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**Newsletter**

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## **From the Desk of the Principal**

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Kia ora everyone,

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone happy and well.

Our days at school have been very calm and productive over the past few weeks. Staff and students have been taking advantage of the great weather to take students on community access, walks and sports & games outside.

Our community access is designed to provide the students with opportunities to engage in a variety of settings. These could be parks, libraries, supermarkets, museums, shops etc... Students are supported by social stories, scripts and experiences to be able to comfortably operate in these settings.

On **Thursday the 25th of March at 5:30pm - 6:30pm at the 38 Riselaw Road site** we will have Nikki (Architect) and Rick (Ministry of Education Delivery Manager) come and present to us the designs of the new school. It will be great if we can have a big turnout of families and staff to see the presentation and ask questions about our new build. We will be providing a **BBQ dinner**. Please RSVP to your child's classroom teacher if you will be attending and how many people in your group. I look forward to taking everyone a tour of the new site on Riselaw Road.

It is with a heavy heart that we farewell our wonderful physiotherapist Amy Mephram. Amy and her family are moving to Christchurch to take up new exciting opportunities. We wish them all the best.

We welcome our **new Physiotherapist Charlotte Smith**. Charlotte is an experienced paediatric physio and has come out of private practise. Charlotte will work on Fridays this year and look to extend her hours next year. We also welcome **Gary McClintock as our full time Educational Psychologist**. Gary is coming out of senior roles in the MOE and it will be great to have him and his wealth of knowledge working for us.

Tomorrow the students of Totorā will go on the first Sara Cohen School overnight camp in recent memory. The students will go for one night (Saturday) at Berwick Camp where they will be doing a range of exciting outdoor activities. The students of Totorā are super excited and so are the staff. Special thanks to Elaine and Tony for organising this camp and to all the staff who have contributed their time to make the camp happen. A big thank you to the Board of Trustees for its financial support of the camp.

Our teaching staff have had 4 professional development sessions with RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) Sarah Vink using a maths resource called Numicon. This resource will be adopted school wide and teachers are already very positive about it.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Regards

Matthew



## Get more for your \$ and reduce food waste

Climate change is a hot topic right now and reducing food waste is one way we can all do our part and save some money. Below are some tips that can support families.

Give children a choice – would they prefer peas, carrots or broccoli for dinner? Which fruit would they like in their lunches this week?

Let children serve themselves, encourage starting with small portions and make seconds available.

Makeover lunchbox leftovers. For example, toast a leftover sandwich for afternoon tea.

Question why food is often coming home, you might be able to make simple changes to what you send to school.

Bashed up fruit or snacks often have another use – add to baking or chop up the best parts to add to porridge or freeze for later.



For more information visit [lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz](http://lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz)

**Wanted to Rent**  
2 – 3-bedroom house  
Must have wheel chair access, a wet floor shower, fully fenced section and allow dogs  
Phone Karen 4878770 or 0272564157

## REMINDER

- Absences – Please phone in your absences each day your child/children are absent, press option 1 to leave a message and remember to give the reason for the absence
- Caregiver and Emergency Contact Updates – please return to the Office as soon as possible if you have not returned yours. Thank you.