

An email from the Taupaki School Board of Trustees

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Health and physical education review

The health and physical education consultation framework has been drafted and surveys will be coming your way later this term - it does take a few moments to complete these, but they are an important part of making sure your thoughts and feedback are heard and understood. In a similar vein, we do look for this type

Fireworks

Welcome back to the start of term four. There is always a lot happening in our last term of the year including our big fundraiser for the year. The PTA have been working hard for months in preparation for the big day on Friday the 30th October. The money raised at this event means we can have a music program and basic technologies and infrastructures. We are a decile 9 school which means we get relatively very little funding from the government as we are expected to raise money ourselves.

This makes this event an important one in being able to continue to offer a high quality education at Taupaki. This event relies entirely on volunteers from our school, so we need everyone to pitch in and lend a hand. Look out for the flyers coming your way and help out in anyway you can. We also need people for the clean up the next day. Last year we had a low turnout which meant a long morning for a few people, so please don't forget about this bit. We look forward to our biggest fireworks ever and thank our amazing PTA for the long hours of work that go into the planning and execution of the event.

of feedback from time to time and are working on ways to get better at this and would be grateful for your ideas.

Inquiry

Teachers use inquiry as a way of examining their practice to make meaningful changes to the way they teach and deliver the curriculum. The board has been thinking about ways we can move beyond tickbox compliance and use an inquiry approach to make sure our policies and structures are giving rise to the right conditions that allow the leadership team to be making meaningful change for our students. We are just at the beginning of [this journey](#) and will keep you informed as we go.

Health and Safety

As some of you may be aware The Health and Safety Reform Bill has been passed and will come into effect on 4 April 2016. The new Act will be called the Health and Safety at Work Act and is a response to the Pike River Tragedy and also New Zealand's relatively poor health and safety record. It is a major shift affecting all workplaces in New Zealand.

The Board of Trustees are accountable for Health and Safety policy at the school under the legislation (as was the case before the Reform Bill). Health and safety policy and practices will be reviewed as part of our Board work plan cycle currently underway with a focus on health and safety systems to prevent harm for all that come into contact with school activities.

The Ministry of Education and the New Zealand School Trustees Association have been in regular contact with schools and we have been actively looking at the changes as information has come to hand. We will inform you of any changes that may be made as a result of our review of our existing policies and procedures in view of the law change. For more information see the MOE [website](#) and SchoolDocs page.

As always if you have any questions do feel free to contact us via the board email or speak to Stephen.

Paula Hogg, Chairperson.



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