

School Newsletter Excerpt

Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education

Tēnā koutou,

Our school has decided to participate in a strengths-based research project about how students learn, succeed and thrive at school. This project is being conducted by Dr Melinda Webber from the University of Auckland and has been funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand, Te Apārangi. Our school would like to invite you and your school aged child/ren to take part in this important research project by completing short questionnaires – either online or in hardcopy.

Completing this survey will help our school to find out more about how our students develop positive attitudes, engagement and aspirations towards school, and who their role-models for success are. Overall the questionnaires will help us to better understand the personal, teacher, whānau and community factors that positively impact our students learning and success at school.

This study involves you:

- Completing a questionnaire about your child’s attitude, engagement at school and their future aspirations. It also asks you to nominate and describe a family, tribal or local role-model for your child.
- Giving permission for your child to also complete a questionnaire at school about their attitude, engagement at school and their future aspirations.

Each questionnaire should take between 15-30 minutes to complete. If you agree to participate please complete the hardcopy questionnaire and return it to the school office in the sealed self-addressed envelope which will be attached. Alternatively, you can complete the survey online by logging onto the following Qualtrics link. https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8FWVPKvH0HmYKTb

If you do not wish to participate, please return the questionnaire to the school office. There is a box labelled “*The learning, succeeding, and thriving in education project*” where your child can put the complete/incomplete questionnaires.

Should you agree to your child’s participation, please discuss the project with them. They will complete the questionnaire during school hours in a way that causes the least amount of disruption to their learning. Your child may ask for a support person/teacher to help them complete the questionnaire if they wish.

If you do not consent for your child to participate in this research project, please sign the form below and return to your child’s school as soon as possible. Your child will be provided with other school work to do while the class completes the questionnaire.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou ko tō whānau. Thank you for taking the time to consider this research.

Nāku iti nei,

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I do not give permission for my child to participate in this research project

Name: _____

Child’s name and Room Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____