

Te Puna i Keteriki

# Moerewa School

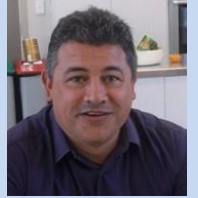
## TE KARERE O TE KURA

8 November 2017



Kia ora Whanau,

As we approach the end of the year, we begin to realise all we have achieved this year and I am very proud. Proud of how our tamariki have grown, proud of the way our teachers front up day after day, seeking to inspire, motivate and teach your child. Proud of our pouwhirinaki and their genuine desire to help our children achieve more. We have come a long way...and for that I am very, very proud.



Last week we sent out the summary of our community consultation and a copy is attached.

We celebrated our successes as you shared them with us. We acknowledged the mahi ahead in the areas we need to improve and we absolutely share your vision of wishing success for your children.

You may have heard recently that National Standards are going to be abolished by our new government. They plan to replace them with something that will show the PROGRESS your child is making, rather than an arbitrary point in their learning. A bit like telling you the distance they have travelled, rather than simply saying, they are in Whangarei (that is assuming you actually want them to go to Auckland).

Now you might argue what's the big deal in that. I say that by reporting progress we can tell you, for example your child has achieved nearly 30% more because your child went to Whangarei via Pipiwai rather than State Highway 1 (just as an example). When we report progress we can show how hard children are working, and for many of our tamariki that will be an awesome thing.

So please, if you haven't already read the attached summary, give us feedback, particularly in the areas of Maori-medium education and our Year 9 and 10 programmes. We want to do right by you and your child, please take the time to tell us what that should look like.

Finally to those of our whanau who have recently lost loved ones, he mihi aroha ki a koutou katoa i te wa pouri nei.  
Jason Tane

### Term 4 Events

Tomorrow Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Whanau Matariki children are having a cake stall at morning interval and a \$2 sausage sizzle at lunchtime. This is to raise funds for their marae noho later this term. There will be no shop lunch orders on this day. Sausage sizzle only. Whanau Matariki thank you for your support.

Wednesday 15 November	-	BOT Meeting 6pm
Tuesday 12 December	-	Leavers Dinner. Te Rito
Wednesday 13 December	-	Reports home
Thursday 14 December	-	Prizegiving
Monday 18 December	-	Last day of term

The various whanau will be sending home notices about their individual events so please watch for these



Jump Jam

Earlier this year we started a Writers' Group for kids who are passionate about writing. We meet every Monday afternoon and have had a lot of fun writing stories and poetry and developing characters and their backstories. Here is a small sample of some of our pieces.

### Be inspired

Find out what your dream is and work at it because if you're doing it, you will do well.

We can reach the constellations, trust me. All our dreams are breaking out!

Be yourself, chase your dreams and just never say never. That's the best advice I could ever give to someone.

Genesis (8)

### If...

If everyone cared and no one cried

If everyone loved and nobody lied

If everyone shared and swallowed their pride

Then we'd see the day where nobody died

Mereana (11)

### Whangarei Aquatic Centre

Yesterday my Mum, my sister and I went to the wave pools. We had a lot of fun! Mum said "Look after Billie." There had been some big waves, really huge waves, so Billie and I got scared. We went into the lazy river whirlpool and we went round and round. The only thing I didn't want to go on was the huge slide. It was too big. Then Mum said "Out of the pool!" and when we got out of the water my fingers were all wrinkly!

Genesis (8)



### Vicky the Vampire

She has five brothers and six sisters. She has blue and purple hair and she is eleven. She has a friend called Tooky. Vicky has light blue eyes. Vicky has five dogs and 17 grandfathers. Vicky has 18 best friends at high school. Some people think she is scary and mean

Skylar (7)

### Iceberg

The ice cracked and fell into the ice cold blue deep sea. The opening ate up the sunlight like a gaping mouth. The sun came out and all of the ice turned into water with sparkles.

Darling (9)



Soap Making



Sand Saucers with a difference.  
Rooms 3 and 14





## OSCAR

### Kia Ora Whanau

Recently Moerewa School Staff and children said farewell to Hare. We wish him all the best in his new job. We are sad he has gone BUT also happy because his new job will open more opportunities for him in the future.

We welcome Whaea Tang into our OSCAR team. She is creative and brings new ideas to help us show off our talented tamariki. I am now the Supervisor/Co-ordinator and look forward to the challenge.

### Something Old:

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** School Days 7.30am to 8.30 am, so send the kids along it's FREE!!

**SIGNING OUT:** Parents and Carers please remember to sign your child/ren out when you pick them up from Oscar, this is a legal requirement.

**FEE:** \$5 per day per child that is NOT subsidised. If you are unsure come see us, you may be eligible for assistance from WINZ.

