forward to building on Tawhai School's current successes and leading a 21st century learning environment where children continue to experience successes and strive for excellence in all areas.

VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE



The start of Term 3 was a memorable one for two of our students - Abigail Fisher and Ezra Semu who as Student Council representatives, were invited to attend a Schools and Neighbours Reception at Government House.



Kelly, Ezra, Abi and I enjoyed an evening meeting the Governor General, Sir Jerry Mateparae and his lovely wife Lady Janine. We were allowed to wander around the beautifully presented Government House and we saw lots of precious gifts from overseas visitors on display.

The Governor General invited Abi and Ezra to sit in the special chairs (usually reserved for royalty) and a photo was taken. This was an extra treat only extended to our wonderful Tawhai children.

PB4L INFORMATION FROM ANDREA SINCLAIR



We have had an exciting year implementing new behaviour reward systems because of our PB4L focus (Positive Behaviour for Learning). We have joined a large group of Lower Hutt schools (including all the Stokes Valley Schools) under this Ministry supported programme. Our team is led by Andrea Sinclair and Lynley Poole. Ginny Treadwell and Karen Poole are also part of the team. This year we have started the Peer Mentor Programme - where a "friend space" is set up outside with Lego and activities for children that cannot find someone to play with. Two seniors are at this station to run it. We also have Peer Mentors walking around at lunchtime handing out gold cards to children displaying positive behaviours while playing. Teachers also hand out gold cards. At each full school assembly we have a prize draw for all the gold cards collected and award prizes to one child in the Junior, Middle and Senior School. At the end of the Term we have a major prize draw. Teachers are specifically teaching expected behaviours and tie them into our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. These initiatives have seen a reduction in negative behaviours on the playground. We are very proud of our PB4L focus and of our Seniors who have stepped up to take on these extra responsibilities. This week, Andrea, Lynley and Karen are attending a two-day international PB4L conference in Wellington. We are looking forward to getting some more wonderful ideas to help support our children to make decisions that keep themselves and others safe and happy.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Tawhai School on 8th September, 2016

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

You will receive an order envelope featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Premium Pack(A) plus You get The File</p>	<p>Value Pack(B) plus You get The File</p>	<p>Single Pack (C) plus You get The File</p> <p>Portraits only (D)</p> <p>Class only(E)</p>	<p>Pack prices (do not pay now)</p> <p>A = 35.00 B = 29.50 C = 28.00 D = 20.00 E = 14.00</p>
<p>Packs include:</p> <p>Premium Pack: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar, The File voucher and a Class photo Value Pack: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, The File voucher and a Class photo Single Pack: 1x 5x7 portrait, The File voucher and a Class photo Class Photo: All class photos in portrait packs and Class only are 8x10 and laminated "The File voucher" includes the code to redeem the 2MB file of your child's portrait.</p>			

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home or you can go to Family Order Form at www.schoolmemories.co.nz to download a form. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

PTSG NEWS

The PTSG wishes to thank the school community for their continued support towards all fundraising events. All money raised is used to buy resources and subsidise events for all children at Tawhai School. So far this year we have paid for sets of novels for the senior school, phonics games for the junior school, the Kapahaka buses and subsidised football for all middle and senior children. We appreciate your help in making this possible.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 1 September at 7.30 pm in the Tawhai School Staffroom. All are welcome to attend. With more items still to fund, we have been busy organising the following events for this term.

Fundraising Events:

Sausage Sizzle – Friday 12 August.

Quiz Night - Saturday 20 August with doors opening at 6.30 pm.

This will be held at the Stokes Valley RSA with full bar facilities available. Chris "Coggie" Cogdale, is our quiz master for the evening. Teams of up to 6, \$15 per person (ticket includes entry, door raffle and nibbles). Auctions and raffles will be for sale throughout the evening. Tickets are for sale now from the school office (cash only). Have you got your team entered yet?

Spellathon – Weeks 5 and 6 (22 August – 2 September).

Children will come home with their words on Monday 22 August and will have 2 weeks to learn them. Testing will take place on Friday 2 September. More detailed information to follow separately soon.

Gate Combo – Friday 23 September

SCHOOL DONATION DUE NOW

As an incentive, we are offering each family who have paid their 2016 school donation in full by the 12th of August 2016 an entry into the prize draw for a \$200 New World Gift Card. We have one card to give away. This prize will be drawn on Wednesday 17th of August. All payments made from 01/01/2016 to 12/08/2016 will be in the draw to win.

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

Tawhai Ferns 8 vs Trentham Storm 10

Tawhai Shakers 7 vs Trentham Rockets 11

Miniball/Tiniball

Tawhai Fast Breaks 10 vs HC Tornadoes 14

Tawhai Taniwhas 8 vs Koraunui Breakers 14

Tawhai Panthers 18 vs Wa Ora 10

Tawhai Tuis 6 vs Waterloo Breakers 12

HC Hurricanes 10 vs Tawhai Wekas 4

Wilford Wizards 0 vs Tawhai Keas 10



Netball Festival Year 1-2

On Tuesday 16 August we have two years 1-2 teams participating in the local festival at the Walter Nash Stadium. At this stage I am looking for **one more parent** to help out with one of the teams. If you are able to assist, please let Mrs Gilmour know. More details will follow on Friday.



Fees

Could we please have ALL miniball/tiniball fees paid by this **Friday 12 August**. If you have queries, please see Mrs Gilmour in the office.

IMPORTANT DATES

[Please keep checking our school website for the most up to date events calendar]

- 12 August - Sausage sizzle
- **20 August – PTSG Quiz night**
- 22 August – 2 September – Spellathon
- 6 – 23 September – Dental Van
- 23 September – Last day of term (3pm finish)
- 23 September – Gate combo
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Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kia pai tō rā
Kia ora

Karen Poole
Principal