

TITAHI BAY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER TERM 3 2018



Tēnā koutou and welcome to Term 3! We hope you enjoyed the school holidays and that your tamariki have returned to school refreshed and ready for a full term of learning. Strike notice and Information from our BoT at the end of this newsletter.

PROPERTY

There has been plenty of action on this front prior to and over the break. Rooms 12 and 13 are now completed. Both classes have moved back in and are enjoying the wonderful, flexible learning spaces. The deck outside these rooms has proved to be an extension of the classroom and is providing a great play space during wet lunchtimes. The BoT have just signed off for the deck to be extended all the way to Room 7. We will have new ramps going onto this deck and we look forward to seeing the builders here at school starting the work.

All toilet areas are in the process of having hot water, we are so pleased to finally have this work signed off from the MOE. The drainage outside Rooms 1, 2 and 3 has also been signed off to be replaced. You will have noticed as you walk past these classrooms that the concrete is broken and this is the drains collapsed underneath. This work will mean some of the area around the front of these classrooms will be out of action, but hopefully not for long. We have also installed new 65 inch TVs in classrooms, replacing the old interactive whiteboards. Teachers are able to chromecast from their laptops to the TVs, which provide a really clear, sharp picture. New blinds have also been installed in classrooms, to replace the tired old curtains.

There will be a new bike storage container going at the end of Room 19. We would like to thank the Home and School for their fantastic fundraising efforts for the purchase of the container.

BALLOT

The Board will carry out a ballot for out of zone students for 2019 (10 places for New Entrant/Year One students) towards the end of the term, having recently made the decision to continue with the current enrolment zone. The Ministry of Education require us to review the zone annually and, based on our current and projected roll numbers, the Board consider that the zone is still required and that the boundaries of the zone are still appropriate to manage our roll. The BoT have just signed for the enrolment zone area to stay the same for 2019 to 2020.

We do hope to see some girls enrol at our school. This year we have a big cohort of boys in our New Entrant classes. To help make sure our teachers are getting support in their programmes, the BoT has employed Kevin to run a gardening group last term which was a great success and this term we have a building group.

DATA

Team leaders have shared achievement data with the Board over the last few months. It is really pleasing to see how great this is looking at this point in the year. Teachers have a really good understanding of how each student is achieving and this data helps to identify students who will benefit from additional learning support or extension. We acknowledge and appreciate the significant work put in by teachers to compile and present this data in a meaningful way.

We thank you, our Titahi Bay School whanau, for supporting our school with everything the staff do. Thank you to those who completed the survey about SEESAW and school reports at the recent Parent Teacher interviews. We had a really high % of whanau at our parent teacher interviews and we thank you for this.

During Term 4, we will have a school wide event to bring the school community together and celebrate the achievements of our tamariki. Further details about this will be communicated later this term. We look forward to seeing you there.

Community celebrations

The Matariki night at Titahi Bay Intermediate was a beautiful way to come together as a community to celebrate and our KURA kids were stunning performers.

We are looking forward to the two nights at Titahi Bay Intermediate to be part of Kotahitanga. Our KURA senior kids are really looking forward to being on stage and celebrating all that makes this community such a diverse and vibrant place to live and learn in.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata. He tāngata. He tāngata! What is the most important thing in the world? It is people. It is people. It is people.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Kia ora koutou parents and whānau,

The Board of Trustees wish to inform the Titahi Bay School community that the school will be closed all day on Wednesday 15th August due to NZEI industrial strike action. The majority of our teaching staff are NZEI members and, as per their legal right under the Employment Relations Act, they are taking strike action as they seek to address workload issues, extra learning support for students and ways to stem the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. All NZEI members will be on strike from 7am until 7pm on Wednesday 15th August.

As per legislative requirements, the school must be either fully open or fully closed and the Board has made the decision to be closed, rather than seeking to staff the school with a high percentage of unfamiliar, non-union member relief staff. As such, there will be no supervisory option for students at school. We understand the disruption this causes - we are all parents too. As the strike action was only confirmed today, this is the earliest possible notice we have been able to give you. Our YMCA After School Care will be open and we encourage you to contact them as soon as possible if you wish to book your child(ren) in for the day.

We apologise for the disruption this causes but consider it important to support our teaching staff in this action. Look out for our teachers this Friday 3rd August at the roundabout next to Mitre 10 Mega as they promote their cause - toot for teachers!

Kind regards

Sarah Campbell, Gaby Wesley-Smith, Scott Hemsley, Lynette Singh, Ria Tomoana, Kerry Delany and Sharon Thompson.