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*Meri Kirihimete
Me te Tau Hou Hari*



*Tēnā rawa atu koutou!
Thank you all so much!*

There have again been numerous occasions throughout the year when we have come together to showcase what a great community we are, the children are privileged to belong to a school that is so well resourced and supported by the wider community.

Waiwera South School is not a place, it is the people.

He aha te mea nui o te Ao? What is the most important thing in the World?
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. It is the people, the people, the people.

A FINAL^{Really long} NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wow! Like that 2021 is all but over! And what a year it has been!

I would like to use this opportunity to thank all the people who make Waiwera South School the special, community based school that it is. This year like many others we have had a whole bunch of people who have banded together and donated time, effort and resources to support our school. Having missed out on our 'normal prize giving' these people would have been acknowledged then, so instead I will thank you here.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to our incredible staff, you put in so much effort to make learning and the learning environment amazing for our children. I don't think people appreciate how much work goes in behind the scene - and as a small school Lauren and Leanne have to pick up a lot of extra responsibility to ensure our school is as good as it can be. So thank you Miss Chapman, Mrs Cleghorn, and Mrs Stephens, we are super lucky to have such a fantastic and cohesive staff working together.

A big thank you to some of the unseen workers, Mel, who cleans for us and keeps the place spotless for when we turn up each day. Callum and Katrina who look after the grounds and pool. We have so many comments about what a well maintained and tidy school we have - this is a credit to you. Thank you.

To the Board of Trustees, many hours behind the scenes are spent toiling and working to keep our school running the way it does, you also pop down all the time to 'fix' little things, and get roped in to bigger jobs, like plumbing, water schemes, fixing the bike track after rain storms and installing giant swings!

Thank you to Parents Plus, our whānau and extended family - for the fundraising and support, and all that you have done for our students this year, it has not been the easiest year - but your support of the children and school has been unwavering.

The list continues . . . Thanks to Faye who comes down every week to work with the children in the garden, you are amazing Faye, Faye also volunteers anywhere else that is needed. Petrice, your support has been great this year, filling in when we need you.

To Matua Walker - thank you for your skills and enthusiasm in sharing Kapa Haka with our children, they have grown immensely in their confidence.

Also to all the businesses that support us in some way or another, through donations of time, resources and people; Demie Contracting, Blackhead Quarries, Otago Corrections, Fulton Hogan the list goes on!

Also to Hayden, Emily, Caitlyn, Mitchell and Riz, farewell. We are really going to miss you at Waiwera South, we wish you all the best as you move on to high school and hope that your time at Waiwera South will have set you up for many future successes!

Seize those opportunities! We look forward to hearing of your exploits and achievements in the years to come.

To the Year 8 families that are leaving Waiwera South, Julie and Darrell, Dion and Michelle, and Pete and Tabitha, thank you all for the contributions you have made during your children's time at Waiwera South School - Julie and Darrell it is the end of a 10 year association, having had both Ashley and Hayden through Waiwera South. I hope all of you take some fabulous memories with you as your time at Waiwera South comes to an end. Best wishes to you and your families.

And finally, farewell to Nic who has moved on from Waiwera South School, Nic was the front person who many of you would have had interactions with over the years. You were a big part of many children's lives - Mrs Nic was the go to person in the office. You did an amazing job and are missed. Best wishes for your future ventures.

I thank all of you who have gone out of your way to support Waiwera South School in so many ways. It is the people and the community that make the school.

The videos of the children's performances, year 8 speeches and prizegiving have been added to a shared drive. This will be shared to families, if you have grandparents or other family members that would like access, if you share the link with them I can grant them access once they have identified themselves.

Now the holiday season begins, stay safe out there, take care - but have fun. We look forward to seeing you all back, ready to learn and be part of the Waiwera South community in 2021.

“Thank you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!”

Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou hari - Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Kaz Bissett



Meri Kirihimete



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