

## **Titahi Bay School Board of Trustees Newsletter**

### **Term 4, 2016**

As we come to the end of yet another wonderful year at Titahi Bay School we thank our wider school community for your contribution.

#### **Aspire to Achieve:**

65% of our school families took the time to complete our survey last week at our KURA On The Green event! It's so important to us to have a community voice in our planning process so we thank you for taking the time to let us know your thoughts about our school. We'll be using your feedback as a launchpad when we put the school's Strategic Plan together in January.

Our Cooking Room is complete! It's up and running and is now fully operational (as you would have seen at the opening during our KURA On The Green event). In particular we thank Kerry Delaney for conceptualising this project and Scott Hemsley for driving the project on behalf of the Board. Our teaching staff can't wait to use this space as a teaching and learning facility and we're looking forward to interlacing the Garden to Table programme in to parts of our school curriculum ([www.gardentotable.org.nz](http://www.gardentotable.org.nz) - take a look!).

You would have received your child's school report last week. The teachers worked very hard to give a clear summary of your child and you will now know who your child's 2017 teacher is. All students have already been spending time in their 2017 classes so they can return refreshed and smoothly transition into their new learning environment in February.

School attendance has been a focus this year and will continue to be so in 2017. Whilst the recent Earthquakes and flooding have naturally had an impact, we can still see an increase in attendance and we thank you for taking this as seriously as we do. We cannot stress the importance of this enough and look forward to beginning the New Year with this front of mind.

We thank all of you who have paid your school fees, including those who've decided to add a little extra this year. We've consciously kept our fees the same for years now and comparatively we ask for a very humble donation. It's still not too late to make a payment if you haven't yet. We sincerely appreciate any and all contributions.

#### **Respect:**

We have such a wonderful group of Year 6 children leaving us at the end of this term. These KURA kids will go on to prosper and grow in their own individual ways and we thank them and their families for the many ways in which they have contributed to our school and community. As always this is a bittersweet time of sadness and pride but we can't wait to watch these children continue to thrive.

#### **Unity:**

Make sure you mark the school triathlon date in your 2017 diaries! This year's event raised funds for our recently completed Cooking Room, and next year's will be for seating in the hall. We've booked it for Saturday 4 March (postponement date Saturday 18 March). This is such a big event and as our school's primary fundraiser, it's all hands on deck so please start thinking

about how you might be able to support our school triathlon – every bit helps. Please contact the Home and School Committee ([homeschool@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:homeschool@titahibay.school.nz)) if you can volunteer for this event. We simply cannot run this event without your help and support.

Thank you to all who came along and celebrated our school at our KURA On The Green event . This was such a collaborative whole-school event and we thank our various school groups, the musicians, the school staff and our wider school community who all participated and contributed to the success of the event - we'll definitely be doing this again in the future.

**Kindness:**

We thank our talented teachers, our tireless management team, our dedicated support staff, and the wonderful office staff Christine and Lynn. We cannot thank you enough for your dedication, focus, commitment and energy in which you apply yourselves to each and every day.

We thank our Home and School Committee - such a wonderful and significant support to our school. Many projects around the school would not be possible without this dedicated and motivated committee and its parent volunteers.

We thank our Pasifika and Maori Whanau groups – your work alongside the school is so impactful and we often look to you when setting the school's direction. We sincerely thank you for your time and commitment to our school community.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Kerry. She's a dedicated, passionate, advocate of our children and we're so very thankful that we get to have her as our school leader!

And of course, we'd like to thank you – our school community. So many of you are involved in our school at different levels and we love that you actively participate in making our KURA school so remarkable.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, safe travels to those of you who are journeying in the summer holidays, and a restful, fun and sun-filled summer break.

Titahi Bay School Board of Trustees

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