

PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI #8

13 AUGUST 2025

SERVICE IN ACTION: SAMARITAN WEEK

In Week 8, we're bringing our theme of community and kindness to life through our newest initiative (*and soon to be annual*) **Samaritan Week** — a time when we learn, grow, and put our faith into practice. Guided by our motto *reach, serve, influence* and inspired by the story of the **Good Samaritan** in **Luke 10:25-37**, this week is a beautiful convergence of our learning, our values, and our philosophies.

Students across the school will **explore what service looks like** — not as an abstract idea, but as something deeply practical and close to home. Seniors will engage in learning about needs and service work in underdeveloped parts of the world. Juniors will serve through creativity and connection, from designing art for our churches seniors' group to buddy reading with our preschoolers. A schedule will be provided in the coming week.

Together, **we'll extend kindness beyond the classroom** through home learning opportunities, where acts of service with close family and friends are exchanged for goods and money that will support both local and global causes — a food drive here at home, and outreach work in Asia.

Throughout the week, a special learning board will guide classes in **discovering the many faces of service**. Our hope is that Samaritan Week will not just be something we do, **but something we become** — *a community that notices needs, chooses kindness, and lives out the call to love our neighbour.*



WHĀNAU CONSULTATION — A REMINDER

Throughout this term, you will have several opportunities to express your views on the direction of our kura. During the whānau conferences, you may have noticed we posed three key questions for your consideration:

- **RIGHT NOW** — What makes you proud to be part of our school community?
- **UP NEXT** — If you could propose one opportunity or next step we could take, what would it be?
- **IN TIME** — What's your boldest hope for the legacy and future of our school?

The insights and ideas you share during this period will play a crucial role in forming our strategic direction with our newly elected board. If you miss this chance to share your thoughts, there will be another opportunity in Week 7.

On **Tuesday, August 26th (@ 6:00 PM)**, we will host a Hui/Fono, where this chart will be displayed. You can continue to add your thoughts to the questions above and engage in shaping the identity of our kura, creating hopes and aspirations for our ākonga. Please mark your calendars.

Your participation is invaluable, and we encourage all whānau to attend and contribute to these significant discussions. This is your opportunity to help shape the future path of our kura, ensuring it reflects the values and aspirations of our community.

AN UPDATE ON BOARD ELECTIONS

We're delighted to share that we've received a number of nominations for our upcoming Board elections, with strong interest from key members of our hāpori (community). It's encouraging to see such commitment to shaping the future of our kura.

The next step is in your hands. Voting papers are being issued today (Wednesday 13 August), and we encourage every eligible voter to take part. Here's a breakdown of the **next steps**:

Key Dates:

- Election Day: Wednesday 10 September – voting closes at 4pm
- Accepting postal votes until: Monday 15 September
- Results declared: Tuesday 16 September
- New Board takes office: Wednesday 17 September