



Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa (warm greetings to you all)

On Monday I was treated to a warm and wonderful pōwhiri by the staff and children. It was a wonderful introduction to Apanui School. As you are probably aware from last week's newsletter and recent facebook posts, Simon has decided to take his sabbatical leave from Monday. I will be the acting Principal of Apanui School for the duration of Simon's leave. My name is Rex Wilson and I have been a principal for 35 years. My last permanent position was the Principal of Taradale Intermediate in Napier and I have previously been the Principal of Ohope Beach and Allandale schools. It's a delight to have this time at Apanui School to allow Simon to recharge his batteries.

I am getting to know the staff and students and how things roll at Apanui School. I must say how impressed I've been with the staff and children and their positive learning relationships. Moving around the school I see engaged learners and stimulating learning activities. We have a lot to be proud of at Apanui School. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Child Centred Conferences and at other events over the coming weeks and months.

Rex Wilson

<p style="text-align: center;">Consultation with School Community <i>Kawea mai ou whakaaro</i></p> <p>The Ministry of Education sets the overall priorities for what schools in Aoteroa New Zealand need to focus on. It's our job as a school to set goals and targets that support these, in a way that is fit for our school community. We'd love your input into these, so we can create the best learning environment for your tamariki/children.</p> <p>At the CCC's, a questionnaire will be given to you, please take the time to complete it, either here at school or take it home to drop off later.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees invite you to a hui on Monday 4 March 6-7pm in the staffroom to share your thoughts on the school direction.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Fri Mar 1</td> <td>Apanui Swimming Sports (Team 3&4)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon March 4: 6pm</td> <td>Consultation with Community Hui</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 25-May 10</td> <td>Dental Truck @ Apanui</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar 12-15</td> <td>Kea, Karearea & Takapu Camp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri Mar 15</td> <td>Whanau Day: Tug of War</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon Mar 18: 5:30</td> <td>TWOA Hui (TBC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri Mar 29-Apr 2</td> <td>Easter Weekend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed Apr 3-5</td> <td>Team 3 Camp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri Apr 12</td> <td>Last Day of Term - It's-In-The-Bag Assembly</td> </tr> </table>	Fri Mar 1	Apanui Swimming Sports (Team 3&4)	Mon March 4: 6pm	Consultation with Community Hui	March 25-May 10	Dental Truck @ Apanui	Mar 12-15	Kea, Karearea & Takapu Camp	Fri Mar 15	Whanau Day: Tug of War	Mon Mar 18: 5:30	TWOA Hui (TBC)	Fri Mar 29-Apr 2	Easter Weekend	Wed Apr 3-5	Team 3 Camp	Fri Apr 12	Last Day of Term - It's-In-The-Bag Assembly
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	<p style="text-align: center;">CAMP or SPORTS Payments to Apanui School</p> <p>Payments can be made on-line. Apanui's bank account is 12-3253-0009007-00. Add your child's name and the activity as the reference. Eg: Tom J Touch</p>																		
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