

Tēnā koutou

It's been another busy year for our tamariki, learning and growing at Tirimoana and at home.

Your school board has been meeting regularly, fulfilling its governance role, learning more about the school and making decisions in the best interests of our learners.

We've welcomed a new board member to the team, Kim Dolman, who we identified as bringing complementary skills and experience in finances. Kim has already made a huge contribution to the way the board exercises its oversight role of the school's finances. Kim's also a lovely person and great to have on the team.

On November 25th, Tirimoana took centre stage as the proud host of the annual Te Kahu o te Rēhia Kapa Haka Competition. 9 Primary Schools and 3 Intermediate Schools came to compete in this Kapa Haka competition which was born to give mainstream schools in West Auckland the opportunity to showcase their talents in Kapa Haka.



Also performing was Tirimoana's own Pasifika Groups. The day was a huge success, with an overwhelming turnout from our community to tautoko our tamariki on stage. Our heartfelt thanks go to the planning committee (consisting of Ben Wood, Whaea Kura, Miriana Christensen and Nat Hudson) for their hard work and effort on the planning of this day, the PTA for their tireless work on the day, and our dedicated Tirimoana staff who sacrificed their time to ensure the event's smooth execution. As we celebrate this success, our excitement builds for next year, where we eagerly anticipate supporting our Kapa Haka roopu at Te Kahu o te Rēhia, hosted at Rutherford.

Thank you to all whanau who responded to the parking and transport survey earlier this year. A small group, including members of the board, has been formed to make improvements to ensure the safety of our tamariki based on your feedback. This group met with Auckland Transport earlier this term, and have come up with a plan to make positive changes, particularly to Kokiri St. We hope to see some changes in the coming year. Some of the ideas we discussed with AT were additional signage and whether a dedicated pick up/drop off zone would be possible.

The bike track has proven to be very popular, and we're pleased to hear that it gets a lot of use



outside school time too. Unfortunately, since it went in, we've also seen drainage issues leading to a noticeable decline in the state of the field.

With such a wet year this is somewhat to be expected, and we've seen that other school fields in the area are also in a poor state simply because of the amount of rain. However, the board has had several conversations about the impact of the bike track on drainage, we've taken advice on options for improving it, and have agreed on a plan. The main actions are a programme of rolling, draining, weed spraying and re-seeding. We expect these steps will improve the field's condition over time, and with continued maintenance, and hopefully less wet weather, the field should return to its previous state.



The board thanks Peter and all the staff for providing our tamariki another great year of learning and new experiences, and we congratulate our learners on another milestone in their school journey.

Looking ahead to the Christmas season, many of our community will be looking forward to a fun and happy holiday with friends and loved ones. However, for some, this time of year can bring extra stress and challenges, and changes to personal or family circumstances can bring sadness at any time of year. We hope that this Christmas we can all connect with those we love.

Ngā mihi nui

Tirimoana School Board

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