



POINT VIEW SCHOOL
LEARNING TOGETHER

Newsletter

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Welcome to our new students

Ryder Walker, Donna Fernan, Jaskirat Kalsi, Kayson Lee, Catherine Li, Wesley Zhang, Alec Pan, Ryan Yang and Collin Chan.

What to look for in this issue

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back after the April break. I have been around some of the classes looking at some of the students' writing about their holidays. I saw evidence of plenty of quality family time at home, out and about in Auckland and, for some, further afield. We love to hear about the lives of all our students outside school and encourage them to share with you what they are doing during their school day.

Thank you to all families who responded to the Community Survey. We are grateful for the time you have taken to give us your feedback and share your ideas. Your responses have a direct impact on the school by helping us to improve continuously.

[Point View School Community Survey – Report Back to the Community](#)

The Survey

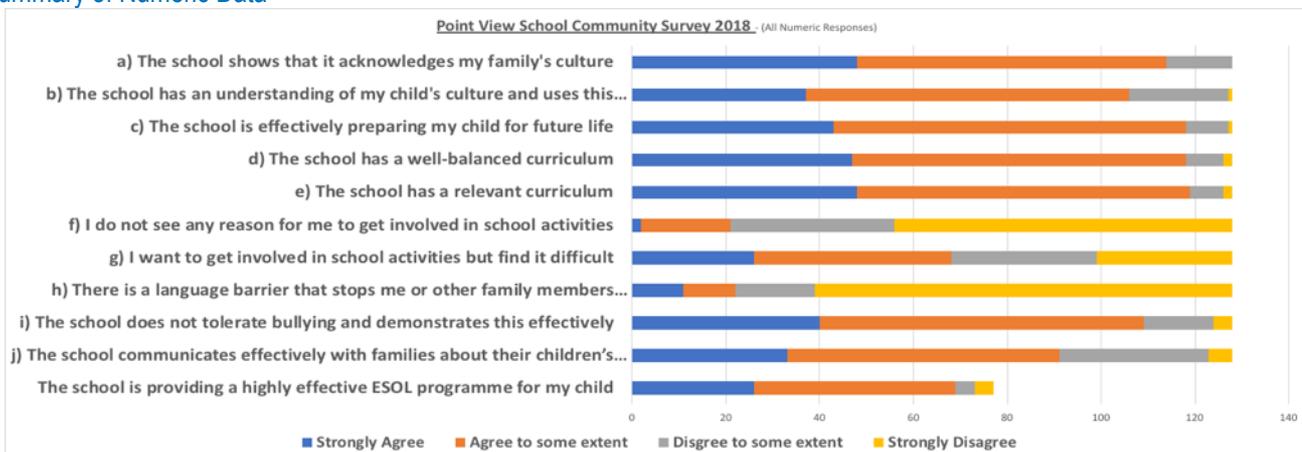
Questions were presented as a 'Forms' on-line survey. They were focussed around issues agreed on by the Board and Senior Leadership as follows:

- Strategic Imperatives:
 - Maximise learning opportunities for English language learners
 - Engage responsively with our local community
 - Maximise learning opportunities for digital literacy
- Safe School Environment
- Communication About Learning

Response

The school thanks the 128 families who responded. You represent 22% of the Point View community of families. Of these responses, 19 were received from the Mandarin translation and 1 from the Hindi translation of the on-line survey. Paper surveys were made available, but none were used. We trust that when we carry out a similar survey next year those who did not take part this time may see the value in providing their feedback. The school would like this to be a truly representative community consultation.

Summary of Numeric Data



The overall responses were very encouraging. The school is generally seen by this sample of families in a positive light.

We can take from these results that people do think it important to be involved but many find it hard. Language is not seen as a particular barrier to getting involved.

Communication about learning was highlighted as something for us to work on in a previous survey carried out in 2013. Based on this most recent response, we can still improve on this.

We can be encouraged by the response to the question about a safe school. Bullying is always a challenging matter to deal with and is something we must pay careful attention to at all times.

Written Responses

The survey provided plenty of opportunities for comment and many families took advantage of this. There were 325 separate comments made which are far too numerous to publish but our Board and Senior Leadership Team have received them all. We are categorising all the comments carefully, looking for trends, picking out great ideas and following up on any particular issues.

