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# Newsletter

Term 2, Week 4, Wednesday, 22 May

Dear Parents and Whanau

## BOT Elections

The deadline for nominations is coming up - the end of this week at **noon on Friday 24th May**.

## NZEI

As far as we aware, the proposed teachers' strike will go ahead on Wednesday 29th May. The school will be closed - I apologise for any inconvenience this will cause. See later in the newsletter.

## READING TOGETHER

This group met last week and will meet again on Thursday the 30th May. Last week's session went really well and I hope that those who attended enjoyed it.

## WHANAU HANGI

A notice has been sent home re: hangi orders for our Whanau Trade Fair day on Thursday 4 July. Please note the cut off dates for orders. These must be adhered to for the suppliers and **no late orders** will be accepted this time.

## FOREST

We are lucky enough to have a fabulous forest area that heaps of kids play in at break times. There are some very inventive games that span several days. However, in order to build "huts" and "shelters" as part of the games, our trees are suffering ! We don't

want to stop the creativity on the children's part, but we do want to preserve our trees with all their branches! We also need to be mindful of safety practices. Ms Reilly has an interest in this area and wondered if anyone had any old fence batons, old pieces of tarp or similar they could donate for this purpose. We don't envisage them being used as weapons - just as creative "props". Please see her if you have anything you can spare. As I said, we want to protect our trees but don't want to curb the inventiveness of our kids who play in there.

## **FRANKLIN FOOTBALL**

We have had teams involved in this yesterday, today and again on Friday in Pukekohe and Tuakau. Thanks so much to the parents who were able to volunteer their time and support, Ms Smith for organising it all and to the students who participated.

## **KAHURANGI DANCE THEATRE**

This was this morning - they presented their Matariki Show for us and all who watched really enjoyed it. One of our younger pupils commented that they were really loud for just five people - and they were! They told the story of Matariki through song, dance and Te Reo.



## **SILVER REFLECTION**

Ms Brodie and Mrs Kelsey have started work with a group of the Nature Warriors preparing for our silver reflection later on this year. There is a lot to do and a good start has been made. We are currently a Bronze school and this is our next step along the way.

There will be further planting in the gardens and for the glasshouse tomorrow.

## **From the NZEI**

### **WHY BACK THE TEACHERS**

*Primary and secondary teachers and primary principals are taking joint strike action on May 29 and **they need your support.***

*While secondary and primary teachers face their own unique challenges, the overarching problem is the same. Chronic underfunding of education over the last decade has left teachers underpaid and overworked, which means more teachers than ever are leaving the profession.*

*This isn't just about teachers' livelihoods, this is about the future of our children's education.*

*Both the PPTA and NZEI Te Riu Roa want the government to take bold action to make teaching a valued, respected and sustainable profession, so that our children can continue to have the educational opportunities that they need and deserve, with great, well-trained and well supported teachers.*

*We know from independent opinion polling that the public is right behind teachers. 9 out of 10 New Zealanders think the Government should prioritise education spending over other areas.*

Kind regards  
Carol Graham

## **BOT ELECTIONS**

Please note that nominations **close tomorrow at noon**. There are extra nomination forms available in the office. At present we have four nominations. Please consider the statement below before you dismiss putting your name forward.

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

## WHAT NOW!! (8 - 10am Sunday on TVNZ 2

During 2019 we are broadcasting from around the country, showcasing a different community each week. On **Sunday 23rd June** our show will be coming live from **Waiuku** and I would like to invite your families to be part of the live audience! Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live TV being made while being part of our awesome audience.....& It's FREE!! As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach.

Go to [www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience) to register your family online.

## FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB

Inspiring Science for Curious Kids. Bringing science to life with fun-filled, action-packed science and technology sessions after school and holidays for children aged 7 years plus. [www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz](http://www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz)

# Men's Health Event

Wednesday 12th June  
St Andrew's Centre 85 Queen St Waiuku



1pm- 6pm  
Exhibits

### Displays and Information:

**NZ Blood Services** Diabetes NZ - Dermatologist -  
Pharmacists - Physiotherapist-Chinese Acupuncture and  
Therapies-Chiropractor - General Practitioners

### And Much More

### Interactive sessions will be presented by:

The Heart Foundation, Cancer Society NZ,  
Parkinsons NZ, Waiuku Health Centre,  
Mental Health/Depression  
Walk through a Large Intestine!

Tai Chi - ACC Falls Prevention Programme

Session times will be published on Facebook

7pm

Guest Speaker

David "The Brown Buttbean" Letele



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