



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 12 December 2017
Term 4 Week 9

Kia ora koutou,

School Gala

Wow, what a great night! The feedback has been great and there was an amazing turn out from the Woodlands and Opotiki community. We raised around \$3000, which is a great effort for our first gala. A big thank you to our sponsors and all the people that helped out in a number of ways. We even had people that took time off work to help out! Nga mihi nui ki a koutou!

End of Year Prizegiving

Our End of Year Prizegiving will be held on the last day of school, which is this Friday 15 December. Our prizegiving will start at 1pm in the multi teaching space. Each class will have 2 awards to give out, the Year 8 Trophies will be presented and we will be saying good bye to our Year 8 students who are leaving Woodlands School.

Classes for 2018

The structure of our school for 2018 will be very similar to 2017. The only difference is that we will be having a Foundation class for all new entrant students, which means the junior bilingual class will start at Year 2. The reason for this is so new entrant students have a basic understanding of English as their foundation language before they start learning te reo Māori. If you are thinking of placing your child in the Reo Rua (bilingual classes) please ring or come and see me by Thursday so we can discuss this option.

Enrolments

If you have a child that will be enrolling for next year or you know of one please let us know so we can add them to our class lists. Alternatively, if you know your child/ren are not returning to Woodlands please let us know so we can remove their name from our lists.

Kapahaka Recording

A reminder that we do have a recording of our Delamere Cup kapahaka performance. If you would like a copy please send an empty USB stick with your child's name on and we will get these back to you before the end of the year.

Lost Property

Please have a look in our lost property box before we start packing up for the end of the year.

Old Uniforms

If you have any Woodlands School uniforms that you will disposing of please donate these to the school and we will give them to families in need or new families that enrol to our school who can't afford uniforms straight away.

Board of Trustees Meeting – Our final BOT meeting is tonight from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

School Lunches – School lunches this week is Sushi.

Building Materials

We are on the lookout for old building equipment such as hammers, screw drivers, tape measures etc. to use in lessons to engage our boys in 2017. We are also after off cuts of wood for our students to make things out of.

Sports Corner

BOP Athletics

Congratulations to

Brianna Wilson; 13 Year Old Girls 2nd Long Jump, 2nd 400m, 3rd 200m, 4th High Jump,

Toni-Lee Kauta; 13 Year Old Girls; 4th Discus, 4th Shotput, 4th 200m,

Jocelyn Franklyn; 12 Year Old Girls 1st High Jump, 2nd 400m, 2nd 200m and

Matthew Anstis; 12 Year Old Boys 3rd 400m.

Missing Sports Uniform – Shirt - Number 3 (small youth), shorts – Number 36 (Adult medium)
Green Ruby Socks (AIMS Games) – Please return.

Whanau Support

We would like to make a big shout out to all our whanau who came to watch our young sports competitors participate this year. It's means alot to them to have that support.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with supervising sports teams and providing transport. I would like to make special mention to Aldean Mareroa, Angelita Sullivan, Dion Sturm, Ian Jeffery, Stephen Wilson and Gail Collier for the large amount of time they gave for coaching and managing their sports teams this year. Your contributions have given our tamariki some rich experiences this year.

2017 in Review

This year has gone so fast but in reflecting our students have achieved some great results. Some of the standout achievements were our outstanding PAT Maths and Star Reading scores, our first time going to AIMS Games in a long time and the Girls Futsal team winning the Sportsmanship Medal at that tournament, our overall kapahaka group performance capped off by our group coming second in the haka section and our girl's sevens team winning the first ever Exia Edwards trophy. There have also been a number of individual achievements (too many to describe). I am looking forward to 2018 and what we can achieve next year.

Thank you to our students for their great attitudes and determination to succeed. Also, a big thank you to all of the parents/whanau who have supported our students and school. Without your support we would not be able to achieve our goals. Finally, a big thank you to all of my staff and BOT who consistently go over and beyond for our students, families and school.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Please keep safe. I look forward to seeing everyone after the holidays!

School start date for 2018 31 January

Naku noa (Kind regards),

Glenn Phipps

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