

Kia ora e te whānau

After one of the longest lead-up periods in years, Putangitangi finally happened today. And for the first time ever, we had two roopu entered; our *Piringatahi* teina making their Putangitangi debut; while the *Tuinga Tahi* tuakana racked up their seventeenth year in the competition. After much delay and prevarication; it was great for the kids to finally get the chance to put all of their hard work and preparation to the test of competition.

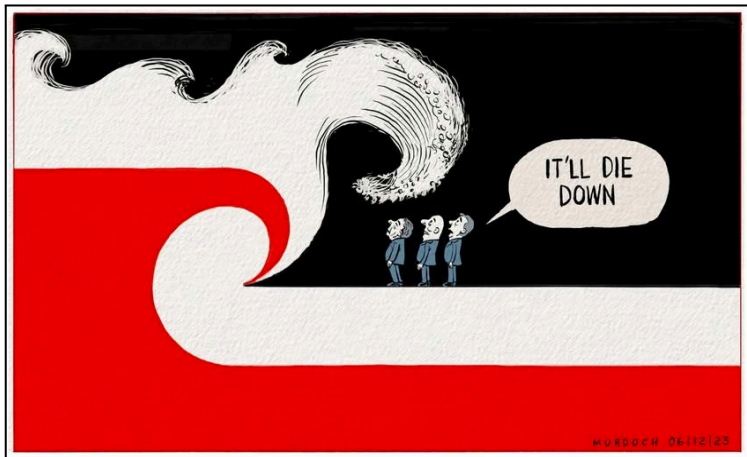
Piringatahi got to be the very first team to take the stage this morning; and they made their tutors, whanau, and supporters proud. It was a well-rehearsed and well-executed performance - you simply couldn't have asked for more. A couple of hours later, Tuinga Tahi were the first up performance in their competition too. Again; a slick and polished presentation: we are very proud of both roopu.

None of this stuff happens by magic. Our school is lucky to have the quality of tutors that we do; the staff commitment that we have; and - just as importantly - the whanau support that we enjoy: we really do appreciate the sheer magnitude of the whanaukataka and manākitaka our community provides: your pride is tangible and thoroughly justifiable - thank you all.

Irrespective of the outcomes of today; the fact that Piringatahi is not only up and running alongside Tuinga Tahi; and has gone through the baptism of public performance: kapa haka is further strengthened as a part of our school's curriculum kaupapa.

Just as well; there are [some pretty serious changes being made to the legislation that will have major impacts on what schools - and individual teachers - can and can't do](#); can and can't teach; and the Minister of Education of the day will be calling most of the shots.

[This looks like the right place for a little pic from the interweb...]



Meantime, we'll stick to what our community wants: Ora i te Ako - kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui, e te whanau.

Congratulations Whaea Kaytlin Tomlins!

It takes five years to become a fully qualified and registered teacher. This week. Whaea KayT reached this milestone when she, and twenty or so of her colleagues, were presented with certificates recognizing their achieving fully registered status at a graduation function on Tuesday night.

Kaytlin Tomlins is basically a Waverley kid who never really left. Having started here as a five year old; to being a Tuinga Tahi member, then leader: all the way through her James Hargest College and Dunedin College of Education years; KayT returned every week to support, accompany, and tutor our Tuinga Tahi kapa haka roopu. She's often joined by Paris Smith - another Waverley kid who never really left; and you can add Elliot Cunningham to that Tuinga Tahi tutor list too - he's never really left either! Tino pai, KayT - we're all proud of you and stoked to still have you as a valued member of the Waverley Park team.

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**The calendar...**  
**December**  
05 Assembly - Kia Kaha - 10.10am  
Hui Whakapūmau - Yr 6 Marae Graduation  
09 Board of Trustees - 7.30pm  
11 End of year celebration - art exhibition; details TBC  
12 Reports sent home  
15 Year 6 (combined) graduation - 7.00pm - Christian Centre  
16 Last day 12 noon

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Waterpolo...

Wishing the Waverley Whetu waterpolo team good luck for their final game tonight: Kensie Cunninghame, Kyrie Jones, Lilly Crosbie, Ezra Areaiiti-Newlove, Izaleigha Bower, Kaiya Areaiiti-Newlove, and Freya Winsloe. The team has shown amazing team work, pushed through some hard games during the term to come out on top to now be playing in the C grade final this afternoon at 3.40pm if anyone would like to come cheer them on. All players are very excited and looking forward to the game.

It's purely a safety thing...

Please make sure you sign in at the office whenever you need to collect your kids from school early. More importantly, please make sure that anyone collecting your kids on your behalf does too.

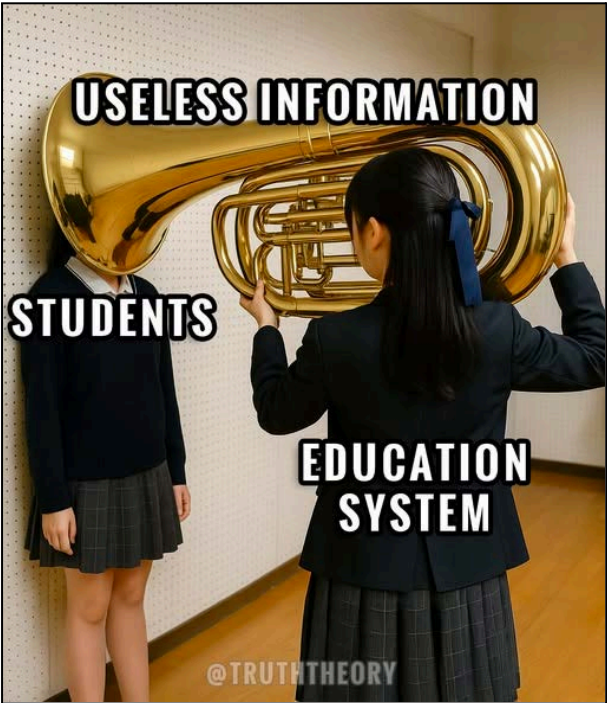
We have had a couple of incidents lately where people we couldn't readily identify have just wandered into classrooms to "pick-up so and so early." Aside from interrupting the classroom programme; it is quite disconcerting for a staff member to have to challenge someone to identify them - or not! Thoughts immediately go to parenting orders etc.

Please do your bit to make it safer for everyone - thanks.

Keeping in touch...

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Curriculum politicians are 'creating'



Until next week, ka kite.  
Kerry Hawkins & staff

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