

General Questionnaire to Parents/Caregivers



Executive Summary

Commentary:

As part of our school's self review process we surveyed our school community in Term 3 of 2017.

We consider the review process to be a valuable part of our continuing growth and certainly in line with our Vision Statement.

"Quality learning for all in a caring community"

The focus of our review is "the child." **We value the opinion of our parents.** It is important for us to know the areas where we are performing well and also the areas that we need to sharpen up in. ***With an eye to the future we were also interested in knowing of any innovations that our parent body would like us to develop.***

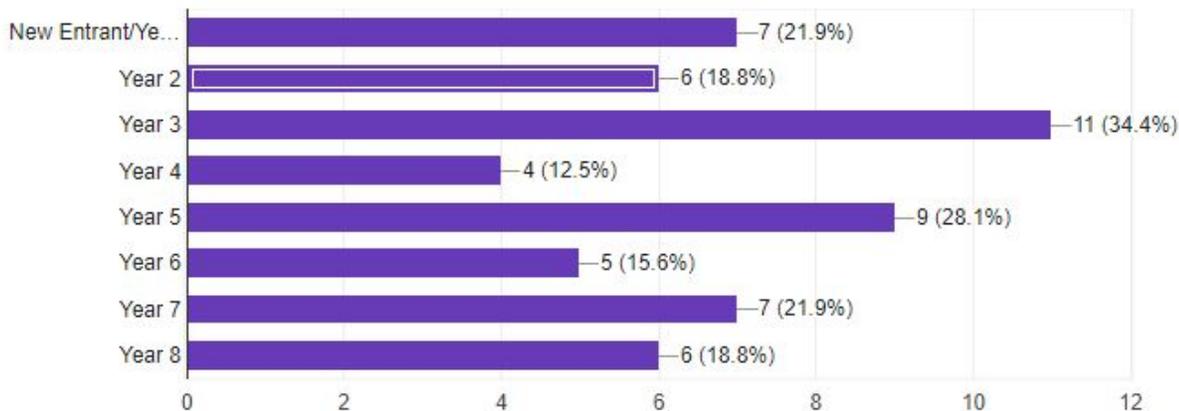
This questionnaire was given out to every family on our school roll. Comments were analysed to find commonalities in the data. The data was then grouped to find themes and this is included in the summary.

32 out of 92 electronic copies were returned

In total 35% of our school families completed this survey

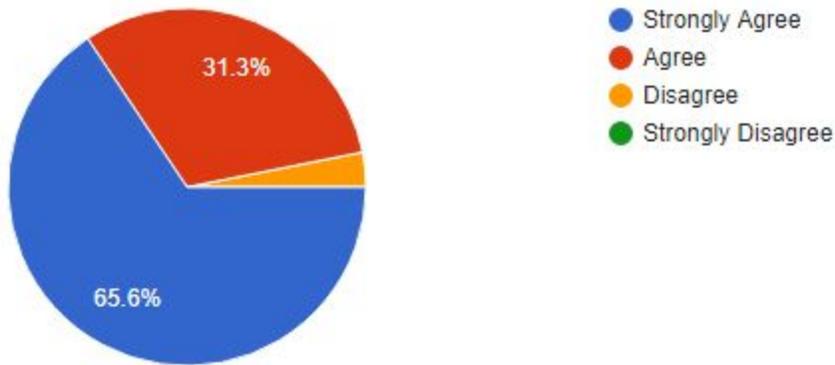
Kim Waite, Principal

1. What Year level is your child/children in this year?



2. Toko Schools Vision - "Quality Learning For All in a Caring Community" describes the general culture of our school.

96.9% strongly agree or agree that "Quality Learning For All in a Caring Community" describes the general culture of our school.



2a. Do you have any additional comments to make:

Awesome teachers that look at the needs of the individual pupils. Friendly, caring school! I feel that this vision statement is very visible within the learning environment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue to demonstrate our school vision statement in how we act and behave at Toko School.