### Something New:

**SWIMMING CLUB:** Our OSCAR children have been offered a few spaces at Bay College Pool on Tuesdays 4.30pm to 5.30pm. See Sue for more information.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME:** will commence on Tuesday 19th December 2017 (planning in progress).

**HOMEWORK/READING:** Starting this week, 15 minutes will be set aside each day at OSCAR for this.

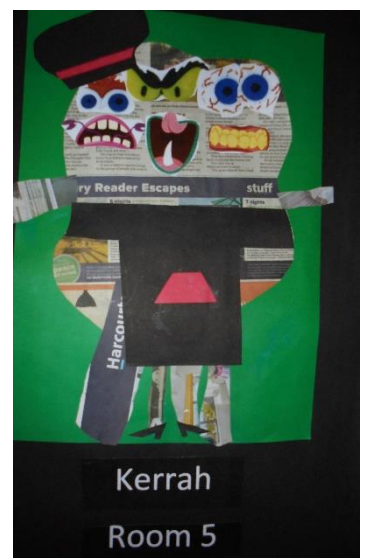
**REMINDER:** Last Day of Term 4 at Moerewa School is Monday 18th December 2017, THERE IS NO OSCAR THAT DAY.

Thank you for your continued support, any questions come see us.

Sue Williams

### Catch Casting Auditions

We recently had the Catch Casting Company (who cast actors in Hunt for the Wilder People) come in to our school and hold auditions for 11-12 years old who were interested in trying out. The auditions are for a movie being filmed early next year in Northland. They spent a whole day here working with interested children from our school and a few other local schools. It was a great learning experience for our pupils and it sounds as though they really enjoyed it.



**Room 5's version of minions!**



**Room 3** have been busy growing vegetables in our school garden and these are nearly ready for soup making. Room 3 pupils are aiming to learn about the health benefits of making soup from fresh vegetables as compared to using packet soups.



**Room 6**, our experiential room, is set up for various classrooms and pupils to use throughout the day. Here they get to try activities that encourage learning through play and exploration. The goals are to encourage more oral language, working together and turn taking.



### Newsletter Prize

Matua Jason has said that there will be a really cool prize at the end of each term drawn from the number of signed and returned newsletter slips, so please once you have read the newsletter sign and give to your child to return to school. Doing this for every newsletter that goes home in the term will increase their chances of winning but we do ask that you read the newsletters first please.

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I, (caregiver) have read the newsletter and would like my children \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in the prize draw at the end of term.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Caregiver



# Moerewa School

8 November 2017

## A summary of our Community Feedback from last term.

### Doing well

Kids are getting out more  
Improvements in managing difficult behaviours/bullying  
Teaching tikanga, Te Reo Maori, nga mea Maori (Mau rakau, karakia, waiata)  
Making whanau feel welcome/open door policy  
Having a new entrant class  
Having the Room 6 experiential programme

### Need to improve

More kapa haka, sports and trips  
Better and more timely communication about events  
More programme options for struggling learners  
Dealing with bullying in the school needs to improve  
Extending those children who are excited about learning, who come with high expectations  
Engage kuia and kaumatua within our community



### Hopes and dreams

To do their best with their education  
To grow to be responsible adults  
To go to tertiary education and bring their skills home to help our hapu and area  
Grow up to be happy.  
Happy with who they are and proud to be who they are and where they come from  
Enjoy school and not be afraid to go

Thank you whanau for this open and honest feedback.

We celebrate what you have said we are doing well.  
We acknowledge the mahi ahead of us in the areas we need to improve.  
We wholeheartedly share your hopes and dreams for your tamariki.

As we listen to your hopes and dreams for your tamariki it builds in us a sense of your Vision for what should be the main drive and strategic vision for our school. We are excited by this.

The Board of Trustees would like to better understand your hopes and dreams for **two key areas** of our school:

- Our **Maori-medium** learning programme (Whanau Kopunui)
- Our **Year 9 and 10** learning programme

Let us know your thoughts  
through the attached  
questionnaire (PTO)

What is your understanding of our Maori-medium (Whanau Kopunui) programmes and how they work?

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What would you like our Year 9 and 10 programmes to offer your child? (now or in the future)

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What would you like to find out more about (our Maori-medium, Y9/10 or any other programmes)?

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From these and your previous answers we, as a Board of Trustees, will set **the future pathway** for our tamariki at Moerewa School.

After this consultation we will write our **School Vision and Strategic Plan**.

It will state our goals over a four-year plan. It will also indicate clearly our immediate goals for 2018. This is why it is vital that we get your feedback.

**Timeline:**

Early November

Late November

Early December

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Feedback from community

Board draft Vision and Plan

Share with all

***Thank you, from the Board of Trustees***