Greetings to everyone who is, or has been supporting or helping our school

It’s Time to Enrol for 2017
We are now accepting enrolments for 2017. If you know of anyone thinking of bringing their children to Wellsford School next year, please encourage them to contact the school in the next month or so. Also, if you know of any children in the community who will be turning 5 during 2017, and who also intend coming to Wellsford School, please encourage them to contact us as well. To ensure we have all the teachers and classrooms we need, in place at the right times, we need an accurate list of who our New Entrant students will be. Thank you.

Changes for 2017
Due to large class sizes again in 2017, the Board of Trustees has decided to employ an extra teacher in the senior half of the school. This will prevent the class numbers rising to 33 or even 34 in the Y4-8 classes. This will incur some costs to the school but we believe it is necessary to ensure our students are given the best chance to achieve.

However, this creates an added problem – not only do we need an extra teacher, but we need an extra classroom as well, which the Ministry of Education won’t pay for. The most affordable way for the school to create an extra classroom is to relocate the library to R6 (a single space) and to turn the library back into two classrooms. This will also be a significant cost to the school, but again this is very necessary.

You will notice, when you return in 2017, that these changes have been put in place ready for the start of the new school year.

Kapahaka Festival – Saturday 29th October
It was a delight to watch our two kapahaka groups perform at the festival last Saturday, among performances from schools all across our region. Our students, staff and volunteers have dedicated themselves to long hours of practice in order to perform so well at the festival. Special thanks and congratulations go to the students and our lead tutors Viv Te Haara (Seniors) and Casey Wikirihiti-Heta (Juniors).
SCHOOL UNIFORMS
The Uniform Shop is open at the school office at 8.30am each Wednesday morning.

PIES
Pies are available each Friday for students to buy at a cost of $2.00 each. Orders are made in the classroom before the bell goes at 8.55am. We ask that students bring the right money as the office does not have facilities to change notes etc for this. Thank you.

TROPHIES
As the end of year is looming once again we are asking all students who received trophies last year to please return them to school as soon as possible in preparation for this year’s end of year Prizegivings.

HEAD LICE
A reminder for parents/caregivers to check children’s hair for head lice and treat where necessary. We have had a few cases lately so please ensure this is done regularly to prevent reinfection. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS
To our Junior and Senior Kapa Haka Groups who performed at the Kaipara Festival held at Helensville School last Saturday. Well done to everyone and thank you to our tutors, Whaea Vivian and Casey for all their efforts.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Breakfast Club Helpers urgently wanted.
Do you have some spare time in the morning? 8.00 – 9.15am approx. Full training will be given. We’d love some regular helpers so if you could commit to one day a week, or one day a fortnight, please let us know by phoning the office on 423 8042. Helpers don’t need to be part of our immediate school community – perhaps just someone who is keen to see that our tamariki have full tummies each morning so they get the best start to their learning day at school. Thank you.

The animal Salt Licks (2.5 to 3kg each) are still available at the school office at a cost of $5.00 each. All proceeds will go to the Ag & Gala Day profit total.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Hi, my name is Maretta Hodgson, I am a Public Health Nurse based at the school 2-3 days a week. If you think this free service would be of help to you and your family at any time please let the school or I know. I can be contacted on 021 227 8680. Feel free to text me if you prefer.

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**Have fun and be safe with fireworks**

Please follow these safety tips:
- Read and follow instructions on fireworks before using them
- Read them with a torch (not a naked flame)
- Light in a safe open area away from anything that could catch fire
- Never use fireworks indoors
- Keep a bucket of water or a hose handy
- If one of your fireworks doesn’t go, dispose of it safely
- Never attempt to re-light it.

During the Guy Fawkes period we will see more unnecessary fires and injuries. Please take care when setting off fireworks this year.

**Wellsford Amateur Swimming Club**
Registration night
Monday 7th November
5.00 – 6.00pm
at the Community Pool

**Tomarata School proudly presents GUY FAWKES!**
On Saturday 5th November come down to the Tomarata Domain on Pakiri Block Road, Tomarata (just past the school) to see our incredible pyrotechnic display.
Gates open at 5pm. There will be live music, sideshow games, a climbing wall, bouncy castles and much, much more to entertain all the family. There will also be hot and cold food for sale, sweet treats to tempt your taste buds and a wide range of glow items for sale. Bring a picnic rug and all the family.

Family Pass Pre-sale tickets are available from Thereasa May Flora, 1 Worker Road, Wellsford and at the Tomarata School Office—these are $25 for two adults and up to 4 children. On the night these Family Passes will be $30, adults $10 and children $5 - at the gate. This is a cash only event.

**Team 2 require the following items for their upcoming production:**
- Animal print material/clothes
- Dinosaur costumes/material
- Pilot uniform
- Chef uniform
- Aprons

Items will be gratefully accepted at the school office. Thank you.

**A big thank you to the Woolley family for the donation of a drum set to our School. Much appreciated!**

**Otamatea Hawks Junior Rugby** is holding a meeting on Thursday 10th November at 7.00pm at the Kaiwaka Sports Complex. Parents and caregivers are invited to an open meeting regarding the Otamatea Hawks Juniors teams which are Under 12’s and Under 13’s. This meeting is for any families whose boys are interested in playing the 2017 season. Following the meeting there will be an AGM to select a committee, then a General Meeting to get the ball rolling. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like a copy of the minutes, or want more info please contact Lorena 021 139 1474.

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To contact the Dental Therapists phone 422 2714.

WELLSFORD AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
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Would your child benefit from some Speech Language Therapy?
Is it articulation, understanding, voice or stuttering?
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