

Week 6 already!!!

08/03/2021 by Karen Poole

Kiā ora e te whānau

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Learning Conversations last night, and to those who will be attending tonight. Please touch base with your child's teacher if you were unable to get along - working together to talk about learning goals means both whānau and school are on the same page and can support each other to achieve the goals set.



These goals will be documented on Educa for you to access and refer to. Over the next few months you can then expect to receive some evidence of your child's progress toward these goals.

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

Teacher Only Day

Just a wee reminder that we have Teacher Only Day on Friday. All staff will be onsite participating in the Restorative Practice Essentials Training day.

This complements the work we have been doing with PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning).

Restorative Practice is a relational approach to school life grounded in beliefs about equality, dignity, mana and the potential of all people.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) Restorative Practice model focuses on building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships across the school community and offers school staff best-practice tools and techniques to restore relationships when things go wrong. By building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships within a school, staff to staff, staff to student and student to student, issues are more easily managed.

PB4L Restorative Practice is based on a set of best practice tools and techniques to support a consistent and sustainable approach to managing positive, respectful relationships within the school.

Thank you for making arrangements for your children so that staff can undertake this training.

Alert Parent Information Session

On **Thursday 25 March 7pm** in the staffroom we will be hosting a parent information session on Alert. Toward the end of 2020 we had a small gathering of parents who expressed an interest in knowing more about Alert and strategies they could support their children with at home.

If you are new to Tawhai School, Alert is the a self regulation programme we are currently piloting with support from both the MOE and DHB.

Our School Chaplain

We are very fortunate to have **Diane Stevens** working every Monday morning as the Tawhai School Chaplain.

A chaplain has a pastoral concern for the whole school community- the children, staff and parents. A chaplain is available to listen and be a friend to people of the school community.

Children or adults who are dealing with difficult issues or who just need to talk with someone are able to meet with the School Chaplain. During this time the children may talk while playing games, drawing, or making things.

A School Chaplain is trained to respect and show sensitivity towards each student or adult regardless of religious belief, ethnicity, or race. There is no religious input.

Staff and parents are able to refer children to the School Chaplain using a referral form which is available through the office or the School Chaplain. Children may also request to see the Chaplain.

Matters discussed will be kept confidential unless they are of a serious nature and need to be referred on for professional help.

If you do not wish your child to meet with the School Chaplain please flick me an email karen@tawhai.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

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