



Dear Parents/& Whanau,

As part of the Waiuku Community of Learning - Kahui Ako - we are part of the planning and implementation across the area of RongohiaTe Hau. The initial part of this examines what happens in our school. Teachers, students and parents are sent an online survey monkey to complete and that together with observation data will establish whether we would benefit from the resulting Professional Learning that the MOE is funding through the Kahui Ako group.

*“ **Rongohia te Hau** is a tool that gives schools a picture of their pedagogy. No other tool asks ‘**how is teaching being done in this school?**’ Rongohia te Hau co-constructs the process for understanding classroom practice across a school. The evidence that is gathered tells schools how they can change their pedagogy if they want to make more of a difference for their Māori students. It offers a snapshot - a slice in time - that provides a representative sample across the school that gives a picture of what the pedagogy could look like on any given day. The first part of the process employs online surveys for parents, students and teachers. Data from these are presented back to schools in a format that they can use to analyse the evidence. The surveys tell us what Māori students, non-Māori students and teachers are saying about their experiences. The data is graphed so that schools have a pictorial representation of how teachers and students perceive their schooling or teaching experiences.”*

Being part of the Community of Learning, means that we have some obligation towards this and it will be really interesting for us to see what they come back with after observing here. The schools in the COL are very different from each other in a variety of ways and all needs will be different.

I will be sending the survey link to your email address. If there is anyone who does not have access to completing the survey at home, you are welcome to come into school and do it. It should only take a few minutes of your time.

The staff and students also have one to complete and the data will be gathered and collated. If you have any queries about this, please let me know.

Kind regards

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