POU DAY 2017

This year started with some excitement as we competed for the first time in our Pou. Batten, Sheppard, Cooper and Mansfield all dressed up and each whānau class competed against others at a variety of tabloid sports games.

The goal was to bond as whānau classes and of course to collect points for our Pou. The sun shone brightly on Cooper as they collected the most points for the day, to the delight of their Kaitiaki Ms Failing!
Welcome to 2017 at Avonside Girls’ High School.

There is a buzz of energy and excitement this year at Avonside, as we welcome new staff and students, and implement our new pastoral structures as a result of last year’s Wellbeing Review.

Our goal is to support student wellbeing, as we know that wellbeing is essential for student success while at school, as well as student ability to transition from school to a positive future after her time at secondary school.

We feel positive about our increasing ability to support student wellbeing through our changed structures this year. The pouako (form/whanau class teacher) is responsible for a whanau class of around 16 – 18 students, meets with her whanau class every day (apart from Wednesday) and will be the pouako for each whanau class student during her time at Avonside. This means the pouako gets to know her students well, and is well-positioned to support and mentor her in her learning and life choices, working alongside her family.

We believe our new pastoral structures support our desire to maintain strong relationships with families, as we recognise that working together we are in the best position to achieve the best possible outcomes for each student.

The pouako (form teacher) is the first port of call for families. I envisage that many pouako will already have made contact with you. Year 9 parents/caregivers will be able to meet with their daughter’s pouako at the Year 9 parent meeting scheduled for next Wednesday 22 February at 7pm. There will be the opportunity for all families for girls at every level of the school to come into school on 9 March, at a time that you book (suitable to you

between 8.30am and 6.30pm) to meet their daughter’s pouako for a 3-way 15 minute meeting between student, parent and pouako. Details for this day have been posted out and we look forward to welcoming families of all our students on that day.

The pages of this first edition of the Tatler for 2017 reflect some of our beginning of year activities, which have provided the opportunities for our newly formed whanau classes to get to know each other. The leadership shown across the school by our senior students, who have supported these events, and ensured that newcomers have been involved and welcomed, has impressed me. The net result has been the forming of a strong house identity and connections formed within each whanau class and house.

There is a lot to feel very proud of – the NCEA results of our students last year were particularly impressive at Level 1, with 88% of the cohort achieving NCEA Level 1. Also very pleasing was the high level of excellence and merit endorsements at all levels of NCEA, well in excess of national statistics.

We are making progress on the planning for our new school, and expect an announcement very soon of the consortium who will provide the school for us.

Following consultation last year, work is also progressing on planning the new uniform that is scheduled for introduction for Year 9s in 2019.

We look forward to getting to know our new families and to working with all whanau as we strive to provide the very best of learning opportunities for our students. Please get in touch if you have questions, concerns or news to share.

Ngā mihi

Sue Hume
Principal
Kia ora koutou
Nau mae haere mai ki te Tau Hou!
On behalf of the board welcome to the new year at Avonside Girls’ High School. I hope that you all had a safe and relaxing break over the holiday period.

I was very proud to attend our pōwhiri on 2 February to welcome our new students and their whānau to our school. Although cold for this time of the year it did not rain and it was awesome to have the whole school outside for the ceremony led by Hemi Te Hemi, one of our trustees. I also wish to congratulate all of the newly appointed school leaders including our Head Girl, Aarleah Ufton Tangaroa and Deputy Head Girl, Gabrielle Wakefield.

The year has started with a rush and there have already been several meetings on the design of the new school. It is expected that by the end of February the Ministry of Education will announce the successful consortium for the design and build of the new co-located school.

Our Board comprises 7 elected parent representatives – Jonathan Brooks, Amanda Williams, Monica Davis, Hemi Te Hemi, Debbie Flintoft and Cathie White as well as Mrs Sue Hume (Principal), staff representative, Ms Laura Failing, and student representative, Josie Tricker. We co-opted Tim Bergin (our previous Chair) to the Board to assist the new board to settle in. Members of the Senior Leadership Team, the Executive Officer, Mrs Adrienne Lissaman and Board Secretary, Ms Margaret Lyons, also attend the meetings.

