

Kia Ora Parents/Caregivers,

It has already been an exceptionally busy term and on top of all our teaching and learning our students have had the opportunity to take part in developing their skills in gymnastics. Not only are kids developing strength, flexibility, body and balance control but also improved mental focus and concentration when they take part. A special thank you to Lisa Madden who has dedicated so many hours to support our teams! And a big thank you to Tania and David for their commitment and time to the sport.

Learning Support

I have attended several principal meetings over the last 3 weeks involving the nation wide roll out of learning support coordinators (LSC) in New Zealand. You may be aware that as a result of the new teachers collective agreement, the Ministry of Education have responded to the need to provide more resourcing in schools for learning support. This has been a very fraught period of frustration for schools as the allocation across the country is capped at 623, therefore leaving approximately 1500 schools without this resource. Our Kotuitui (Community of Learning) have been allocated 14 LSC positions across 12 schools - one of the highest number of allocated positions in NZ. What that means is that we will be able to employ a full time SENCO (renamed LSC) in 2020. Whilst we are extremely happy to have been given this opportunity, we remain humbled in the light that other schools have not been so lucky.

PROPERTY

The sunshine was out today and it felt like Spring may be on its way! Our school grounds have taken a bit of a beating with the heavy rain - especially the areas in the school where new grass seed has been sown. Our wonderful PTA are organising our annual working bee (Saturday 21 September) and I am really keen to get in and give our school a thorough spring clean! If you are available on this date I'd love to hear from you. There are some jobs which I'd be very grateful to allocate in advance such as water blasting particular areas of the school, planting new citrus trees, and general gardening/weeding. Please contact office@woodlandspark.school.nz if you can support us on this day.

I have made a request with Auckland Transport to improve/upgrade the parking area in front of the school - which is becoming a hazard. If you would like to support my request to fix the uneven surface the reference number is CAS-1139030-S9L3L1. The number to call is 09 3010101.

During the school holidays work is scheduled to commence to replace the pool fencing and pool gates (the same as the perimeter fencing, but in charcoal). This will make the area look a lot more attractive and inviting and I'm looking forward to getting rid of the barbed wire! This will be fully funded by the Ministry of Education who modify property to enhance the health and safety for our students. A big thank you to Karen and Marjike who have worked hard to obtain this funding. The current perimeter gates are also scheduled to have the locking mechanisms replaced so that it's easier to come and go through the school. Karen and I are also working towards

having the lines on the courts and throughout the school repainted as well as some four square etc. Today was a busy day in the administration block as we prepare for new carpet going down throughout the reception/staff room area. The previous carpet has seen better days (25 +years so I'm told) and we are grateful to the board for supporting the upgrade!

I am continuing to navigate my way through new learning with our new school website. You will see (by scrolling down past the newsletters), a school calendar has been embedded by Nick. We intend to attach any relevant information to these events/dates.. Your patience is appreciated as we continue to enhance the communication between home and school.

We are hosting a small group of students from Christchurch who are coming to Auckland to participate in a dance and drama workshop. We are looking for support by way of bedding for one night (e.g. sleeping bags, blankets, pillows). There are 20 children and 4 adults. Please email me if you can help out. Thank you.

This Friday is Daffodil Day, by wearing yellow we will remember our loved ones who have passed and those who are struggling with the impact that cancer can have on our lives. These days help us gain perspective to keep our interaction with others more meaningful, considered and full of kindness.

Nga Mihi,

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Please see Caretaking Vacancy below;

Vacancy Woodlands Park School Caretaker

40 hours per week

Pay negotiable (in keeping with MOE guidelines)

Caretaker - Kaitiaki (*guardianship - taking care of our environment*)

Woodlands Park School is seeking an enthusiastic, self-motivated caretaker who is quick to notice when things need attention. We are looking for a practical all-rounder who has skills in grounds and building maintenance, small building repairs and can work unsupervised. The successful applicant must be able to communicate effectively and maintain harmonious professional working relationships with all stakeholders.

Key to the role is that you take pride in what you do ensuring that our school grounds and environment reflect the commitment of excellence in keeping with the culture of the school. This role is busy and encompasses a range of jobs which support the maintenance of the school, ensuring that we are able to function safely and our children have a clean and tidy environment. This role is physical, so demands someone who is active, fit and able.

All candidates must have the right to work in New Zealand and a clean driver's licence record.

Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Police Vet.

Employment will be under the School Caretakers and Cleaners Collective agreement.

Successful Applicant will commence immediately following induction.

Please email office@woodlandspark.school.nz to request further information.

School visits welcome, appointments must be booked through the school office.