

# Newsletter: 23rd November 2017

Our school roll 151

#### PERSONAL BEST

Mason, Liam, Jet



# Dear Parents and Friends of our School Kia Ora/Hola/Bora Da/Konichi Wa/Hello

#### WELLBEING



#### CONNECTED

Ephraim, Judah, Mackenzie C



# THANK YOU NORWOOD'S FOR BRINGING THE POLICE TRACTOR TO OUR SCHOOL.

# CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

Amanda, Blaze, Summer, Sam, Freddie, Brynn, Matthew, Bradley, Oli, Aimee, Zara, Matthew



#### LEARNING TO LEARN

Isabella, Holly, Samara, Cohen, Zack, William, Harrison, Amy, Bianca, Lexi





#### **Bottle Caps/Lids**

We are still after plastic lids to complete our second instalment of bottle cap art. We are after green lids which is perfect with summer as a lot of mayonaise and salad dressing bottle lids are green. We are also after white lids. If you can send them along to Room 4 it would be hugely appreciated. Don't our bottle cap flowers look great!

UPCOMING DATES ...

27 - 1 Dec: Year 7 & 8 Camp 12 Dec: BoT Monthly Meeting 13 Dec: Year 8 Leavers Dinner

19 Dec: Final End of Year

Assembly - 11.00

19 Dec: Term 4 ends 1.00
Term dates for 2018 are on our website.

Check out our google calendar on our website as well.

# What game do 19 Year Ones play in a police car? SQUASH!!

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

# Learn to Swim with the Central Taranaki Safe Community Trust!

A FREE three-week program for primary-aged children! 'Learning to Swim' will be held at TSB Pool Stratford, January 4-25th. A \$20 deposit must be paid once your spot has been confirmed – this is refundable once your child has completed the program, attending 5/6 sessions. Only 40 spaces available – be one of the first 40 participants to register to secure your spot! Please register using the link https://goo.gl/forms/n6fmXyD4TxyqPsvb2

Contact Hannah Shepherd on 0275849779 or email safetrustprojects@gmail.com for more information

#### Stratford High School

Second-Hand Uniform Sale, Tuesday 16th January 10am - 12noon, at the SHS Hall. If you have uniforms you no longer require you can either donate them to PTA or we can sell them on your behalf (we take 30% commission). You can leave them at the school office during term time or bring them to the hall on Monday 15th January 10am - 12noon. They must be clean.

Any uniforms brought in on Tuesday (sale day) must be donations.

## **BOT Update**

**Nag 1—Curriculum Policy:** This policy has been reviewed and is saved on our school website with all our other policies.

**Enrolment Scheme:** The Board of Trustees had a meeting with the Ministry of Education this week to discuss the finer details. Proposed boundaries are being sent to the Ministry of Education this week to finalise the process.

**Biennial Community Survey:** Thank you to everyone in the community that took the time to complete this survey. We really value your feedback. The full summary of the survey is saved on our school's website - Board of Trustees. Each fortnight we will feature one question, the feedback and our recommendations.

#### **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"

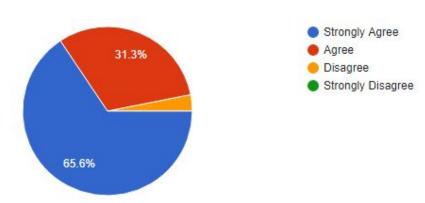
The focus of our review is "the child." **We value the opinion of our parents.** It is important for us to know the areas where we are performing well and also the areas that we need to sharpen up in. **With an eye to the future we were also interested in knowing of any innovations that our parent body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

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.

#### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Toko School Pig Hunt tops for sale. Kids Blue and Black, \$25, Adults khaki and black \$30.

Sizes available: Kids -6,8,10,14. Adults - Small, L, XL, 2XL

Pop along to the school office if you would like to purchase one.







How does a seed grow?
A seed germinates with the right amount of light and water.

First find some wet soil and plant it. Then it germinates and grows its roots. The seed pokes its head out after it sucks up some water. Next it grows a little bit more. Your plant will produce its own leaves. After it grows, it becomes an adult plant.

Bradley H

#### **PIANO AND GUITAR LESSONS**

Next year we have the opportunity to have one on one lessons at Toko School. If there is enough interest then the tutors will come out to Toko School for the day and will take lessons. Lessons will be for half an hour - Guitar - \$240.00 per term. Piano \$255.00 per term. If you are interested please e.mail: office@toko.school.nz

# HELPING YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME..

#### **Multiplication Strategies**

Learning your basic facts can be tricky. All of our students process the concept of multiplication differently, and therefore will build their fluency and understanding at different rates. On our website is a helpful sheet to assist you with helping your children at home. Learning by rote does not assist our children in developing their number sense. The strategies in this sheet are really useful. Give it a go with your children. We would love to hear how you get on!!! ACCESS TO THIS SHEET IS ON OUR WEBSITE - LEARNING LINKS - MATHS.

# OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR CLASSROOMS . .

#### **ROOM ONE**

We have buried a piece of each of the types of rubbish we found around the school and are digging it up each week to try to observe decomposition. The apple core had gone after week 1. The cardboard and paper were looking a bit soggy but we are hoping something else will change this week.

We have made predictions of what we think will compost into soil too.







We have also been collecting some of our lunch rubbish to see what sort of rubbish we have and will be sending a rubbish survey home to Room 1 parents too to find out what we do with our rubbish at home.

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