Our Board works in partnership with the school management team and is responsible for governance and control functions. This includes:

- employing all staff in the school
- setting the school’s strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students
- providing a safe environment and quality education for all our students.

We generally meet once a month between February and November. I have been elected as Chair this year and Jonathan Brooks was elected as Deputy Chair. There a couple of key annual documents we are responsible for. The first is the school charter which outlines our strategic direction and this is reviewed at the start of the school year and is submitted to the Ministry of Education. The 2016 charter can be found on our school website and will be updated once we hear back from the Ministry.

The second is the annual budget. The planning and detailed review of the current year’s budget happens towards the end of the previous calendar year and when approved by the Board it is then monitored at each of the Board Meetings.

Any enquiries, suggestions, complaints or discussions regarding operational matters at the school should be directed in the first instance, to the Principal, Mrs Sue Hume who can be contacted at principal@avonside.school.nz

However, if your questions or comments are directly related to any of the Board responsibilities listed above, e.g. our School Charter, long term property or asset management then these issues should be directed to me as Board Chair monica.davis@xtra.co.nz

Ngā mihi
Monica Davis
BOT Chair

FROM THE PTA — We need you!

The PTA needs new members, particularly for succession planning for next few years, as most of our members have daughters that are at the senior end of the school and will be moving on.

Avonside Girls’ High School PTA does not get involved in major fundraising, which reduces time commitments considerably! Our function is to distribute funds donated to us by parents included as an option in your school fees, as well as providing or supporting a small number of school activities for students and parents such as the junior dance, information evenings etc.

Our meetings rarely take more than about an hour but it allows us an opportunity to be involved in the school. Our meetings always have a representative from the school (usually school Principal, Sue Hume) and from the Board of Trustees (usually Board Chairperson, Monica Davis), who both provide reports of recent developments and are open and informative to any questions or issues that we wish to discuss with them.

With the exciting developments that will occur this year in the planning of the new school it is an excellent opportunity to stay informed. Meeting times this year will be on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Staffroom:

- Monday 13th March
- Monday 10th April (Annual General Meeting)
- Monday 12th June
- Monday 14th August

Adele Sullivan
PTA Chair
Avonside Girls’ High School is committed to growing student wellbeing. We are working towards all young women at Avonside Girls’ High School being empowered to be confident in their own identity and being socially and emotionally connected.

Many people believe that wellbeing is simply a new buzz word with little meaning. Instead, it is a vital ingredient in a successful life. Student wellbeing is strongly linked to learning. A student’s level of wellbeing at school is indicated by their satisfaction with life at school, their engagement with learning and their social-emotional behaviour. In the past, society has focused on wellness as being about the absence of illness. For example, if you aren’t mentally unwell then you must be well! While it is important to recognise and seek help for mental and physical illness, we and many others believe wellbeing is more than that. Optimal student wellbeing is a sustainable state, characterised by predominantly positive feelings and attitude, positive relationships at school, resilience, self-optimism and a high level of satisfaction with learning experiences (ERO, 2015). To achieve this state we as a school, you as whānau and your daughter themselves can take action to support themselves and improve their wellbeing. Over the year, our whānau teachers will work with your daughters to ensure they are accurate assessors of their own wellbeing and know how to help themselves.

One model we are keeping in mind is Dr Mason Durie’s Te Whare Tapa Wha, which describes four dimensions of wellbeing. Te Whare Tapa Wha is represented by the four walls of a wharenui, or meeting house, where each wall symbolises the elements necessary to sustain hauora or health and wellbeing. Taha hinengaro focuses on mental health and emotions. Taha wairua focuses on spiritual health. Taha tinana focuses on physical health and Taha whanau focuses on the epicentre of one’s wellbeing - whānau.
Wellbeing App

Superbetter might get your teen’s attention. It’s a game! Creator Jane McGonigal developed it after experiencing her own period of challenge and anxiety following a brain injury. It’s designed to help build social, mental and emotional resilience and it’s supported by a whole lot of science and research that indicates that it really works. The benefits of gaming is a hot topic in psychology and education right now and this one is leading the way.

