



Woodlands School

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

Tuesday 2 May 2017
Term 2 Week 1

Kia ora koutou and welcome back to Term 2!

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L)

Woodlands School is the only primary school in Opotiki that is a PB4L School-Wide school but what does this mean?

PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. The framework has been tailored to our own environment and cultural needs here at Woodlands School.

It's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support students to make positive behaviour choices.

PB4L School-Wide takes the approach that opportunities for learning and achievement increase if:

- the school environment is positive and supportive
- expectations are consistently clear
- students are consistently taught desired behaviours
- students are consistently acknowledged for desired behaviours and undesirable behaviours are responded to in a fair and equitable way.

Kaahui Ako – Opotiki Community of Learning (COL) Launch

Yesterday afternoon staff from Woodlands School, Opotiki Primary, Ashbrook School, Omarumutu School, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Waioweka, Waiotaha School and Opotiki College met at the College to launch Kaahui Ako – Opotiki Community of Learning (COL). This was also an opportunity for staff to mix and mingle to start building closer across-school relationships.

The guest speakers at the launch were Ezra Schuster who is the director of the Ministry of Education for Bay of Plenty. He spoke about one of the aims of COLs throughout New Zealand is to ensure that students have smooth transitions throughout their education from early childhood education all the way through until tertiary education.

The other guest speaker was former All Black Norm Hewitt. Norm spoke about the power of positive relationships and that academic success is only one part of success. Also, that every student has a gift/strength that is waiting to be let out.

School Pool

Even though winter is nearly here Mr Thompson has been working hard over the holidays to keep our pool clean and our new heating system has kept the pool at a toasty 22 degrees. This Thursday, students will be able to have a swim if they would like. Those students who wish to have a swim please get them to bring their togs and towel on Thursday.

School Lunches - School lunches this week are Subway lunches.

Student Exchange

Welcome to our two new German students have arrived. Their names are Jennifer and Andrea. They are helping out in classes throughout the school and have settled in well.

ANZAC Day

Thank you to all of the students and adults who attended the ANZAC Day celebrations. It was great to see our students there representing the school and other organisations like St Johns Cadets.

KidsCan Shoes and Jackets

Thanks to the awesome sponsorship from KidsCan. We have been given more black shoes and Warriors jackets to give out for free. The shoes and the jacket can be worn as part of our school uniform. If you would like us to give your child a pair of black shoes or a jacket please send a note to the office with the student's name and size.

Sports Corner

Netball

Netball is starting this Saturday and they will get a draw later in the week saying what time their game is on Saturday. The Senior Netball team is training tomorrow at lunch time so can the girls please bring along appropriate gear. The Junior Netball team will be training this Friday at lunch time.

Rippa Rugby

Today students were asked if they would like to play Rippa Rugby for Woodlands School at the Opotiki Regional Tournament next Friday. There will be a notice sent home this week with more information.

After School Science Club

"I like this Science Stuff" after school club on Monday's, 3:15pm-5pm here at Woodlands School. Term 2 focus is Chemistry - lots of Science fun with experiments, building Science knowledge and vocabulary. \$80 for Term 2 (8 sessions) starting next Monday 8th May to be paid in full before commencing. Unfortunately, no class the week after (15th May as I am away), but every Monday of the term after that. Check out our Facebook group page or Facebook PM Jude Cornelius-Nuku or text 021 239 7796 for more information or to secure your spot. We are limited to 10 places. Club members can remain at school and help me set up until 3:15pm start if it's easier.

Naku noa (Kind regards),

Glenn Phipps

Principal: Glenn Phipps

Board Chairperson: Faith Gebert

168 Dip Rd, RD 2, Opotiki, Ph 07 3157633 Fax 07 3157635

tumuaki@woodlands.school.nz