



# COLWILL SCHOOL

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*Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakalofa, lahi atu, Kia Orana, Talofa, Shalom, Malo e lelei, Taloha ni, Guten Tag, Bonjour, Dobro Dosli, Croeso, Sawadee, Goeie Dag, An Nyung ha seayo, Asalamu Alaikum, Prevet, Namaste, Swaddeka., Ni Hao.*

## Kia Ora

I felt now would be an appropriate time to provide the Colwill School community with an update on the work the board has been involved in since I last wrote however, I would like to take a moment of your time first to relay a conversation I had this morning with a relieving teacher at our School.

I was introduced to a gentleman who has been relieving at Auckland schools for some time now and he was explaining that he and his colleagues (fellow relieving teachers) were deploring the lack of basic education that existed in so many of our schools. This gentleman went on to explain that he had taught at many schools as a reliever where the children were unruly, disrespectful or lacking basic courtesy, schools where teachers set worksheets and give little direction to their pupils, where pupils have to manage their own learning, often with little support. This gentleman was pleased to say that this was not the case at our school.

Now I *know* that our student body have a reputation beyond the school for having good manners, being respectful and courteous (our kids are great! ) but I can assure you all that it was a pleasure to hear our children being appreciated for their efforts and noticed by a visitor to our school. It was heartening to hear praise for our level of teaching and our high standards from an educator of some maturity.

When someone can walk into our school and, after spending a few weeks working with our children in various classes (mainly our years 7 & 8 ), can feel connected to our community it speaks to the calibre of the staff and leadership, the quality of our

positive behaviour program and especially to the efforts of our wonderful children.

It was a pleasure to receive the ' bouquet' on behalf of our community, thank you all.

Now on to board matters, since I last wrote the board has been extremely industrious re-designing our Charter and Strategic Plan along with the staff. Input from the wider community obtained last year has served as the basis for this important document which is now in the final stages of development. We have had the assistance of an outside facilitator to draft a Charter and Strategic Plan which best reflects our goals and expectations for the coming three years and anticipate having this available online and in hard copy for you to view in the near future. May I take this opportunity to thank all the Staff members, Principal and Board members who gave their time before term 1 to come into school and begin the development of this important document and the ongoing time they have devoted to this task.

The Board have been undertaking professional development at various levels, attending webinars and seminars in order to be able work more effectively in the interests of the Community school-wide. Apart from the workshops developing our Strategic Plan the Board has also conducted it's first Board meeting of the year where the minutes for the December meeting were approved and are now available for viewing at the office.

The minutes for the first and subsequent meetings for 2011 will all be available in the office once they have been approved.

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The next meeting of the Colwill School Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday April 13th 2011 and is a public meeting.

Hei kōnei rā

Maggie

Each month we will have a "Chairperson Chat" in the newsletter

## COLWILL LENDS A HAND TO CHRISTCHURCH.

### DISCO

**Theme:** Red / Black

**When:** Friday 25th March

**Venue:** Hall, please use Claverdon Road entrance.

**Time:** Years 0 - 4 5pm - 6.30 pm  
Years 5 - 8 6.45 - 8.15 pm

**Cost :** \$4.00 includes drink, lollybag and glow-stick.

**Sausage sizzle \$1.50**

### **Event: Charity Concert**

**Date and time:** Friday 25th March 7pm

**Venue:** Glen Eden Primary School Hall, 3 Glenview Rd, Glen Eden

**Admission:** Gold coin donation for North Eastern Japan

**Organised by:** Japanese Assn, Auckland

**Performances by:**

Southern Stars (Yosakoi) Japanese dancing group

Tamashi (Taiko) Japanese style drum team

Sagara Sisters (Emon) Japanese art of fusion

## **TERM DATES FOR 2011**

### **Term 1 2011**

ends on Friday 15th April

### **Term 2 2011**

Monday 2nd May and ends on Friday 15th July

### **Term 3 2011**

Monday 1st August and ends Friday 7th October

### **Term 4 2011**

Tuesday 25th October and ends Friday 16th December

## **TERM 1 EVENTS**

**24th Mar** Harakeke: Moire Park Bush Clean up

**24th Mar** Vision & Hearing Testing

**30th Mar** Year 4 - 8 Tennis

**6th April** Year 4 - 8 Tennis

**13th April** School Sports Day

**18th May** NW Boys Football

**19th May** NW Girls Football

## **SWIMMING PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY**

Will be in week 10 (week beginning 4th April). The date and time will be in next weeks newsletter.

**SWIMMING:** Please check your class timetable for days and times for swimming, please remember your togs.

**LUNCHES:** All students are encouraged to take their rubbish home.