

16 September 2016

Kia Ora, Talofa, Fakaalofa Atu, Hello.

Thankyou to all parents/whanau that attended the Learning Conversations this week. As a staff we are excited by the change of direction, moving away from the traditional 3 Way Achieve Conferences to a partnership in your child's learning.

The reasoning behind the shift is:

- We want to have more equal learning-focussed conversations with parents around learning, not behaviour
- To inform parents about their child's achievements and learning needs
- Share ideas with parents about how they can support their child's learning needs at home
- Share with parents, assessments and support Whanau to interpret the assessment results.

Mrs Barry, Principal.



Sports Uniforms.

Please return all winter sports uniforms before the end of term. Uniform deposits will be refunded or you can transfer the deposit to a summer sports uniform.

PTA Family Portrait Fundraiser.

Due to the lack of bookings this has been postponed to the 19th November 2016.

Calendar Art.

Children will be doing calendar art again this year. These make lovely Christmas gifts. Order forms will be sent home next term.

Lost Property.

There is a huge amount of unclaimed clothing and shoes. Please check the lost property bins by the office.

End of Term.

Term 3 ends next Friday, 23rd September at 3 p.m.
Term 4 begins Monday 10th October and finishes Friday 16th December 2016.

School Assemblies

Next term we are trialling having school assemblies on Monday at 2.15 p.m. The assembly dates are as follows for Term 4:

17th October – Room 16

31st October – Room 4

14th November – Room 8

28th November – Room 2

Final prize-giving Assembly – 16th December.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Thursday 22nd September

*Wanganui Girls College Hall
Jones Street*

6.00 p.m. start

(Children to be dropped off by 5.45 pm.)

Little Achievers.

"Little Achievers" programme was initiated to meet the request of the school community. This initiative is for 4 to 5 year olds ready to transition into school. The programme runs every Friday from 9 – 10 a.m. in Room 13.

Mrs Barry, Mrs Ditchfield and Mrs Watkins work with the children to build on early Literacy and Numeracy skills through hands on learning. The children have the opportunity to visit the NE room for 1 hour, 2 x a term, once a term participate in Kapa Haka and once a term visit the library. When the children start school they have developed friendships with other children who are starting school around the same time.

The children go home every week with a new book to keep and learning activities to go in their packs that are games based and can be played at home over the week to support their early learning. When the children start school the information about their strengths and next step learning is passed on to the classroom teacher who then plans programmes to meet their needs from day 1. The benefit as well is that Mrs Ditchfield is also full time in the NE room, so the children have an adult they know well and starting school is less stressful. Once the children are comfortable with staying, parents are welcome to leave and pick up at 10 a.m. As a school we have tracked all children who have been through Little Achievers and the data is clearly evident that the children have a flying start to their schooling experience and 98% of students who have attended Little Achievers are AT or ABOVE their National Standard by the end of their first year of school.

If you are interested in your child attending, please either contact the office or meet us in Room 13 on Friday morning at 9.00 a.m.

Hockey 2016.

This season the Whanganui East School hockey team was in the B grade. We played Fordell, Kai Iwi, Westmere, St. Johns and St Annes. During the season everybody played their role and did it well. In the final we won 6 – 2 against Frodell. The first game against Fordell we lost 13 -2. Congratulations to the whole team.

By Levi, Room 16.



Inter-school Cross Country.

On Tuesday 13th September, Whanganui East School took a 20 strong team of runners to Aranui School for the Inter-Schools Cross-Country. An overcast day provided ideal conditions for running. We entered four teams in the age categories. Whilst we didn't return with any silverware this time, the day provided some exceptional results. The senior girls race saw Season (8th) and Katie (9th) finish in the top ten, with Kathleen not far behind in 12th. All races had over 100 runners in them. Our senior boys top two runners were Agalei (18th) and Jahstice (20th). Ryan was the best placed Junior Boy (24th) and Dior (27th) in

the Junior Girls. It was great to see our 8 year old's perform so well as they will be eligible to run in the junior races next year too. Thanks to our parent supporters and Mrs Lawson for helping make this a great day.



Senior Camps.

Rooms 15 & 16 Camp Elsdon, Porirua,
26th – 28th October 2016

Room 7 & 8 camp at Landguard Bluff,
10th – 11th November 2016.

All camp fees must be **paid in full** by Friday 14th October 2016. This is the end of the first week back in term 4.

MID HONOURS AWARD

*Brooke
Kharlin
Keyara
Jayla
Aquila-Marie
Louise
Tati
Ava
Toa
Aeva
Cora
Nita
Isabella
Trishana
Peyton
Haizley
Reweti
Alia-Rose
George
Shylah
Te Rawhiti
Harlem
Frank
Gypsy*

Every Child Achieving