Sharing Skills

One question was: What skills do you have that could benefit the Point View School Community and that you would like to share? A number of you responded, but apart from one who mentioned their child and room number, we were unable to identify you from this anonymous survey. Our fault – sorry! So that we can follow up, please let us know by emailing s.walker@pointview.school.nz if you wrote one of the following (or if you didn't but still want to offer a skill):

Administration and office work
Better canteen, art, business, organization, administration.
Chinese translation, accounting finance advice.
Computers e.g. operating systems and some networking
Electronic, Mechanical, IT
Health science
I am a Business Analyst who helps businesses in improving their processes and work with them on their various projects. I can help school in some of their projects which could be process improvements or Technical Projects.
I am an ECE centre director and can assist with connection to children's prior learning and to other centre directors in the local community
I am happy with my level of involvement
I am working as a software programmer, any needs about programming knowledges or computer related theories I am glad to see how to help.
I happy to help whenever available
I work as a tax manager so am not sure that would be much use to students, but I am always happy to help if required
Multi-lingual
Music, dance and drama, production experience
Project management, Innovation, environmental sustainability
Translating and interpreting
我是一个自然疗法医师，我只得怎么让孩子吃的更加健康，做些什么辅导可以让孩子高效学习

Robin Kirkham
Principal

Family and Friends

We had our AGM on 1st May. Many thanks to all who came, it was wonderful to see some new faces. Our executive remained the same, chairperson is Claire Edmondson and secretary Jacqueline Lindsay.

We have an exciting year ahead, as well as the normal disco and sausage sizzles we will also be having an indoor ice rink at the school in Term 3!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday June 5th at 7pm in the staffroom, everyone is very welcome to come along.

F&F Committee

English for Speakers of Other Programmes ESOL Verification Visit

On the 9th April, Janis Maidment from the Ministry of Education, came to discuss the provision of ESOL support at our school. This is a 3 yearly review.

Janis was very impressed with the support English language learners are receiving. In particular she was impressed by:

- * the genuine collaboration between the ESOL team and classroom teachers
- * the ongoing work around teacher's understanding of second language acquisition
- * the quality of support provided

Furthermore, her general observations were that:

- * there is a strong focus on the identification of specific language learning needs
- * children's first languages are recognised and celebrated

A huge congratulations to all involved for a very successful review!

Nicola Kingston
ELL Lead Teacher

Wanted Netball HELP

We have a netball field day coming up on Tuesday 5th June and we need a parent or someone in the community who would be able to help coach a small group of netball players during a lunch time or even just to help us umpire on the day.

If you are able to help please contact Karyn Bower at k.bower@pointview.school.nz

A big hello from the Walking School Bus

First day back and we had 14 fabulous children walking with us. What a great way to start the term!



Our PVS Walking School Bus is part of the Auckland wide 'TravelWise Programme'.

It's a fancy name and it means that we are part of a big team of people, parents and students who are keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school. That's something we are very proud of!

If you are interested in joining our bus, all the information you need is on the school website under the 'parent' tab.

We look forward to seeing you along the route... you can't miss us... we are the ones in yellow!

Jacque Lindsay
PVS – WSB Coordinator



Headbands and Scrunchies

for sale in the office or order on the pay online system.

Hall Bleacher Volunteer Working Party

We have purchased new seating for the school Hall. In order to avoid high costs for the removal of the old bleachers we would like to get a working party together to dismantle them.

The date for this is still to be finalised but we would try and arrange it on a Saturday in the next 4 weeks.

If you think you might be able to help, please keep a look out for a further notice once we have a date then get back to us to confirm your commitment. Email or phone the office - admin@pointview.school.nz or 274 0637



Taekidokai Martial Arts Class suitable for all ages from 5, teenagers and adults of all ages. Classes are held at Point View School Hall.

Tuesdays 6.30 to 7.30pm

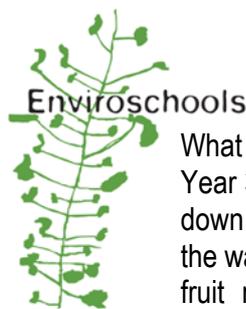
Thursdays

5.30 to 6.30pm *Juniors aged 5 and above*

6.30 to 7.30pm *Junior students Brown to Orange
All seniors aged 12 and over*

We welcome new students. THE FIRST CLASS IS FREE. For more information contact Marie Thom on 027 497 0499 or enquiries@tkma.co.nz

Autumn Walk



What a beautiful Autumn day for the Year 3 children to take a leisurely walk down to Tarnica Park, stopping along the way to notice fallen leaves, Autumn fruit ripening, seed pods, deciduous and evergreen trees, fungus growing in damp spots and the amazing bark on some of the trees.

Lots of inspiration for creative and descriptive writing! At the park the children also spent some time sitting quietly, just listening and thinking of words to describe the sound of the leaves rustling in the light breeze. Such a contrast to the sounds as we walked back up Chapel Road, with cars whizzing past and dogs barking from behind fences. We should all take some time to just enjoy the wonders of Nature!



Photolife Ordering will open in approximately 3 weeks. We will let you know was the date is confirmed.