

### Welcome

Tēna koutou katoa e te whānau, and welcome to the last few days of Term 3.

### NZEI Strike Action

NZEI members who are Primary teachers, Principals, and or Support Staff have voted to strike on **Thursday October 23rd** after negotiation offers have broken down. An important piece to note is that NZEI are trying to retain our fleeting teaching force and argue for more support in the classrooms via a Teacher Aide in each room. While being a teacher, teacher aide, or Principal is a rewarding vocation, it is becoming more challenging every year like many other sectors currently. However, please be reassured that our Woodville School staff are well-placed and dedicated to seeing our tamariki thrive in difficult times. During the strike action, the **school will remain open** but our teaching programmes and classroom arrangements will differ for the day. If you are able to make an alternative arrangement for your child during this time please do so by contacting the office or your child's teacher.

### Maths Quiz

Well done to our 3 maths quiz teams who represented us at the Bush Maths Quiz competition last week. Our Y7/8 team did well to finish 3rd overall against some very strong teams from across the area. Ka pai everyone!

Ngā mihi nui  
Pā Wes

### Fancy-Dress Dance Evening

Last week saw us revive an old Woodville School tradition of fancy-dress dancing with the whānau. It is safe to say that it was a fantastic night and so well attended by our school whānau. Our kids did an amazing job learning their dances throughout the term and they were not shy at all to share their moves with everyone in attendance. Thank you for your support in making the event special and we look forward to improving it and doing it all over again next year!

### Woodville Lions and Bush Lions Speeches

We were fortunate to have Zac Palmer and Arcayla Raroa-Baker represent us at the Woodville Lions speech competition a few weeks ago. They presented their respective speeches superbly and were crowned champions on the night. Arcayla then went on as our sole representative at the Bush Lions speech competition the following week and did an amazing job delivering her speech in front of a much larger crowd. Well done kōrua for speaking and presenting so passionately and courageously.

### Kapa Haka Festival

This week we see our Kapa Haka rōpu performing and competing at the Kapa Haka festival in Dannevirke. This is our 3rd year attending this competition and we are very grateful to all of our tutors and staff who have invested their time and energy to have a rōpu we can be proud of. We wish them all the best in Dannevirke.

### AIMs Games

Our kids did an outstanding job competing against others while enjoying the moments of camaraderie and teamwork. They were great ambassadors for Woodville School and Mrs Thomson and Carla Roughan were blown away by the manners, behaviour, competitiveness shown by our team. You all did us proud and we look forward to sending some athletes away again next year.

### Hockey Manawatū

We have had the pleasure of Hockey Manawatū providing skills and drills to our students over the past 4 weeks. This was a fantastic opportunity to grow our skill levels and game preparations.

### School Board Elections

Congratulations to our 3 elected members: Andrew Bolton, Karen O'Rouke, and Nicola Ngametua-Smith, who will join Chris Ellmers, Karlene Thomson, and Coral Smith on the Woodville School Board. *Full election results can be found on our school website.*

### Bush Basketball Finals

We are excited to have 2 teams in the Bush Basketball finals this week. Well done to our Woodville Wizards and Woodville Titans for making their respective final. Both finals are against very strong Pahiatua teams so we wish them well in competing and in sportsmanship.

### Upcoming/Important Reminders

- *Thursday 18th September - Year 7&8 Formal Dance 6.30pm at BMST*
- *Friday 19th September - Celebration Hui 2.10pm in the School Hall*
- *Monday 6th October - Start of Term 4*

## Our Awesome Ākonga



*Jireh in pool play at AIMS games and a view from the team walk up Mount Manganui*



*Arcayla and Zac at Woodville Lions Speech Contest and the Year 7&8 3rd place maths team*



*Room 3 and Room 4 showing off their hockey skills*



*The whole school doing the bunny hop and Room 6's impressive performance*



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