



# Woodlands School

*A love of learning opens many doors  
He aroha o ako puare nui nga kuaha*

Tuesday 11 April 2017  
Term 1 Week 11

Kia ora koutou,

## **Easter Holidays**

Wow time has flown and a big thank you to everyone for helping make Term 1 a successful term for Woodlands School. Our last day of school is this Thursday, with Friday being Good Friday. Following Easter students will be on school holiday for two weeks. We wish everybody to have a good holiday and be safe. Students first day back for Term 2 is Monday 1 May.

## **School Pool**

Our pool upgrade is complete and Mr Thomson our caretaker, has given us the go ahead to test it out this Thursday. Those students who wish to have a swim please get them to bring their togs and towel. We will be having the official opening early next term.

## **Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L)**

This week we have been going over our 'Lockdown Procedures'. Students and staff have been practising what to do if the school has to go into lockdown, so students are familiar with the procedures. We will only go into school wide lockdown if there is a safety risk to our students' safety.

## **School Lunches**

No school lunches this week due to Friday being a holiday.

## **Student Exchange**

In May we have two more German exchange students coming over so if you would like to take one or both please email me. These exchange students are studying education and are of great help around the school and in classes.

## **Paper Wasps**

Currently we have an influx of Paper Wasps around our school. Our caretaker Mr Thomson is working hard to remove all the nests but if your child or children mention that they saw a nest please get them to share this information with Mr Thomson.

## **ANZAC Day – Wednesday 25 April**

ANZAC Day is the second Wednesday of the holidays this year. We would like some Woodlands students to join us in the parade. Please assemble at the RSA dressed in school uniform at 10:30am. If your whanau would like to volunteer to make and lay a school wreath, please let Mrs Shove know before this Thursday.

*Naku noa (Kind regards),*

*Glenn Phipps*

## Time to Coach

“Bringgg, bringgg”, the phone rang. I raced to pick it up. IT WAS MATUA GLENN! I wondered what he wanted. “Emma, there has been an accident with Coach Ella, she has accidentally crashed her car,” explained Matua Glenn. “I need you to coach her team because you are the best gymnast I know”. “Wow thanks Matua, I’ll be happy to coach them”, I replied.

I had to coach eleven girls, but luckily they were only level two. I had to be a coach for a whole week and by coincidence Friday was their competition.

On the first day I could easily tell that they were not ready for the competition. I had to be serious with them so that they would train properly and listen. They seemed quite hard to coach but I was pretty sure that I could do it.

The hardest routine they had was the bar. It was so hard and to them it would feel like they were going to the Olympics. They had to do a standing pull over, a back hip circle and then do some giants on the high bar. Their other routines were pretty simple and most of them were able to do them easily.

On the last day it was time, time for the big competition. I had huge hope in these girls. Most of them were ready thanks to me. Nevaeh was great on the bars, scoring 9.8. On beam she got 8.5 and on floor she got 9.6 and then on vault she got 7.6, she was so good. Paige was the best at floor. She got 9.9. Brianna was great at beam she got a 8.9. The results were final, I was so proud of them. Nevaeh came 2nd Paige came 4th and Brianna came 5th.

I was so proud of all of them, even the ones that didn’t gain a place. I could never have been happier. I had a really good time coaching the eleven girls for gymnastics, but I wouldn't do it for a whole year, that's way too long. Two gymnasts were quite annoying because they would never listen, that is probably why they didn’t gain a place. Also one of them needed quite a lot of encouragement. Sadly, coach Ella really wanted to watch the competition but she couldn’t so we sent her a get well soon card and a video of the prize giving.

The End

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