3. If you were asked to describe the strengths of Toko School to a work colleague or friend what would you say?

A Community minded school.
 Great community support.
 Enviroschools focus is highly valued.
 Approachable, dedicate, friendly, passionate staff.
 Staff care for the students.
 Wonderful learning experiences where children are inspired to achieve and learn together.
 Up to date with Technology.
 Caring and inclusive children and teachers
 Children look out for each other
 Students taking ownership for their learning.
 Children encouraged to participate in a variety of Sports
 A very welcoming school.
 Great learning resources
 Happy students
 Toko School reflects the vision statement.
 Great sports school.
 Toko school is committed to establishing a home and school partnership.
 Forward thinking,
 Plenty of varied opportunities

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue to demonstrate our school vision statement in how we act and behave at Toko School.

4. If you were asked to describe what could be improved at Toko School to a work colleague or friend what would you say?

Continue to investigate an enrolment scheme.
 A school uniform.

The car park for pick up.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To survey the community for views about implementing a school uniform.
- To continue to investigate an enrolment scheme.

5. Do you feel welcome on entering our school?

96.9 % said they feel welcome on entering Toko School.



5a. Do you have any additional comments to make?

Toko School is very welcoming, well presented and most children I believe are proud to go to Toko and represent their school.

The learning community at Toko School is always friendly and welcoming.

Smiling kids and staff.

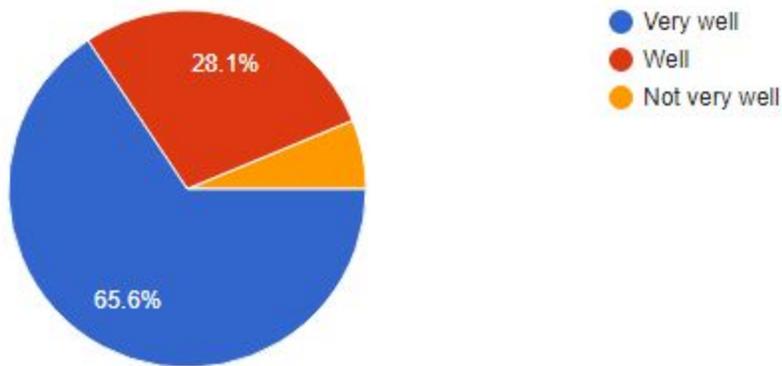
Kids are very friendly and most of them always say hello even if they don't know you.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

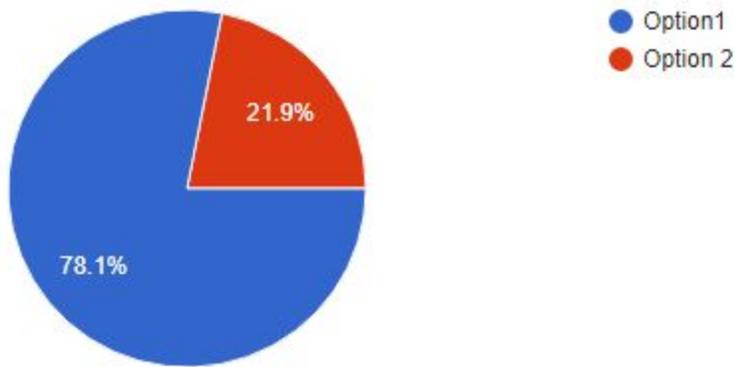
- To continue to maintain a collegial, hard working, attractive and organised environment.
- To put a welcome sign on the hall and on the fence by the bus shelter directing visitors to the office.
- To replace the school sign at the corner of the field.

6. How well do we communicate student achievement to parents? Do you feel that the information presented to you on your child's progress and achievement through three way conferences twice per year, Learning Journey Reports and Portfolios have been in plain language.

93.9% of parents feel that we communicate student achievement to parents.



