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Newsletter

Term 2, Week 3, Wednesday, 15 May

Dear Parents and Whanau



RENOVATIONS

We have a tentative start date of June 10th - there is still some paperwork to be dealt with but we are getting there! The builders will start with Rooms 5 & 6 remodelling and then tackle Room 7 so we will be in a bit of chaos during those weeks. The MP room will be used as a classroom and perhaps the library - R7 are looking at moving into the shared space for part of their time out. It will be worth the inconvenience in the end!

BOT Elections

The deadline for nominations is creeping up - the end of next week at **noon** on the 24th May.

NZEI

You will have heard on the media about the "megastrike" planned for Wednesday May 29th. There is still a bit of water to go under the bridge before that happens so watch this space. We will keep you posted and don't know any more than you do at this point. We do know that this is unprecedented in New Zealand having the primary and secondary teachers out all at once and it's a bit unfortunate that what you sometimes hear in the media isn't quite true.

REUNION

There was a notice we put in the paper a while back re: the 125th reunion coming up in April 2020. From this we have had four people indicate an interest in being part of a group to organise what this might look like. We have a potential BOT member willing to facilitate any meetings but this needs someone who has an interest in this to get it off the ground. Please let us know if you are interested.

READING TOGETHER

This group will meet tomorrow at 2.30pm. I think the venue will be the library but we will confirm this. There will be another group next term so keep this in mind if this term didn't suit.

WHANAU HANGI

On July 4th, our Matariki day, we will have a hangi lunch as we have for the past couple of years. Order forms will come out for this soon so please keep an eye out for these. This has been a great community day and will be combined with our Trade Fair this year also.



PRIME MATHS

This is up and running in most classrooms now and we have some PLD next week at staff meeting to iron out any "kinks" hopefully.

"PASSING STRANGERS"

The PTA has booked out the Waiuku Theatre for the evening of the 23rd. A \$20 ticket entitles you to the play and supper. Tickets \$20. Please let me know if you would like one, two, three etc.

ST JOHN'S

We have this first aid training every two years for our children and this is a really worthwhile programme run in schools nationwide. Usually we use the MP roomour dates this year fall after the 10th so we will be looking at where to have this. The same instructor, Sue Lowry, will be working with classes.

SPEECHES

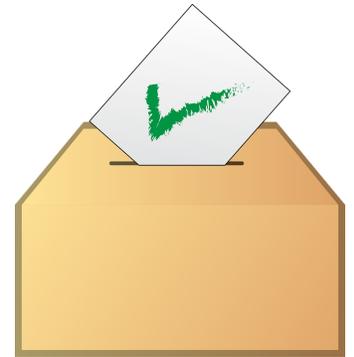
This is the term each year when Year 4-8 students are working towards presenting a speech to their class/team/school on a topic of their choice. The culmination of this is the School Speech contest which this year, will be on the 27 June in the early evening. The Year 7/8 winner goes on to represent our school in the Waiuku Rotary Contest on Wednesday 3 July.

Teachers will be very specific about the the speech criteria we will be looking for. The speech is to be on a persuasive topic - it should leave the audience with something to think about.

Kind regards
Carol Graham

BOT ELECTIONS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter Board of Trustee elections are being held throughout New Zealand and all current Board members will be standing for election once again. If you are considering putting your name forward please contact a current Board member or the school office if you have any questions.



What sort of skills do Trustees need?

Every trustee brings their own unique set of skills and experience to the board.

As a trustee you will need to work well in a team and have good communication skills. It helps to have an understanding of the education sector. You may have financial skills and experience in managing people.

Every trustee can access NZSTA online professional development to learn about governance and upskill in areas of interest.

Korari is a set of introduction online courses that provides an overview of school governance for people who've never been trustees.

Nominations forms have been posted to eligible voters and a copy of the roll is available to view in the school office along with extra nomination forms.

Please note nominations close at noon on 24th May - next Friday.