

Spring is on its way, various blossoms, and spring flowers are starting to appear - and lots of pollen for all us allergy sufferers!

Keeping with the theme of 'CHANGE' (they say the only constant in the world is CHANGE!) - we have a few little changes to make to our Junior School (Te Tiwai). This is due to unprecedented growth of numbers in our New Entrant and Year 1 levels - see details below.

RE-ORGANISATION OF TE TIWAI & NEW FIXED TERM TEACHERS

We have recently been through an appointment process to employ a permanent teacher to take over the position left by the resignation of Jenny Ward last month.

The position was advertised nationally - unfortunately we did not receive enough quality applications to shortlist to a number of contenders that we would prefer to have interviewed and appointed from - important for such an important permanent position.

Therefore, we have decided to re advertise the permanent position later this year for the new person to start the new school year. Part of this decision was made due to some changes needing to happen in Manuka and Kowhai (our New Entrants and Year 1 & 2 classes).

- **New organisation** - this has been due to increased numbers in Year 1 and the need to reallocate teachers and classroom space to better cover numbers and keep ratios at acceptable levels.

Te Tiwai Teachers and Spaces (changes to take effect from the start of Term 4):

Manuka - New Entrants - Teachers - Ms Angela Gouk and Ms Mollie Murray (new fixed term teacher Term 4)

Matariki/Meremere (upstairs in the original block) - Year 1 (some from current Manuka and Year 1's from Kowhai) - Teachers - Mrs Alex Hanlen, Mrs Abi Berquist and Mrs Charlotte Swan

Kowhai - Year 2 - Teachers - Mrs Sandy Jones and Ms Nicky Baker

NOTE: This decision has not been based on academic levels but purely on numbers and the pupil to teacher ratios - this move reduces the ratios across all the groups.

The Year 1 children in Kowhai and a group of children from Manuka will be moving upstairs to Matariki and Meremere spaces. They will be with Mrs Hanlen, Mrs Berquist and Mrs Swan. These children have been taught at different stages with a combination of these teachers during their time in Te Tiwai syndicate. This decision will ensure consistency and an easy transition with experienced teachers for these children.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 4th September - Winter Sports Tournament Year 5&6

Friday 6th September - Winter Sports Tournament Year 3&4

Tuesday 10th September - Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 18th September - PRODUCTION matinee and evening performances

Thursday 19th September - PRODUCTION final evening performance

Friday 27th September - Loud Shirt Day

Last day of Term 3

Monday 14th October - Term 4 starts

It will also provide an opportunity for the children to form relationships with the cohort that they will be with next year. If your child is moving, they were given a letter regarding this earlier in the week, please ensure reading folders are checked regularly so you do not miss any correspondence.

The Te Tiwai team of teachers have spent considerable time working on various scenarios. This option will provide the best learning environment and teacher-child ratio for the children concerned. It will also reduce the numbers in Kowhai and mean that these children will no longer need to transition upstairs each day for blocks of learning which can be disruptive to their learning day.

School Immunisation Records

You will be receiving a note (pink) home asking for some details about immunisation and any other health related needs. This is to purely update our records to ensure we have all the information needed if any health notifications are made to our school.

With the recent outbreak of measles and concern about the possible spread to the Eastern Bay, we are updating our records to make sure we have the correct and up to date information, should a case be reported to us.

NOTE: This does not mean we have any cases of Measles in the school or Whakatane - but we are making sure that we have all the necessary records and information should we be notified of a case.

If we do receive notification about a case of measles at our school, there are quite strict rules and protocols for us to follow - including quarantine etc.

Science Roadshow

On the 26th of August 2019 forty-six year six students from Ohope Beach School took a bus to Allandale school where this year's Science Roadshow was hosted.

After a fun show all about motion and a quick visit from Mayor Tony Bonne (who was also very interested) the children were free to explore the many hands-on-activities the Science Roadshow had to offer.

Children were excited to be involved in the not just hands-on-activities but the activities that required their whole body to participate, such as the bed of nails, the human gyro, the shadow machine, and a small easily constructed bridge that fascinated the children.

**"It was a fascinating
experience
and I hope to go
again."**

Says young Isolde Camburn
Who was lucky enough to
attend T.S.R.S on Monday the 26th

The show ended with a big **BANG!** (Literally!) A series of explosions and chemical reactions excited the kids and left them buzzing for the ride home.

By Leila F

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS need to be in by Friday 30th August. Remember to use the Parent Loop App for ordering. <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

PRIDE VALUES

P – Positivity - We participate in all activities with enthusiasm. We say kind and positive words.

R – Respect - We listen and use our manners. We care for ourselves, our belongings, the environment and each other.

I – Integrity - We make the right choices and do as we say. We are trustworthy.

D – Diligence - We try our best in all activities and take on challenges. We work hard to achieve our goals.

E – Empathy - We think about others and their feelings before we act.

Our focus this week is **Positivity**

The winners for week 5 were –

Te Tiwai - Billy, Jake U, Cooper, Azzy, Winnie, Rein

Nga Peka - Taiha A, Amber G, Jayden S, Zane

This term we are focusing on a different **PRIDE** value each week.

Each week 2 to 3 children from each learning space are the Pride time winners and they have an extra 30 minutes of special time on Friday.

All those with PRIDE tickets go in a weekly draw where 3 names are pulled out as are 3 bus pride tickets. These children receive a special treat.