

20 November 2017

Kia Ora Parents, Whanau and students

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our 2017 School survey. Your feedback is valuable to us progressing forward as a school. I have collated your feedback and the following data presents your views and our tentative plans for 2018. We had 12/22 (55%) parent surveys and 23/37 (62%) student surveys returned.

### Students

#### What do you like about Benneydale School?

Get to play with friends and family x 10  
Playing with the sports equipment everyday x 6  
Having chromebooks in our class x 7  
Tae Kwon do/Sports x 7  
We have our own uniform 2  
Our teachers x 12  
Camp and trips x 6  
No bullying x 5  
It is fun and challenging x 2

We are small x 3  
We are sunsmart wearing hats in summer  
House competitions  
Our mural/art  
Learning about things we didn't know x 2  
It is close to my home  
Everything x 5  
Everyone is kind and gets along x 5  
Our school has aroha and manaakitanga x 3

#### Do you feel safe at Benneydale School?

**YES = 19**

NOT SURE= 3

NO= 1

#### Do you understand your learning strengths and weaknesses?

**YES = 16**

NOT SURE= 6

NO= 1

#### Do you feel your learning is progressing well?

**YES = 22**

NOT SURE= 0

NO= 1

#### What topics of learning would you be interested in?

Music x 5  
Art/expressing self x 7  
Tech - Wood work x 3  
More Sports x 5  
Cooking x 5

More Science x 6 Animals x 6  
NZ History x 3  
Gardening - more hands on outside  
Te Reo Maori x 8 Languages x 6  
More PE/Sports x 5

#### What could we do to make Benneydale School even better?

Improve Playground x 14  
More sports - New hoop and gear x 5  
Swimming pool x 4

Improve hall and get a turf x 5  
Learn about our environment x 6  
Gardening - more hands on outside x 7  
More trips x 3

#### Do you want Bible in Schools for 2018?

**YES = 10**

NOT SURE= 3

**NO= 10**

## Parents & Whanau

### What are the best ways for us to contact you?

Phone Call = 6    Face to face= 5    Newsletter = 7    Website = 1    Facebook = 2    Email = 2    Txt = 2

### What do you like about Benneydale School?

Small school, close to where we live Warm welcoming environment - aroha x2 Staff easy to talk to Multicultural School bus Positive, open and honest teachers x 3 Relaxed country feel School is fantastic for my child/Family oriented	1-1 tutoring/learning x 3 Tae Kwon do Good number of kids Numbers in class x2 Children are happy x2 BOT are responsive Staff and students are friendly x2 Becoming an enviro school
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### What could we do to make Benneydale School even better?

Enforce rules and have better standards - concentrate on education instead of Maori and Tae Kwon do Have BOT present at events to show love for the kids so we can move forward and treat everyone as one x 3 More promotion of our school x2 Ensure parents sign out kids if they are leaving school grounds Animal raising/farm education x 2/Earth health More colour outside/concrete areas	We need more parents to help the school More 1-1 teaching After school activities Interaction with other schools x2 More Maori/Kapa Haka x 5 Extra bus or van x2 New Playground/Hall x3 Music and singing classes x 4 Concrete base of water fountain/pool
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Communication with parents	Excellent = 5    Good = 6    Poor = 1
Quality of learning	Excellent = 5    Good = 6    Poor= 1
School Reports	Excellent = 6    Good = 5    Poor= 1
Feeling welcome at school	Excellent = 7    Good = 4    Poor= 1
Schools physical environment	Excellent = 1    Good = 10    Poor= 1

### Top suggested health topics for 2018 - 2020

Food & Nutrition= 4    Physical Ed/Fitness = 8    Social skills = 6    Hygiene = 6
Human body = 2    Outdoor Ed = 3    Injury prevention = 4    Water safety = 2    Drug/Alcohol = 1

### What topics of learning would you want included in our curriculum?

Special needs education Manual labour/Farm education Human Biology	NZ History    Maori x 4 Self defence Safety / Respect
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### Do you want Bible in Schools for 2018?

PARENTS: YES = 5    NOT SURE= 2    NO= 5	STAFF: YES = 2    NOT SURE= 1    NO= 2
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### **Where to next for 2018?**

Based on the feedback;

- We will continue to communicate via newsletter, face to face and phone call as our main points of contact.
- Our Health focus will be Fitness, Hygiene and Social Skills
- We will have regular Te Reo Maori language classes
- We will have more Art and Music lessons
- We will have more PE/fitness lessons
- We will have more outdoor education opportunities that emphasise farming/gardening
- We will aim for at least 1 school exchange
- The BOT has made a commitment to attend at least 1 school event in the calendar year

### **Our fundraising goals for 2018**

- A new playground
- Refurbished Hall
- A new school van
- Sports gear/uniform
- Tiger turf

If you would like to help us with the funding applications for the above goals please let us know. Unfortunately the ongoing costs/maintenance of a swimming pool are not feasible with our budget and will not be a priority for future fundraising.

### **Bible in Schools.**

The results were evenly split, which makes the final decision very difficult. We have decided not to continue with Bible in Schools for 2018. As a compromise all classes will have lessons related to the core beliefs and values of a variety of religions and relate these shared values to our school values.

### **Overall**

There are many positives and next steps for us to focus on. Without your voice we would not be able to meet your needs. It is pleasing to see the majority of students feel safe, know their strengths and weaknesses and feel like they are learning. These three areas will always remain a priority for our staff.

If you are able to help us in anyway please come to the school and let us know. There is a wide range of expertise and skills in our community and we would appreciate all the help we can get as we grow from good to great. Once again thank you for taking the time to pen your thoughts.