Kaingaroa Forest School
Kia kaha, Kia maia, Kia manawanui

Wednesday 4 December 2024 **End of Year Panui & Updates**

Kia ora whānau - It has been a busy Term 4 and we are still learning, learning, learning!

Staffing I take this opportunity to inform you that Kirihou Te Are, our Office Administrator, has resigned. Some of you may already know. I apologise for the delay in informing you. Kirihou is moving on with other opportunities for herself and her whanau. She expresses her heartfelt thanks to all those who she has had the pleasure of teaching, supporting, "ASHAPing" and working with in her time in her role at our school. She is already missed and we are thankful to her too, for all that she gave to aakonga, whanau, staff, board and community members. At this stage we are not advertising her position yet. An analysis of the role, alongside the changes that have been made across the school due to government initiatives, gives us the chance to review and plan effectively for the future.

Further to this, two other staff members are on leave. Louisa Brown will not be in the office over the remainder of this year and Kiritahanga Barnett will return at the end of next week. A thank you must go out to our staff: all of this term you have been amazing, supporting, filling in, leading and guiding everything we have for our aakonga/students, so they can have another strong term of learning and fun at school. Your contributions are acknowledged - Thank you all!

Property Update - So excited to share!

$600,000+ in building project works! Our property development "Refurbishment of Block A" is well underway! Things look to kick into "onsite action" over the summer, in January. This will see the internal area of most of our main block being refurbished for more effective teaching and learning! Yay! We will have additional teaching spaces along the corridor, a new art/science wet area and an internal access student bathroom, also along the corridor and our classrooms will all get a revitalisation. The full length of our courtside wall will have a timber deck that we are all super excited about! The full project is overdue and we are all doing all we can to help the contractors "break ground".

$26,000 in sun protection installation! I have been working with Tarupaulin Makers BOP to design & install shade sails over our playground to provide sun protection and it was exciting seeing the poles being installed! This should be finished by next week! Yay! They are also re-designing the current shade sail which was vandalised. That one will be in place too! Board funded & we are so thankful!

$57,000 in safer court surfacing redesign and installation! Through co-ordinating with Tiger Turf and Grants for Good, the funding applications for new court turf surfacing for our main court area were successful! We gained $45,000 in grants towards this project! Amazing! We are so thankful to the board who support these initiatives and have worked hard behind the scenes to "squirrel away" funds to ensure we can put these things in place for our learners. Thank you to our board for supporting the application process and working with me to get things over the line so we can be "all action"! Whanau & community - we need your help to protect it - report vandalism 105.

End of Year Assessments & Celebrations We have been working hard with learners to complete the necessary assessments so we can write informed End of Year Reports. Due to the factors above and other issues that are commanding time, at an already busy time of year, it has been decided that we, as staff, will celebrate our end of year with our students. Awards will be celebrated internally and sent home with End of Year Reports. They will come home with tamariki next week. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Stay safe and enjoy making memories together!

Nga mihi, Regards, Marylouise Macpherson-Hall, Teaching Tumuaki

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