

Kia ora tatou.

Well, another huge week - 'all accelerator and no hand-brake' - broadsides into the weekend. Thanks to outstanding community support (before, during and after); the kids' Polyfest performances were nothing short of totally tumeke!

Performing in public sits right at the top of most people's "I'm not doing that!" list. Fear of public speaking is right up there with having to sing in public. For a lot of boys; doing all that with your top off (and your undies nearly on display) pushes them right to the edge. But they do it because they don't want to let whanau, friends or family down.

All the kids had to overcome nerves and a sense of the unfamiliar. When we rehearse at school, the walls of the hall make an excellent sounding board - everybody gets to hear each other in addition to themselves: it's easy to maintain a unified performance. Onstage at the stadium is a totally different experience. The walls are miles away so the kids tend to hear only their own voice and those of their closest mates - it's hard to judge the overall sound. Add to that the impact of adrenaline on some: sing sharp; go faster; don't sing at all because the whole thing is hugely distracting; the potential for a train-wreck is always there.

Starting on Wednesday - the Teina group nailed it. Five and six year olds (plus the odd seven or two) boldly performing and doing it well despite the excitement (and 'flu-bugs). As a school (and whanau), we couldn't be any prouder of them. The support they received from our community and the wider audience is tangible onstage - the kids respond accordingly.

Yesterday Tu Waenga - the year three and four group - did us equally proud. Again, they were well supported on and off the stage. Proof of that was the number of adults with cameras who lined up to take a group picture after the kids had performed. From the back, it looked like a paparazi scrum: almost one adult for every child in the group!



Tu Waenga after their rehearsal last week - it all paid off.

Today, Waverley Park Pasifeka and Tuakana groups took to the big stage: and they were show-stoppers - more than one tear was shed in the audience.

None of this stuff happens by accident. Each of these groups has a core of dedicated tutors - parents and teachers - and equally dedicated whanau who get them to and from rehearsals; stitch and sew whatever needs stitching and sewing; form the production line that gets the kids dressed and moko'd on the day; and then turn up at the stadium to fully tautoko each performance. Outstanding!

## Enrolling for 2018...

We are in the business of working out our organization for next year. Key to this is getting a clear picture of who's coming and who's going...and this is where you come in. Please tell us if you know that

- your family is leaving
- your family is enrolling new students
- friends and neighbours intending to enrol

In terms of the enrolment zone; we are still limited to enrolling new in-zone families.

## Tipping point...

This week, we reached tipping point in room seven. Like the three little pigs; Helena Blair and her half of the room seven kids had to find their own home; and so we moved the room 11 troops to the hall; they graciously vacating their room to allow Helena and "room 13" to move in. The bigger kids cope much better in the bigger space than the more "random atom" five year olds.

While the shift is no big deal for most of the older kids, not surprisingly, the odd question has arisen about using the hall at all. The hall re-roof has turned into quite a saga: we were told at the start of the year that we wouldn't be able to use it as they would "have the lid off it by March".... The major reasons for the delay in anything happening at all have been generated by redesign and bureaucratic issues beyond our control. The project is in the hands of a Min of Ed team based in Chch; we get no 'say' The new project manager - appointed a month ago - has indicated that it is highly unlikely that we will see anything happen on site "before December-January".

There is no major drama for the kids in being based in the hall - the kids actually enjoy having the space to 'spread out'. All of our year 5 & 6 kids already use a variety of spaces around the school - indoors and out - in their day to day learning; none of that will change. Consequently; we haven't regarded the shift into the hall as anything other than just business as usual.

## Reminders...

- Please remember to contact the office with the reason for your child's absence. Failure to do this will mean your child is marked as Truant. A text is sufficient.
- **Emergency Contact Details:** please advise the office when you change your phone, address, alternative contact details etc.

**It's \$3 Pita Pit Spring Special the week of 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September!!**

**Yummy pitas for only \$3 on your School's normal Pita Pit lunch day, during the week of 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September!**

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## WPPA W'update

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

There will be a 'Choice As' sausage sizzle on Wednesday 13th September. \$2.00



### LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to check the lost property when you have missing items, it's amazing how many jackets and polar fleeces end up there - even in the cold weather. - Cheers, Carley J

My friend told the lady at McDonalds  
"It's Stephen, with a ph"...

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Thank You For Choosing

## Coming up....

### September

18 Board of Trustees - 7.00pm  
29 Loud Shirt Day (Mufti)  
Term 3 ends - 3.00pm

### October

16 term 4 starts - so does swimming

## Many a truth spoken in jest...

"Some schools are giving kids an "Eclipse Day" - a day off, because they're worried teachers might not be able to protect their eyes. These kids haven't looked up from their phones since January."  
- Jimmy Kimmel

## SPECIALS AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEN ON FRIDAYS

### Snack Pack - \$4

- Popcorn
- Le Snack
- Cookie
- Water
- Fruit of the Day

### Term Special - \$6

- American Hotdog
- Cookie
- Water

## Sign of the times...

Hello - Gordon's Pizza?

No sir, this is Google Pizza.

Sorry - I think I've dialled the wrong number?

No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza.

Okay. Take my order please.

Well sir, you want the usual?

The usual? How do you know me?

According to your caller ID, the last 12 times, you ordered pizza with cheese, sausage, thick crust...

OK! OK! That's it.

Sir, may I suggest to you this time ricotta cheese, arugula with sun-dried tomatoes?

No, I hate vegetables.

But your cholesterol is high.

How do you know?!

Through the Lab subscriber's guide. We have the results of your blood tests for the last seven years.

Okay, but I want my regular pizza, I already take medicine.

But sir, you have not taken your medicine regularly. Four months ago, you only purchased a box with 30 tablets at Unichem.

I bought more from another pharmacy.

It is not showing on your credit card.

I paid in cash.

But you did not withdraw that much cash according to your bank statement.

I have other sources of cash.

This is not showing on your last Income-Tax return, unless you got it from an undeclared source.

ENOUGH! I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp. I'm going to an Island without Wi-Fi or internet. Where there are no cell phones or satellites to spy on me!

Good luck with that, sir, but you need to renew your passport, as it expired five weeks ago...

Nga manaakitanga, whanau - thank you for a big week.

Kerry Hawkins & staff.

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