

Board Talk
September 2011

Spring is making itself known with the warming of the weather and the blossoming of the trees and flowers. It is a time of renewal and anticipation. The spring always reminds me of the young ones in our school, how like the budding and blossoming of this season they are! The junior school is busy putting the finishing touches on their production that will be performed on October 5-6.

Football season finished with a wonderful prize giving for all the teams held last Sunday in the school gym. The commitment of the parents, coaches, and the players was truly inspirational. There is real talent in our school which was evidenced by the great results for several of the teams and individuals. Carl Gubb was honoured for his outstanding contribution and support of Football in Whitianga.

Our Principal, John Wright, was invited to the National Catholic Education Conference in Adelaide from 17 Sept – 24 Sept. They are very impressed with the vision and progress of our school and asked him to be a quest speaker. He is presenting a paper on the development of the Language of Learning in our school over the last 2-3 years.

We will be welcoming Ms Lyn Jones (our ERO Review leader) and her team to for their visit the 26-30 of Sept. We look forward to showing them the progress and changes to our school since our last review 3 years ago. We are well organized and prepared for the review and parents and whanau will have the opportunity to meet with ERO on Tuesday 28, Sept at 2pm in the Library.

This week we have the year ten's off to Mt Ruapehu for the annual ski trip. We received two generous donations from Pub charities and NZ Community Trust which has made this opportunity possible. This is a wonderful experience for the students to bring the cohort together in team building and learning new skills. Also this week is the school exams for NCEA for years 11-13. I heard from Heather Duerre that there is real evidence of a changing culture in the school with many students taking part in the after school study sessions that were offered for these practice exams!

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