

7.1 PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Rationale

This school views the education of its pupils as a shared responsibility between the parents of pupils at the school and the school itself.

Purposes

1. To enhance learning, by establishing a responsive and effective partnership between the school and parent body.
2. To create a close association between pupils, parents and teachers.
3. To utilize the expertise of parents and people within the wider community to enhance the learning and teaching programmes.
4. To provide avenues for the development of programmes to meet the needs of individual pupils and groups of pupils, in matters of equity and Treaty of Waitangi obligations.
5. To promote and enhance, close effective communication channels for parents and teachers.

Guidelines

1. Parents are invited to act as 'helpers' for the classroom activities throughout the school and on school trips.
2. Syndicate leaders will assume overall supervision of the parental help programme.
3. Discuss all offers of assistance with syndicate leaders before making any arrangements for accepting same.
4. Parents are to be thoroughly informed of their obligations and purpose as helpers within the classroom environment.
5. To develop an awareness amongst parent helpers that giving undue attention to their own child will not assist the child's growth in independence and self confidence.
6. Syndicate leaders, after consulting with the Principal, may organize any resource personnel from the community who may be suitable in enhancing classroom instructional programmes.
7. Parents are invited to share syndicate / school programmes.

Conclusion

Parent involvement in school activities will develop greater awareness of the school's aspirations and operations. With this increased awareness closer co-operation, liaison and communication will be established for the betterment of each child's education.

Review Date _____ Signed _____ (BOT chair)

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