

Recently it has been my pleasure to be a judge (alongside Ms Taylor) of the **Year 6, 7 and 8 speeches**. It has been fantastic to hear the range of topics students have chosen to talk about. I have learned a lot (about parkours and motorbikes), laughed with some of the jokes, and been prompted to think about people and animals less well of than we are. Congratulations to the students who spoke so clearly and shared their passions and thinking.

Tonight the '**Computers In Homes**' graduation is taking place. The families who have been here for training over the weeks will be presented with their laptop or computer. Thank you so much to Wairarapa REAP for supporting this programme. It means we have computers in more homes for our students and families to use. Martha the tutor has been fantastic to work with too! Congratulations to our participating families - you are fabulous! Sadly this is the last ever Computer in Homes course, but we are thankful our community had the opportunity to be involved.



Next Tuesday your child's **mid year progress and achievement report** will be emailed home. If you are not sure if we have the correct email address please send it in to your child teacher this week. If you need two copies sent home please make sure we have both email addresses. If you do not have email and need a hard copy please let your child's teacher know. Parent / student / teacher meetings will be organised at the start of Term 3.

From Friday this week we welcome **Trish Harris** to our office, until the end of Term 3. **Margaret Hutchings** is travelling overseas and Trish will be covering her hours in the office. Have fun and 'Bon Voyage' Margaret!

**Tonight's BOT meeting has been postponed to next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm in the staffroom.**

**This school term ends at 3pm, Friday 7 July. Term 3 starts 8.55am, Monday 24 July.**



**CLOTHING NEEDED!** Kawakawa Teina (5-6 year olds) are in desperate need of changes of clothes for children – especially: **T shirts, shorts, skirts, track pants, girls knickers**. If you have any please send them to school. If you have any borrowed school clothes please send them back clean to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Lost Property.** We have about 5 million (well, a lot) fleece tops in lost property at the office. We will sort them into sizes and display them on the seats outside **Rooms 7-10** on fine days. Any named items are returned to children asap. Lots of clothing does not have a name, or has a name of a person who has left our school. Any clothing left at the end of term will be kept for a week in Term 3, then washed and put into our uniform shop.

**PTA AGM News!** Congratulations to **Leanne Carlton** who is the new Chairperson of the PTA. **Karen Herrick** continues as treasurer. The posts of Vice Chair and Secretary are still to be filled for the coming year. Might you be able to take notes at our meetings and deal with correspondence as secretary? Let us know!

Huge thanks to our outgoing committee and members, especially **Angela Stronge** and **Tracy Herbert** who have made huge contributions to our school. Also massive thanks to Kirsty Hull who is standing down from being Gala organiser after many successful years.

*PTA Committee members are reminded to submit any proposed changes to the constitution by Friday this week to meet the 5 day deadline prior to the meeting on Thursday 6 July.*

On **Thursday 29th June** we will be having a school-wide celebration with the students, as so many have been consistently demonstrating the school 3Rs. It has been a great term! Each Learning Team will be organising one 'block' of **reward time** for their children. The **children who have been keeping our 3Rs all of Term 2** will be able to spend some time on the WBS blow up bouncy slide (if there is no rain or wind) during their reward time. We have so many children who keep our 3Rs all the time, it is important they know we notice them and say, "Well done!" Children who are not on the slide will have a choice of other activities to take part in with one of their teachers.



**~ South Wairarapa and Carterton Schools ~  
Working together for the young people of the Wairarapa.**

The majority of the schools in Carterton and South Wairarapa have joined together to form a '**Community of Learning / Kāhui Ako.**' (CoL) A Community of Learning is a group of education and training providers working together to help all learners achieve their full potential. We are committed to working together to find ways to make a difference for our learners. Our CoL will include early childhood services, specialist services, schools (primary, secondary) and post secondary providers.

We are supported by the **Ministry of Education**, who provide an 'expert partner' to work with us, and help for CoL leaders who come from within our schools, as well as participants across the district.

The 'South Wairarapa CoL' will set **shared goals** based on the particular needs of the young people of our area. It is important for us that we gather views from throughout our wider community before we decide on our areas of focus. Over the next few months we have teams working alongside students, whānau and community members to gather a wide range of views about what you think our students need to be successful into the future.

It is exciting, as a group in Carterton & the South Wairarapa, to be involved in **educational innovation**, as we work with our wider community to make a positive difference for our young people.

If you are interested in finding out more, or contributing to our initial inquiries, please contact your local school.