6a. Next year we are proposing the following: Option 1: Term 1 - Year 1 - 8 - Week 2-3 Parent/teacher/child interviews These interviews would be a chance for parents to share their goals and aspirations for their children, concerns and next steps. A chance to form a strong learning partnership with each family/whanau. Term 2 - Year 4 - 8 - As usual - Learning Journey reports and Interviews. Term 4 Year 4 - 8 As usual -- Learning Journey Report only. Year 1 - 3 will continue with 6 monthly Learning Journey Reports and Interviews. Option 2: Term 2 - Year 4 - 8 Learning Journey Reports and Interviews, Term 4 - Year 4 - 8 Learning Journey Reports and Interviews. Year 1 - 3 will continue with 6 monthly Learning Journey Reports and Interviews. I would prefer:

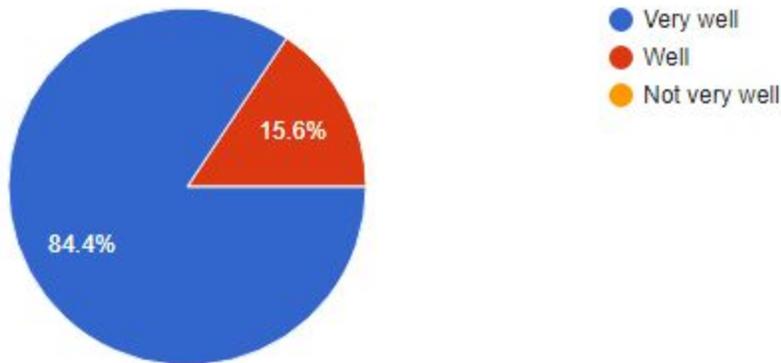


RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To implement Option 1 as from the beginning of the 2018 school year.

7. How well do we communicate information to parents? We use the newsletter, class notices, our school website and class pages. We also hold various parent meetings throughout the year e.g cybersafety, literacy, numeracy etc.

100% of parents fell we communicate information to parents very well and well. 84.4% commented that we did this very well.



8. How could we improve the way we report to parents and give out information so parents feel more informed?

Cluster important information together on the school newsletter

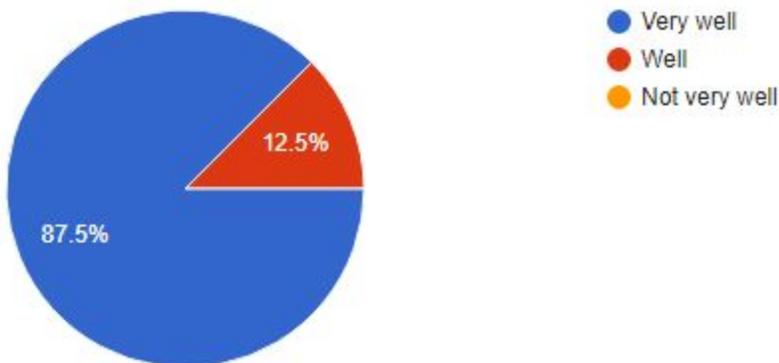
Let parents know if their child has taken up roles (e.g. PE shed, milk monitors)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To investigate how timetables and newsletters can be linked to the school calendar.
- Seek ways to encourage a greater attendance at parent information workshops and Community Meetings held throughout the year.
- Ensure that all communication is sent home only on a Thursday so parents know to check book bags. There are occasions particularly at Year 7 & 8 where this is not always possible.
- Block important information together in the school newsletter.
- To investigate a school APP.

9. Toko School provides opportunities for me to play a supporting role in my child/ren's education.(e.g. parent help, sports events Mutukaroa Meetings and home learning etc).

100% of parents fell they play a supporting role in their children's education. 87.5% commented that we did this very well.

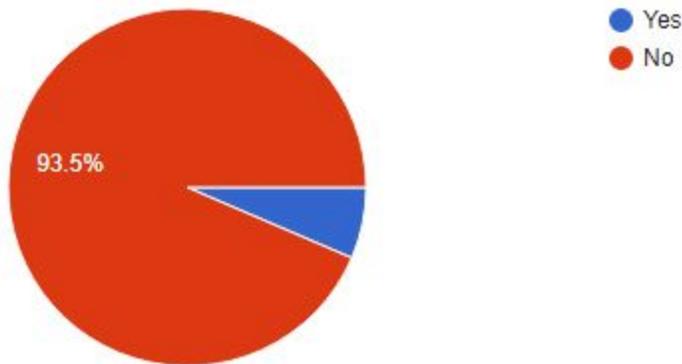


RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue to invite parents regularly to share children's achievement and progress, concerns and successes.
- To continue to keep parents informed about the school and how they can assist at home.

- To continue with the Mutukaroa programme.