Available from the Google Play store.

Ako Time Focus

In the first half of the term, Ako time is focused on identifying and developing our own character strengths. When applied, character strengths can have a significant positive impact on your life. Research shows that using your character strengths can help you overcome problems, improve your relationships and enhance health and overall well-being.

Ask your daughter to share her character strengths with you and see if you can spot (and praise!) her using them in her everyday life. You can also take the survey for free here: https://www.viacharacter.org/ What a great dinner time discussion!

Introducing the Student Services Team

Your first port of call for your daughter at Avonside Girls’ High School is your daughter’s whānau teacher. This teacher is likely to have made contact with you already to introduce themselves. We also have a large team of people ready to assist if you have concerns about your daughter’s wellbeing.

Kaitiaki

Our four kaitiaki oversee the whānau teachers and provide support for issues around timetables and classes, behaviour and attendance.

Guidance Team

We have a large guidance team ready to support students and whānau with any needs affecting student wellbeing.

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NEW STAFF 2017

We extend a warm Avonside welcome to new staff joining us this year, from near and far! We are sure they will be a great addition to our Avonside family.

Miss Alex Quinn
Teacher of Science

Miss Alice Foote
Teacher of Science

Mrs Anne Passmore
HOLA Languages

Miss Cerys Roberts
Teacher of Social Sciences

Miss Laura Prickett
Teacher of Music and Art

Miss Lucy Patrick
Teacher of Science

Ms Kathie Stobbs
Teacher of Mathematics

Mrs Sarah Exon
HOLA Mathematics

Mrs Kate Bradley
Teacher of Health and PE

Mr Mike Lissaman
Technology Materials

Ms Margaret Flanagan
Counsellor

Miss Alex Quinn
Teacher of Science

Miss Alice Foote
Teacher of Science

Ms Pauline Van der Wielen Teacher of Science

Ms Sarah Walker
Teacher of English

Mrs Sarah Exon
HOLA Mathematics

Ms Kathie Stobbs
Teacher of Mathematics

Mr Mike Lissaman
Technology Materials

Mrs Anne Passmore
HOLA Languages

There are now 347 people following the @avonsidecareers page on facebook; this is the place to get all the careers notices and information. Parents if you follow you will be able to remind your daughter about meetings etc that are coming up. This is especially important for Year 13 students as there will be a number of information seminars about tertiary courses, accommodation and scholarships that will run in study times, and speakers will be coming in the lunchtime.

Important Dates to Note:

- Year 9 Parent Evening, starting in Gymnasium: Wednesday 22 February 7.00—9.00pm
- School Photos: Friday 24 February 8.30am—3.00pm
- Weekly Reports emailed (all year levels): Friday 24 February
- Year 9 Ropes Course: Monday 27 February 8.30am—3.00pm
- NCEA Information Evening: Wednesday 1 March Staffroom
- Whanau Hui: Thursday 2 March 7.00—9.00pm
- Year 9 Ropes Course: Monday 6 March 8.30am—3.00pm
- Learner Hui for all year levels (no timetabled classes): Thursday 9 March 8.30am—6.30pm
**STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2017**

### Congratulations to our new leaders

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**Senior Leaders from left to right:**

Neve Soryl—Deputy Head School Council, Ella Sullivan—Head School Council, Gabrielle Wakefield—Deputy Head, and Aarleah Ufton Tangaroa—Head Girl

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ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

In the charter for 2017, the Board of Trustees has confirmed that attendance will continue to be a specific target for achievement this year.

