

Week 3

17/02/2020 by Karen Poole

Kiā ora e te whānau

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the whanau picnic on Friday - it was a lovely evening and a really nice opportunity for families to come together.



New Enrolments

As you are aware Tawhai School is zoned however we are advertising that we have places for out of zone 5 year olds starting in Term 2. To ensure we are managing our numbers we advertise termly. If you are aware of families who are considering schools please encourage them to pop in and have a chat.



This year I am fortunate enough to participate in the Strategic Leadership for Principals' Programme provided by the Springboard Trust (click on this link for more information [Springboard Trust](#)). This is a professional learning course focused on enhancing strategic leadership and it is designed to support us all to work together to develop an action plan and achieve our vision. There is quite a lot of work involved and I am looking forward to making a start with the BOT next week.



Participation in this programme, as well as commitments to the Upper Hutt Cluster, do mean that there are times that I am working off site. During these times one of our Tu Rangatira team (senior leadership team) will always be available to address any immediate issues.

During the next week or so you will receive an introductory letter from your child's classroom teacher. Please share this with your child and, wherever possible, encourage your child to share some things about themselves and your whanau with their teacher.

Real time Reporting

This year we will only be reporting using Educa. Please check that you can access information about your child (children) and if you are experiencing any issues please see Kelly at the office.

On Monday and Tuesday of Week 5 we will be inviting you to come along to Learning Conversations with your child's teacher and where possible, your child too. Booking information will be posted early next week.

During the learning conversations teachers will share some of your child's work that reflects what they are able to do now. Then together you will formulate some goals to work towards over the next few terms. These goals will be documented on Educa for you to access and refer to. You can then expect to receive some evidence of your child's progress toward these goals.

As we are all learners in this process we do have a bit of a structured approach this year....

- Term 1 - you will receive an update on reading and maths goals
- Term 2 - you will receive an update on writing, inquiry and how your child has progressed with the key competencies
- Term 3 - Learning Conversations to review goals

Please note there will be no mid-year or end of year report as the on-going digital portfolio will replace this.

At Tawhai School we value the learning partnerships we have with parents and we know from the success of our Mutukaroa Programme how much this can have an impact on your child's wellbeing and learning. Lynley Poole works really hard as our Mutukaroa Co-ordinator to ensure right from day one parents have a few tips on supporting their child's learning at home. The conversations with Lynley also give you an opportunity to share your aspirations for your children.



Ngā mihi nui
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