



Woodlands School – Te Akatarere

A love of learning opens many doors.

He aroha ki te ako, kia tuwheratia ai ngā tatau ki te ao.

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Term 3 Week 7

Kia ora koutou,

Dad's Day at Woodlands

Thank you to all of the dad's, grandads and significant males that attended our special Father's Day last Friday. The feedback was positive and the burgers sounded like they hit the spot. Also, I would like to thank all of my staff for organising this day and making it run smoothly. We look forward to inviting all grandparents up to our school in Term 4 for a special Grandparent's Day. Alan Cloke was the lucky recipient of the Duffy Dad's book "Legacy".

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning – Restorative Practices

At Woodlands School we use a restorative approach to dealing with arguments between peers, fights or bullying. Here are some common questions asked about a restorative approach.

What is a restorative approach?

A restorative approach focuses on the wrong doer repairing the harm caused to the victim. It is about evening out the power imbalance between the wrong doer and victim, through repairing relationships. It is about teaching the wrong doer empathy so they can see the harm they are causing to others. It is about the wrong doer reflecting on their behaviour to see how they can act in a more appropriate manner next time.

Restorative Responses focus on accountability, healing & needs

1. What happened?
2. Who has been affected? How?
3. What needs to be done to put things right?
4. What do we need to do to move forward?

Why do we not punish students or use a punitive approach like we did back in my day?

Basically, punishing students or using a punitive approach does not work. Alternatively, the research is overwhelming that when students are punished they are far more likely to repeat the act! This is partly due to them not learning empathy during this process and that the wrong doer gets punished instead of fixing the harm caused to the victim or fixing up their mistake.

Firewood for Sale

We are selling firewood for sale as part of our AIMs Games fundraising. One ute load costs \$75 or all of the firewood for \$200 (there are about 3 ute loads left). If you are interested in buying some firewood please contact the school office.

AIMs Games

Our Year 7&8 students attending AIMs Games next week are getting very excited, along with our staff who are attending. Our students are playing indoor bowls and futsal (indoor soccer) for the first time. I would like to thank all staff and whanau who have helped us fundraise to make this opportunity happen. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lions Foundation for their grant towards entry fees and travel. We will keep everybody posted on the results.

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 19th September from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

School Lunches – Normal school lunches this week.

Sports

Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 5/6s for making the finals for basketball. They play Opotiki Primary in the final at 6:45pm on Thursday. There is no game for the Year 7/8s this week.

Winter Soccer Recount *By Mia McWatters, Niki Black, Katie Harrison*

On Saturday 9th grade Opotiki Magpies went over to Ohope to face Ohope Sharks at Bluett Park for our soccer finals. The game was an hour long. The score was 2 to 1. We got the 1. We wished we had won because we have only won one game all season. It's been tough! It was raining hard out and the ground was really muddy but it was still super fun. We all loved getting muddy and wet. We kept missing goals. It was a pain but in the middle of the second half we finally scored our goal. At the end of the game we had a photo with black and white beanies that someone's uncle gave us. He was from Gisborne. It was really cool.

We loved the game so much that we wished we could play it again.

*Naku noa (Kind regards),
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