The target is for the overall attendance rate for the school to be 95%. Why have this as a target? Well, for anyone to be successful in what they do, they need to be present, and fully involved. This is as valid for employment as it is for learning. Most employers would have expectations that an employee attends work at least 95% of the time. This provides some leeway for a short period of illness and/or family circumstances that might take you away from the workplace. So a 95% attendance target seems a reasonable goal for most students. Interestingly each year we have a number of girls who have perfect attendance. That is surely a goal to strive for!

We ask parents to cooperate with us and to ensure that school attendance is a priority for their daughters. We want every girl to be in each of her classes on time every day for learning so that we can work together to support the girls to reach their learning goals. Girls who are absent have gaps in their learning which can limit their progress and engagement with learning.

Avonside Girls’ High School starts at 8:30 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. School begins at 8.45am on Thursday. The school day begins with period 1 and if students are absent they are missing learning time. Students are expected to be in class, ready to go at this time. We are concerned about the number of girls who are dropped off late to school and seek your support by making sure that girls are here on time for learning. Habitual lateness is distracting to the other students of the class, and may suggest that school is unimportant.

It is very important the school is aware of absences and the reason(s) for them. This helps us to support students and their families.

A parent/caregiver is required to telephone the school on 389 7199 or email the School Office office@avonside.school.nz to report an absence.

If a student is late, a parent/caregiver must phone the school or send the student with a note. Students are required to sign in at the office.

Students leaving school during the day are required to sign out at the school office. To do this they require a note from a parent/caregiver.

Where students are developing patterns of absence, you can expect to hear from the pouako teacher. We will be seeking your support to achieve your daughter’s full attendance at school, so that she can enjoy the success that we intend.

Please help us by not booking holidays in term time, and by insisting on your daughters organising themselves to be arrive at school on time for learning. On the rare occasions where it is necessary for your daughter to be away from school for reasons other than illness, please advise the school, and minimise this as much as possible.
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY FOR LEARNING

From the start of this year all Year 9 students are expected to have a personal device (computer/laptop/tablet) for learning. Over the past two years we have been moving steadily towards this, and very soon all students at Avonside will be expected to have a personal device. E-learning and 21st century learning are synonymous.

During the past two weeks many of the year 9 teachers have been involved in a digital orientation programme so that our new students are well prepared for this environment. Each Year 9 student has been equipped with their own copy of the Microsoft Office Suite, and introduced to OneNote. In this first electronic notebook your year 9 daughter will be able to find out (and show you) some of the things she has been learning in the programme.

WEEKLY REPORTS

Weekly reports will begin next week (week 4) for all students – senior and junior. The focus this year will be on ‘Managing Self’, similar to the one trialled Term 4 last year with junior students. A letter is being posted home that explains, in more detail, the rationale behind these reports and how to interpret the data.

LEARNER HUI FOR ALL STUDENTS —Thursday 9 March 8.30am—6.30pm

With the introduction of our new vertical form classes (whanau groups), it is important for a partnership to be formed between the Pouako (form teacher), parents and caregivers to assist our students to achieve to their full potential.

A Learner Hui is to be held for all students on Thursday, 9 March from 8.30 am to 6.30 pm where parents, caregivers and students are invited to book on line to attend a 15-minute interview with their daughter’s Pouako. A detailed letter regarding the Learner Hui and how to book on line for an interview, has been posted out to all families.

Please note - there are no timetabled classes on this day, as the priority is for all students, parents and caregivers to have a meeting with their Pouako.

We look forward to seeing you at your interview time on Thursday 9 March.

AVONSEIDE GIRL’S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTION

For the first time in years, our school is joining and presenting a school wide musical. ‘Grease’ is such a classic feel good show that it was the perfect choice to create a school and community buzz and provide students with the opportunity to display their talents.

There will be a large number of students participating in lead roles, the energetic chorus and a specialist dance group and band, along with students and staff helping with production roles such as costumes, set, make-up etc.

Auditions are taking place on Tuesday 21st February in the school gym and the show will be performed in week 5 of term 2, May 30th until June 1st.

