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He Kura e ako taumano ana hei whai painga

COMING EVENTS

- 15th May Wairau Cluster Yr 5-6 Orienteering Event
- 17th May Assembly 9.15am
- 17th May Meet with Dave in the staffroom (10am) -Board of Trustees Q and A
- 20th May BOT Meeting
- 24th May Teacher Only Day
- 31st May Assembly 9.15am

Kia ora koutou Grovetown School

You are hopefully aware by now that the process of nominating and electing new Board of Trustees members has begun (see the process included below on this newsletter). This week a letter was sent to all our Grovetown School families calling for nominations. If you haven't received one yet, please check with the school office.

The role of the board is not a day to day job, but rather one of governance. Put simply, governance is about ensuring that the school is working towards achieving our strategic plans and annual charter. However, you don't need to be an expert or experienced with boards of trustees or governance to be a board member. You just need to be interested in your school and willing to have a go.

If you would like to know more about being a board member feel free to contact me and we can discuss this further. Or, join me on Friday 17th May (at 10am—after our school assembly) in the staffroom for a cup of tea or coffee, and we can talk about the being on the Board of Trustees. I hope to see some of you then.

Ka kite ano
Dave

NEWS AND NOTICES

School Accounts

Did you know you can get tax credit for paying your school donations? If you have any questions please see Debbie. Accounts that have not been paid for last term will be sent via email to you.

Contact Details

If you change your address, or cell phone number please let Debbie know.

Absentees

If your child is away from school please ring or text school with the reason why they are away each day please. Our school cell-phone number is 0275116818.

Teacher Only Day: Please make a note of this in your diaries or on your calendars. On Friday 24th of May, school will be closed for a teachers only day. The teaching team will be joining with several other schools around Marlborough, working together as a part of the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL) group.

For Sale

Large home built dolls house for sale \$200.00. Ph AJ on 027037914

Badminton Club

Junior Badminton (for 8-16 year olds) is on Mondays from 6-7pm at St Mary's Hall, cnr Hodson & Francis Streets. Come along to learn about badminton and have fun. \$40 per term or \$5 a night. For more info ph Anna or Mike on 5791954 or see our website at: www.sporty.co.nz/blenheimbadminton

CLASS AND SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Board of Trustees Elections

We have two parent representatives vacancies on our board for this election.

Dates to remember for this are:

- Call for Nominations by Friday 10th May
- Close Supplementary Roll Noon Wednesday 22nd May
- Nominations Close Noon Friday 24th May
- Voting Papers Sent by Wednesday 29th May
- Election Day Noon Friday 7th June
- Count Votes Thursday 13th June
- Board Takes Office Friday 14th June

For more information please see one our Board members or Debbie.
Returning Officer
Debbie Wallis



Positive Relationships

Means working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others.

The Kiwi Can Corner



It's been a great term learning about "Positive Relationships" in Kiwi Can. It's been fantastic seeing the children applying the idea of "working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others" through lessons on fair play, conflict resolution, role models and leadership, and much more.

Some of our Kiwi Can tamariki have been learning about responding to conflict using their 'WITS' (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help). Why not talk to your children about a time they found themselves involved in or watching a conflict this week - and ask them what they did. Talk about the idea of 'using your WITS' and if one of those options might have been helpful in that situation. (If you are interested, you can find out more about the idea of WITS here: <https://witsprogram.ca/families/using-wits-with-your-child/how-can-i-help-my-children-use-their-wits-to-resolve-conflicts>)

Have safe and happy holidays, and we can't wait to see you in Term 2!



Stay in the loop, follow [@GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough](https://www.facebook.com/GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough) to find out more

Honey and Jam

We are selling Grovetown Honey, Blackberry and Plum Jam. \$5 per jar. Please see Debbie in the Office.

Publishing from Opawa Room

The Easter Bunny

By Mikayla

My Easter Bunny is a girl.
She gives kids clothes and eggs and chocolate.
I love my Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny

By Olive

My Easter Bunny is brown and she has pink Bits on her ears.



