



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 31st October 2017

Term 4 Week 3

Kia ora koutou,

Chromebooks and Internet Safety - Over the holidays we purchased some new Chromebooks with assistance from Southern Trust. In our two senior rooms there is one Chromebook between two students. The reason we have done this is to support a cooperative learning approach to accessing the new Digital Technology curriculum in 2018. In the future we will look at implementing new technology across the school.

Mr Joblin has been attending night classes to learn how to code. He has been using our new technology to share his knowledge around coding.



Now that students have increased access to the internet we have also increased our internet security. Students no longer have access to Youtube as there are no restrictions on this website. Teachers will still be able to use this website for research and learning purposes.

Supervised Play – This term we have developed another tool to deal with unwanted behaviour at morning interval or lunchtimes. If students are not meeting our behaviour expectations or are not displaying the appropriate social skills at break times they will be required to attend Supervised Play, which happens at lunch times. The purpose of Supervised Play is to teach students the appropriate social skills and behaviour through organised activities. This approach supports our Positive Behaviour 4 Learning systems.

Hats – As we are a Sunsmart School students will be required to wear a wide brimmed hat during morning interval and lunch this term - not a cap. We do sell bucket hats for \$10 and wide brimmed cricket type hats for \$12. Please ensure your child's name is written clearly on the hat so it can be returned if misplaced. Students who do not have a hat will be required to stay in the Multi-Teaching Space during morning interval or lunch time.

Opotiki College Enrolments – Please continue to hand in the Opotiki College Enrolment forms at our office. Once we have got them all in we might be able to organise interviews with the college for those students who missed out last week.

School Photos – School photos tomorrow (8.45am in the Multi-Teaching Space). Please ensure students are in correct uniform. If you have any last minute orders these need to be handed into the office by 8:45am. PhotoLife will only accept cheques or cash.

Board of Trustees Meeting – Our next BOT meeting is Tuesday 14 November from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

School Lunches – Subway this week.

Woodlands School Twilight Country Gala

This year we've taken out the trash and kept with the treasure so to celebrate we are holding a Woodlands School Twilight Country Gala on Thursday 7th December 4:30pm – 7pm.

We will need your help to make this a successful evening. If you have any treasure (clothes, household items, gardening equipment etc.) to donate that we can sell at the event please drop off before school in Room 5 any day of the week.

If you know of anyone who is able to sponsor prizes or if you are able to donate meat or vegetables for the hangi please let Suzanne know.

After School Science Club – The after school science club will be returning this term. Please remember that this is run by a private company and if you have any questions please contact them. The details of the programme are;

It is a 7 week programme held on Thursday's, starting on 8 November (then 15, 22, 29 Nov, 6, 13, 20 Dec) at Woodlands School from 3:30pm - 5:15pm for students aged 7-12 years. It costs \$100 per child and needs to be paid by 5 November.

Please discuss with and ensure your child is interested in Science and they can self-manage as there are no refunds if your child changes their mind. All families will receive a receipt upon payment, an overview of activities for the seven weeks, a student permission form and behaviour contract. Spaces are limited to 15 spots.

For any information please contact Alycia Amai (Administrator) on 027 902 0501.

Sports

Rippa Rugby

Interschool Rippa Rugby starts tomorrow at Memorial Park.

We need managers for three teams.

Yr 1/2 bye

Yr 3/4 4:00pm Field 2 vs Waioweka

Yr 5/6 4:00pm Field 3 vs Omarumutu

Yr 7/8 4:00pm Field 4 vs Waiotahe

Athletics

Woodlands Athletics is in Week 4 on Friday 10 November. Our students have begun training. We ask that students are running for 15-30 minutes, three times a week for their training.

The Opotiki District Athletics is Friday 17 November.

Swimming

Our school pool is being used by classes for swimming lessons and it is open during some lunch times for students to use so please ensure children bring their togs to school.

Kiwi Sports

Kiwisport is this Friday 3 November at Opotiki Primary School. Year 5-8 students will be attending. This is a great opportunity for the students to play a range of sports and make new friends.

Naku noa (Kind regards),

Glenn Phipps

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