

Al Salmu Alaykum (Peace be upon you)

The tragic event in Christchurch has had a huge impact on our country, and many have felt the pain and sorrow for the loss of so many lives and those who are injured and slowly piecing their lives back together again. On Monday 18 March, celebration of peace was held at Wilford school. A tree was planted to symbolise peace and new life. We were joined by Mayor Ray Wallace, Lower Hutt councillor Mike Ulrich, Hutt Multicultural Council President, Tribhuvan Shrestham, other distinguished guests, and members of our school board. The ceremony was followed by a special assembly to welcome the peace runners who are travelling around the world. Words of encouragement was shared by both Mayor Ray and our principal, Neil.

Well done to Nga Rangitahi and to our community for your support in raising \$1,444.40 through the cupcake fundraising last Friday 22 March 2019. The funds will go towards supporting and offering resources for people affected by the Christchurch event and their family members through the givealittle page.

To our Muslim families in our community and wider community, we send our aroha and offer our support. We also want to remind our community the support that is available if you feel your child or family need support (Please find this attached).

Goals for the year

Quality teaching and learning:

Our executive team have met with PLD providers to create a staff professional development plan that will review the Graduate Profiles, teachers' beliefs of education and align teaching to this. A significant component of this professional development will occur during staff meetings from term two for the remainder of the year. There will also be opportunities for student, board and community involvement during this process. This plan will be shared once it is finalised. All teaching and support staff have started receiving professional development in te reo Māori, this is being run and supported by Ropene Johnson and Gina Williams. Ngā Puāwai kaiako/teachers Whaea Gina and Whaea Aio still continue to receive professional support from Shar Luke and Shannon Dryden around Maori teaching and learning in Maori medium and full immersion units.

Strong community engagement:

Teachers have started using *Seesaw* throughout the school, as a key communication method of sharing student learning with parents. What a great way of sharing some of the amazing things our students are doing at school, this programme also allows parents to comment and provide feedback to their students teachers.

Students from Ngā Rangatahi and Ngā Puawai worked together at the Petone Fair to raise \$1,000 for the school library, this will benefit the whole school. It was a fantastic whole school effort, students and staff working together for a very successful community event. During this event Ailsa Webb started a list of alumni of Wilford School with a view to early planning for the school centenary in 2027. The stall was supported by many alumni from Wilford School, including an ex- student from the late 1940's and former principal John Berryman's widow Lesley. Well done Ngā Rangatahi and Ngā Puawai students and to all who helped.

Quality leadership:

Opportunities for our teachers to lead have helped to build leadership skills and capability. Vanessa Philips, Ropene Johnson and Nic Lawson have worked together to introduce, work with staff to implement, and monitor the *Seesaw* programme, as well as providing support to staff who need it. The executive team (Neil, Vanessa, and Ailsa) have rescheduled their meeting times for the year, to allow more opportunities and time for the team to provide closer, specific professional support for the less experienced syndicate leaders.

Board Elections

Ever thought of being a board of trustee? You've wanted to but you don't know where to start? Attached is a flyer with details for the NZSTA's Korari Programme to find out more about being a trustee on a school board. You can also click on this link <https://vimeo.com/306980043> to check out our board trustee and ex-chair, Ced Simpson talk about what being a trustee means to him. You are also more than welcome to contact either the Chair or any of our board trustees and speak with them if you are interested in becoming a board trustee.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on emelisione@wilford.school.nz

Nga mihi nui.

Emeli Sione

Chair

On behalf of board of trustees: Ced Simpson, Kelly McGregor, Neil Sargisson, Nick Edwards, Tina Renata, Vanessa Philips.