

Whanui Hui: Thursday 6.9.2012

Present: Ngawini, Trish Hemana, Rachael Taitimu, Sarah and Marcus Abraham, Alicia Povey, Sue Caltaux and Sean Valvoi.

Apologies: Ariana Hart and Geraldine Morgan.

1. Karakia, mihi mihi.

2. Whanau asked for a meeting with Sean about concerns regards the unit:

Communication problems:

- Kapahaka at both Haranui and school – the practices are on the same day. Haranui have a live in on the same weekend.
- In future there needs to be more planning with the whanau at the previous hui before any event.
- Parents are very keen for their tamariki to participate in the festival. Ngawini asked for any available whanau support for the live – in. Trish has offered to help on one night and she will see Ngawini about this.
- Parents didn't understand what was happening at the last hui. The solution is to speak in both Te Reo and English for all to understand.
- Positive feedback from one parent about how Ngawini is teaching in the unit.

Process if whanau have any concerns:

- Whanau to approach Ngawini, next step is to approach Sue, if you are unhappy with how Sue has dealt with this, you can approach Sean, if you are still feel your concerns haven't been heard then you can write to the board.

3. Wai Korero: (Speeches)

- Week 10 Friday 21st there are speech competitions to be held at Helensville Primary School at 6pm. Three students will be selected from each of the three Kura.
- The students are making a panui to inform parents about this event. The panui – notice will go out to whanau by Tuesday 11th September

- When will whanau know who is representing our kura? Ngawini will notify the tamariki and notify the whanau by Friday 14th September.
- The criteria will be how they speak Te Reo, stand, sound and sounding correctly.
- There is a taonga for the night – this is a carving and also there will be a dictionary, certificates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- Parents are going to be asked to bring a plate to help with supper.

Criteria for the speech:

1. Name an Ancestor
2. Where do they live?
3. What great work have they done?
4. Identify their skills
5. Where are they from?
6. Any important message this tupuna left.

- The MC is Anaru.
- We always whaka toa (ceremony to bless our taonga).

4. ERO is visiting in week 10.

- There will be a powhiri on Tuesday 18th September at 9am. Sean would warmly invite whanau to attend to welcome.

5. Updating the whanau:

- English Day is run Whaea Chris for all of Te Whare Kakano.
- While this is happening Ngawini is moving throughout the school to run Te Reo lessons in each class across the school.
- Also extra support is being offered for some students with reading recovery and learning support.
- Sean said that the school is committed to supporting Maori students to achieve 'at or above'. Also that the school was commitment to up- skilling all teachers with tikanga and Te Reo.

6. Karakia

7. Next Whanau Hui: 24 October at 6pm.

Hui concluded at 7:10pm