

## Pānui ā Kura Paerangi

Thursday 11th June, 2015

Tēnei ka hikitia, tēnei ka hapainga. Ki te tihi o te rangi i kakea ai e Tāne kia riro mai ai ko te whakaaronui, ko te wānanga, tēnei ka hikitia, ka hapainga.

Ko te koha nui mōu, mō te tangata. He mātauranga ka eke

Tihewa mauriora!

Mōkori anō kia mihia ngā mate tuatini o te wā e takoto ana i ngā marae huri noa i te motu. Hoki atu koutou ki te huinga o te kahurangi, te mūnga o te tini, o te mano, ā, kāti e moe. Tātou ngā mahuetanga iho ki a tātou.

Tēnā rā tātou katoa.

Just a short pānui to highlight two important events we have coming up. The first is a meeting for the whānau of senior ākonga that are considering going on the Kura **Chicago Exchange**, these ākonga know who they are or need to check with Whaea Robyn if they are unsure. The second is our first **Teachers Only Day**.

## Chicago Exchange

This year we have the opportunity to send a group of senior students on an exchange to a high school in Chicago, USA. Last year we were visited by an African American school teacher, Jessica Stowell, who was in New Zealand as a Fulbright Fellow researching indigenous education. Jessica teaches at Oak Park and Forest High School in Chicago. Her school runs the most successful "Spoken Word" programme in the USA. Spoken Word is a form of slam poetry that teaches ākonga how to articulate themselves and communicate their perspectives through poetry. We have introduced this into Te Kāpehu Whetū this year and are looking to develop an ongoing relationship and student exchange with Jessica and her school. We are holding an information night to explain the details as follows:

## Wednesday 17th June, 5.30pm, Tapatoru

This hui is to provide information to the whānau of selected students about the proposed trip to Chicago in the school holidays at the end of Term 3, 2015. This will include the requirements in terms of academic progress and commitment from the ākonga and the cost for whānau. We will also be able to provide some detail around the proposed itinerary.

## **Teachers Only Day**

This will be on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, no ākonga are to attend Kura this day as all pouako will be involved with planning and marking.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Dr Nathan Matthews Pouhere