

Titahi Bay School Board of Trustees Newsletter – Term 3

We have a lot to celebrate around our school!

Kindness:

You may have heard your children talking about the "not cool" programme. This programme helps to stop bullying in our school by empowering the bystander and is also a great way to create awareness in our wider community. The Board have a vision of the skillset every Year 6 child should leave Titahi Bay School with, so it's very rewarding to see the "not cool" programme contributing to this.

Unity:

Our Maori and Pasifika groups are clearly defining strategies for the next 3 years and we are likely to co-opt representatives for both groups to the Board in the near future.

Our Home and School Committee support our school greatly. Many projects around the school would not be possible without the committee and parent volunteers. The school disco and movie night were very successful events that catered to both children and adults. We're looking forward to the upcoming quiz night which is always good fun!

We continue to receive Ministry of Education funding for our 5 and 10 year school property plans. This is key to our school's continuing classroom upgrades, remembering that providing a quality learning space for our teachers and children is essential for optimum teaching and learning.

Respect:

We would like to acknowledge the inspiring, long-term vision that our Principal, Kerry Delaney, has for a functional and beautiful school environment. The gardens and grounds are outstanding. The murals around the school are bright and vibrant, and reflect the pride and passion in our school. The Board would also like to thank Miranda McMahon for the amazing artwork she has created around the school.

The bike container has arrived and will be moved to its permanent location once the ground has firmed up after winter. The first batch of bikes has been purchased and further work to create the skills sections will also start as the weather improves. We'd like to thank Wendy Barry and Renee Perkins for their relentless efforts on this project. The bike track is another unique feature to our school which will also serve the wider community so make sure you get out with your kids and have a go!

Achievement :

We have cause to celebrate some recent achievements in our school.

ANZ recently awarded the school 2 new goal posts and 12 netballs. Thank you to Cheryl Hanrahan for helping to organise this.

We also have received the Fonterra award as the "best milk school". Having milk in school each day is a fantastic way to get 1 serve of calcium and protein into our children at a non-main-meal time. These food groups not only assist in growth, but also contribute to optimum learning. We are very privileged to have Fonterra support our school and thank them.

As always, we thank all our staff for their dedication and hard work. Remember that you're always welcome to pop in for a chat and to check out your child's classroom. There is some fantastic work by our tamariki displayed around the school.

Finally, we'd like to thank our school community - you contribute so much to our school's culture and it's lovely to see parents and families involved at so many levels. We look forward to what's sure to be a busy, fun end to 2014. As always, if you have questions, suggestions or feedback, you can contact us by email (bot@titahibay.school.nz) or by popping in to see Lynn Lang in the school office.

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