

# WHANAU HUI FOR TE HAU TONGA

## WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 6:30pm

Dear Whānau

This is to give you an update about our activity day and hui on Wednesday 2 December and to clarify some timings of the evening Pōwhiri and meal together.

### The morning of Wednesday 2 December

We are looking forward to our Te hau Tonga Hui on Wednesday 2 December. The day will start off with a variety of cultural activities from 9-11. We have a number of whānau that will be helping during this morning. A big **thank you** to those people who have offered their assistance.

### The evening of Wednesday 2 December

There has been some incorrect information that was published in this week's school newsletter and we apologise for this error. There is not an extended stay at school. The students will leave school as normal at 3:00pm and will come back to school with their whānau at **6:30pm**. Following the Pōwhiri we will have our shared meal together.

- **Food 'drop-off'**

Food can be dropped off in the hall and then we will assemble on the court outside the hall ready to begin the Pōwhiri. Please have your food labelled with ingredients used.

- **Pōwhiri**

After we have assembled on the court, the students will welcome their whanau with a Pōwhiri. The students have been practising their waiata (songs) and are looking forward to welcoming their whanau as the Manuhiri (visitors). Some of our students will be doing speeches (Whaikōrero) and will be leading the Pōwhiri.

- **Shared Kai**

We will then have a karakia to bless the food and share a meal together (paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided).

- **Clear up and informal time**

After we have eaten and cleared things away, there will be time to have some informal time together.

If you have not returned your **rsvp** form and would like to attend, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

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