

Newsletter 26th July 2017

"Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember." -- Oscar Levant

Dear Parents, students and caregivers

On behalf of Te Kowhai School staff and students we would like to welcome the following children to our school: **Kyla Cole, Isla Watkins, Lucas Ridgway, Regan Hook, Ryleigh Cadman-Buckley, Zack Kendrick**
The school roll is currently **337** children



New Office Manager

Introducing our new Office Manager...Lee Slomp. Lee started this week, with Prue Williams {left} heading to Hillcrest Primary. Lee's contact details are lee@tekowhai.school.nz

Consequently, we have a vacancy for the tuck shop role and are looking for a friendly "people person" to work part time (Tuesday and Thursday mornings) for approximately 10 hrs per week. Opportunity for additional hours. For further information and an application pack, email Tony Grey (Principal) tonyg@tekowhai.school.nz

Applications close this Friday 28th July.



Tuckshop Update



It's Coffee Time! We are excited to finally be nearing completion of the upgrades to our Tuckshop. The coffee machine was installed last week and initial training took place in the holidays. We look forward to you all partaking in a coffee (or other hot drink) on these cold mornings. We will let you know when you can order your coffee (*just a little more training needed first*)

We see this as a great opportunity and time for you to come and spend some time at school catching up with other families, staff and being an active part of our school community. This will also be a great asset to our school in order to support our growing number of school events.



X Factor



What an incredible night this was! One thing we know for sure is that we have an extremely high caliber of talent at Te Kowhai School. Congratulations to Kyra-Mae Wilson who won the grand title of X-Factor winner for 2017 with her performance singing Valerie. Well done to all of the other students who performed, they invested hours getting ready for the show and their performances were polished. Thank you to Marieke Nation, Katie Robinson and Rochelle Moorfield for organizing the show. As you can imagine there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes, with planning beginning in Term 1. Thank you also to all of our parents and other staff who invested hours of their time helping with stage/set design, back stage work, lighting, music, food and everything else that pulled it all together. We look forward to the next one in 2019.



Report Updates Via Linc-Ed

At the end of week 9 last term each student's Linc-Ed pages were updated with current information. If you have not yet accessed this because you are unsure how to log in or it isn't working, please contact Sally Grylls-Thomas to help you get this sorted (sally@tekowhai.school.nz).

This is our current reporting platform and it is essential that all parents can access this. There is potential for us to print a paper version if you require. Please see your class teacher if you would like this.



Our Approach to Teaching & Learning: Innovative Learning Environment (ILE) FAQs – Part 6

see previous newsletters for Parts 1-5 (Term One/Two newsletters are on the website www.tekowhai.school.nz)

Does this new design make teaching better and do teachers like it?

Yes it makes teaching better, because it offers greater flexibility than a single cell classroom with one teacher. When teachers can work together, share the responsibility, share strengths and skills, see one another in action the learning is enhanced. Teachers working within ILEs do not want to return to a single cell setting.

Which teacher do I see if I have a query?

You are welcome to see any of your child's teachers in the ILE. Depending on the nature of the query, then it may be appropriate for them all to meet with you. We welcome open dialogue and partnership.

What is the impact for children if they leave our ILEs and their High School is a more traditional environment?

Our students will thrive because they will be more collaborative, confident, stronger thinkers and able to manage their own learning. Our students head off to over 10 secondary schools each year. If we try to narrow down our focus to a more "traditional" style of secondary education then we are doing a real disservice to our students, and not preparing them for life and the world in which they will live.

There is a real mandate for secondary schools to be moving towards ILEs from the Ministry and this is starting to happen. There are a number of secondary schools that have visited Te Kowhai to see our approach to learning. All new schools and rebuilds are developing ILEs because it is recognised that this is the most effective schooling approach.

ERO Update:

In Week 10 of last term, we hosted 3 members from the Education Review Office team. We found this review thoroughly beneficial as they took an in-depth look at all our student achievement results, how we are tracking and responding to learning needs, teaching and learning practices and overall leadership. They were in for 3 ½ days and spoke to a selection of all stakeholders within the school (students, teachers, trustees, parents, lead team). The reports from ERO are very different from in the past and this is due out within the next month or so, we will share this and other accompanying statements when released.

Some brief statements:

- Shared vision, values and learner qualities are highly visible – there is a shared purpose and direction for the school.
- High levels of engagement and self-directed learning evident.
- Positive student/teacher relationships evident.
- High levels of student engagement.
- High level discussions between students and teachers.
- "The school has really maximised what innovative learning and pedagogy looks like."
- Use of elearning throughout the school was effective and used to support learning. Students were confident, and had a purpose.
- In terms of stewardship (Board of Trustees) – well informed, highly engaged and focused on improving outcomes for children.
- There are clear systems for planning, tracking and monitoring of at risk learners.
- There is a clear focus on setting sound foundations in the first few years at school – play based learning, oral literacy programmes and intensive reading programmes.
- There are effective processes for building teacher capabilities in learning communities – high relational trust discussing strategies to more effectively meet the needs of at risk learners.
- Technology is well integrated to engage and enhance learning.
- Continue to evaluate the effectiveness of current reporting processes.

Upcoming Dates:

1 August	LC1 Museum Trip
2 nd August	PTA Meeting 7:30 Staffroom
4 th August	Assembly LC1
8 th August	Rhythm Interactive Show
15 th August	Parent Meeting - Sports Camp
16 th August	Gymsport Competition
18 th August	Assembly LC6
24 th August	School Speech and Poetry Competition
25 th August	Daffodil Day
29 th August – 1 Sept	Sports Camp
1 st Sept	Assembly LC5
2 nd Sept	Football Prizegiving 1 pm
11 th -13 th Sept	National Monitoring Study – Y4
15 th Sept	Winter Sports Festival Assembly LC4
18-19 th Sept	Yr 6, 7 & 8 Ski Trip
21 st Sept	Kapa Haka Festival
29 th Sept	Assembly LC3 Last day of term

Community News

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- pay attention to detail

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For more information:



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HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolments for 2018

Enrolment Applications open: Mon 29 May 2017

Please see below for instructions to download forms

Open Day: Tues 15 Aug 2017

Tours and Headmaster's Address:

9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm

Yr 9 Enrolment Applications close: Thu 31 Aug 2017

Yr 9 Ballot: Fri 8 Sep 2017

Yr 9 Notification by: Fri 22 Sep 2017

Yr 10-13 Enrolments Close: Mon 6 Nov 2017

Yr 10 - 13 Ballot: Fri 10 Nov 2017

Yr 10 - 13 Notification by: Fri 24 Nov 2017



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HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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Enrolment packs are available by contacting the school or they may be downloaded from our website www.hbhs.school.nz/Enrol/Enrolment-Contacts

"Sapiens fortunam fingit sibi" - A wise man carves his own fortune