

Ko Rāpare, trua tekau ma whitu o Mahuru : Thursday 27 September 2018

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We are at the end of another busy term... and I would like to take this opportunity to **PUBLICLY** thank so many people. To all of our **parent volunteers** in whatever area (sports, cooking amazing boilups - thanks Cullen's nan), to our support staff and to our teachers -

THANK YOU, HE MIHI NUI, THANK YOU!

Many of the people in our school go above and beyond their official roles - they have cooked endless sausages and created spiders which of course has meant that the cost of school camp has been reduced by \$30.00 per child! They create (as in the images of our library) interesting learning environments and support kids in a multitude of ways (weekend Kapa Haka below too!) They manage to have highly functioning learning environments and meet the needs of most learners most days - which is a challenging task, in today's world.

Teachers are learners too.

Many of you will not realise that **teachers are ALWAYS learning new things**. Last week's newsletter talked about the **digital curriculum** which of course we will be required to adopt in 2020. Most of our teachers are very capable users and keen to upskill.

This year we had four teachers attain their postgraduate certificate in Postgraduate Certificate in Digital and Collaborative Learning (Applied Practice). This study meant HUGE hours outside of their normal work hours and a strong commitment to learning new things. The four bullet points below represent the main areas of learning and congratulations to Emma, Megan, Kerri and Chad who saw it through. We are proud of you all and of course look forward to you sharing your new knowledge!

- Gain new theoretical and practical knowledge within the field of teaching and education supported by research, observation and applied practice
- Build your knowledge of 21st-century education practices and learn how to integrate relevant technologies and methodologies
- Develop a more student-centered and personalised approach to learning
- Evaluate personal teaching environments (class, school or community-wide) and learn how to identify development and advancement opportunities

Rugby Rugby Rugby

Many of you will know that over the past few weeks, we have been 'versing' rugby teams from other schools and it has been great to see the parent support on the sidelines. Our recent rugby game against Fairfield School



