



# 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.*

## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE.

The ERO team will be visiting our school during the week of the 16th May - 18th May.

## HAZARD REGISTER

Help us keep our children safe. If you see a hazard in the school please go to the office and fill in the hazard register.

## SKI TRIP

**When:** September 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th

**Where:** Mt Ruapehu

**Accommodation:** Pipers Ski Lodge

**Who May Go?:** Years 5/6/7/8

**Cost for Students:**

Skiing: \$570

Snowboarding \$590

Students choose one or the other

## KOREAN

The class learning Korean is operating every Tuesday at morning tea in room 9.

## Chairperson Chatter May 2011

Kia ora koutou katoa and welcome back to Term 2

The meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April was a very busy one, I was re-elected as Chairperson ( the board informed me they believe in recycling....), we also adopted two new policies, one on National Standards and the other on Bullying. Colwill has always had an anti-bullying policy but it gave us the opportunity to re-visit and revise that policy and to obtain input from our children. Mr. Taylor visited classrooms and conducted a survey, with the children's help, to ensure they know how to deal with bullying if it affects them or someone they know, the response has been great and all we want now is for the conversation to continue at home, we all need to help our children feel safe and give them the tools to protect themselves.

Our strategic plan is now available for viewing at the Office along with the Annual Report & Analysis of Variance. The Analysis of Variance reports on Literacy and Numeracy and the difference between what we set out to achieve in student learning levels and what we actually achieved. It is fairly easy to understand but if anyone is interested and needs help with it please ask, ( Mr. Taylor has also volunteered his services as translator). We were not able to meet all of our targets and still have work to do in certain areas. These areas have been clearly identified and an ongoing strategy to raise our children's achievement remain a priority. Our targets may well have been a little over ambitious but even so many of the achievements have exceeded the typical expectations .

Finally, I have to inform you that Steve Trent has tendered his resignation for personal reasons. I'm sure many of you will be very disappointed, and I know the board will miss him greatly, his contribution and commitment have been very welcome, I personally will be very sorry to see him go. The board would like to thank him for his work so far and wish him every success in his endeavours. This leaves a casual vacancy which the board has resolved to fill by selection.

Hei kōnā mai Maggie Scelly

### **ABSENCES**

If your child is away from school for any reason please remember to phone or text the school office before 8.45 am on the day of the absence.

Please make sure we have your up to date phone and contact details.

### **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

The procedure for the logging of complaints is to please let the teacher know of your complaint in the first instance, then call into the office for a complaint form, complete the form and it will be dealt initially by the Principal then if necessary by the Board of Trustees.

### **UNIFORM**

It is compulsory that all students who attend Colwill School have the correct uniform. The uniform must also be clean and tidy.

Please name your child's uniform clearly. This enables the staff to return the item to its owner

### **BANKING**

The National Bank is in the office every Thursday morning at 8.30am .

You can also make deposits with the ASB and they will be in the Library every Thursday morning.

Please bring any new application forms for ASB banking to the library

### **TERM DATES FOR 2011**

#### **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 2 / 3 EVENTS**

**18th May** NW Boys Football

**19th May** NW Girls Football

**6th June** Norwest Table Tennis

**16th June** Norwest Basketball

**28th June** Rugby

**29th June** Hockey

**6th July** Norwest Hockey

**10th Aug** Norwest Netball

**5 - 8th Sept** Ski Camp

**7th Sept** Cross Country

**26th Sept** Speech Finals

### **LATECOMERS**

The increase in the amount of children arriving late is now of concern. We are now averaging 30 students each morning.

This is a huge problem for all teachers and students who are constantly interrupted in class.