10. Does your child have special needs you think are not being met?



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue to track and monitor children through our schools Special Needs Register.
- To continue to maintain strong links with outside agencies.

11. Activity Fee - At present our families pay \$70.00 per child for the year. This contributes towards the costs of all the extra's children receive throughout the year including bus travel, swimming lessons, cultural visits etc. Do you agree with this one off payment each year as opposed to the school asking for money each time an event/activity occurs?

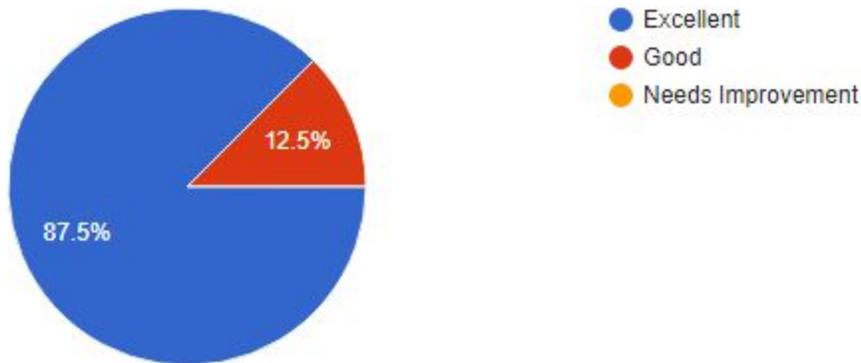


RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue with the activity fee in its current form.

12. Transition to school - If you child has started school for the first time in the last 12 months how would you rate our transition to school procedures?

100% of parents commented that our transition to school procedures are excellent/good. 87.5% commented that we did this very well.



12a. Do you have any additional comments to make about our transition to school procedures?

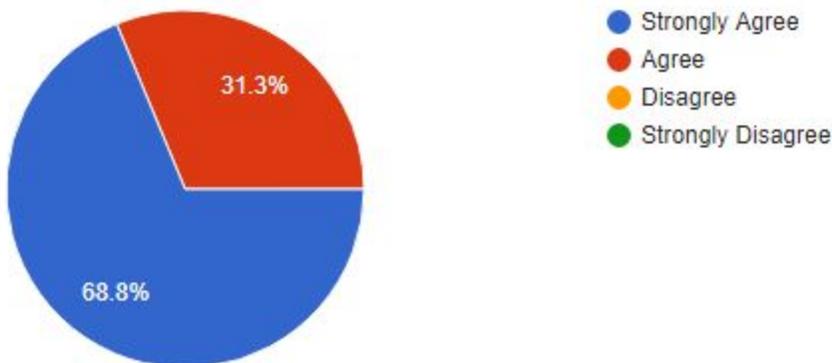
Mutukaroa meetings enable parents to feel informed about how their children are doing

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue with the Mutukaroa programme for children 5 – 7 years old.

13. Teachers are approachable and take the time to listen to any concerns or questions I have about my child.

100% of parents commented that teachers are approachable and take the time to listen to any concerns or questions about their child. 68.8% strongly agreed with this statement.



13a. Do you have any additional comments to make?

Dealing with teachers is easy. They are approachable and listen to concerns and questions.

They are informative.

They work hard and are passionate about what they do

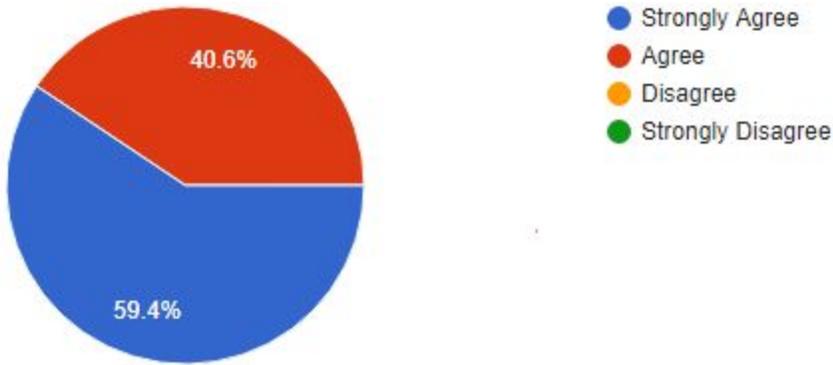
The teachers are great.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue to demonstrate our school vision statement in how we act and behave at Toko School.

14. Teachers are committed to providing the best possible educational outcomes for my child/ren.

100% of parents commented that teachers provide the best possible educational outcomes for their children.



14a. Do you have any additional comments to make?

Concerned about the Relief Teachers.

Concerned about 'smart kids' helping struggling kids.

Teachers foster positive mindsets towards learning.

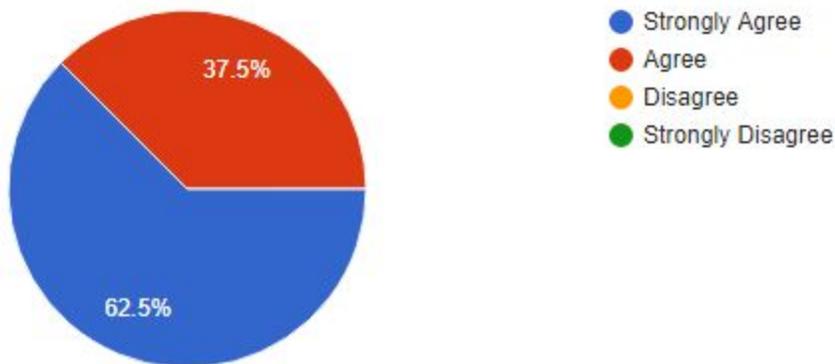
Children get help if not achieving to the standard. Kids that are achieving and are quite capable to be pushed to a higher level work at the same level as the rest of the class.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue to meet the learning needs of all students at Toko School.
- To inform parents about formative assessment practices at Toko School that ensure/show that children are being challenged in their learning.
- Ask parents to complete a survey at the beginning of the year about their child. This will be the focus of the first interview.

15. Leaders are committed to providing the best possible educational outcomes for my child/ren.

100% of parents commented that leaders are providing the best possible educational outcomes for their children.



15a. Do you have any additional comments to make?

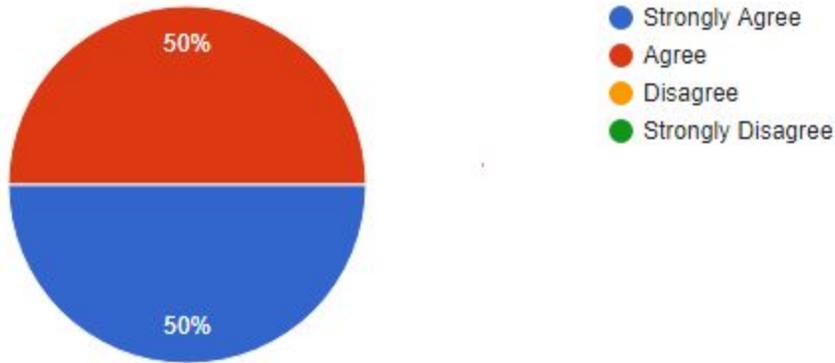
Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To continue to build teacher capability so all Toko Learning Stars are achieving to their potential.

16. The Board of Trustees are committed to providing the best possible educational outcomes for my child/ren.

100% of parents commented that the Board of Trustees are committed to providing the best possible educational outcomes for their children.



16a. Do you have any additional comments to make?

The BOT are a bit of a mystery.

I don't really understand completely the role of the board of the trustees.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To communicate via the newsletter more information about the role of the Board of Trustees.
- Seek ways to encourage a greater attendance at parent information workshops and Community Meetings held throughout the year.

Please add comments below if there is any further feedback you would like to give to the Board of Trustees?

We think the school is doing a fabulous job of educating our children.

We are confident to address issues that arise.

Love the new Hall of Creativity ideas.

Pets day instead of Calf and Lamb??

Netball courts are incredibly slippery.

Keep up the great work!!

We need to have a chat with the kids again about the impact of our words.

We are enjoying the atmosphere and environment Toko school is providing.

I am very happy with the direction and focus of Toko school. Keep up the good work.

Speed Zone for School area?