We would love to get as many people from the school and wider community involved in the show as we can, so if you would like to lend a hand, contact Victoria Shaw at vshaw@avonside.school.nz Otherwise, pencil the dates in your diary and make sure you book seats early to enjoy what will be an awesome performance.
POWHIRI

On Thursday 2 February, the school held a Powhiri, which is a formal Māori welcoming ceremony where Board member Mr Hemi Te Hemi spoke on behalf of the tangata whenua and Mr John McManus responded for the manuhiri. New staff, Year 9 and international students and whanau were welcomed with a traditional Māori welcome. Student Leadership 2017 badges were presented and the Principal Mrs Hume and the Head Girl, Aarleagh Ufton Tangaroa gave an address.
ATHLETICS DAY:

On Tuesday 14 February, our Athletics Day was a fantastic day of colour, enthusiasm, great atmosphere and sunny weather. The new Pou structure was on full display with students and staff decked out in their Pou colours with some students even bringing food in their Pou colours!! Students and staff were kept busy all day with athletic and novelty events to add to the Pou/House points.

Thanks must go to Burnside High School for allowing us to use their lower sports grounds, as well as Mrs Susie Paton (our Sports Co-ordinator) who organised a wonderful day. Congratulations to everyone involved.
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

This term we have welcomed 24 students to school from Japan, Germany, Thailand, China and Korea. Each student was welcomed at the airport by the International Department and Brenna Jardine, our Year 13 International Council Head or her Deputy, Nipa Patel. The students are all starting to settle into their new way of life at school and in their home stays; a change that is very different to where they have come from. They have participated enthusiastically in the Powhiri, House Day and Athletics and we are pleased that they are giving everything a go.

Brenna has taken them to the Buskers and the Noodle Market and most attended the Christchurch City Welcome held at Hagley Park. There are many outings planned for the rest of the term, which we know they will also enjoy.

Five students stayed over the summer break and were able to experience Christmas in the southern hemisphere and a Kiwi summer with all of them travelling with their host families to different parts of NZ. They have been horse riding at Rubicon Valley and surfing at Sumner. We know that they have an amazing memories to take home.

We wish to congratulate Mikuru Oka who returned to Japan on January 1 after two and a half years here, for achieving NCEA Level 3 with Excellence; an amazing accomplishment. This picture of her in her kimono is at her coming of age ceremony after she returned home. She begins her tertiary study at Waseda University this year and we wish her all the best for a successful future.
MAORI DEPARTMENT

Pitopito Kōrero: Whānau News

Tēnā hoki koutou e ngā whānau o Te Kura Tuarua o Otaakoro. Tēnei te pitopito kōrero mō ngā whānau Māori e pā ana ki ngā mea Māori i tēnei kura.

“Me mōhio anō i ahu mai koe i hea, kia mōhio ai ka anga atu koe ki hea”

“If you know where you’re from, you can know where you are going”

Whānau: There are many changes to the structure of the whānau classes this year. Observing these and the challenges along with improvements these bring about is going to be interesting for us all. It is important to remember that there will be areas that require tweaking to ensure we have the best fit for the young women attending our school. If you are new and have questions please take the opportunities provided by the school to meet the pouako/ teachers and kaitiaki/ head of pou who are involved in the education of your daughter.

Ako: This has a broader emphasis this year. It now occurs prior to morning tea and involves a one hour slot on a Thursday. This is to ensure your daughter has mentors in her whānau, opportunities to build relationships across the year levels and have guidance in goal setting, managing wellbeing and developing her independence in and out of the educational setting.

Kapa Haka: This is to start this week! Everyone and anyone is welcome. This year we will be having out of school practice so the impact on other learning areas is minimised and commitment expectations will be similar to any other sports team. If there are whānau out there willing and able to contribute to this, please contact me.

Whānau hui: Our first whānau hui is set for Thursday 2 of March 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Wharenui, nau mai haere mai koutou ki te kaupapa whakahirahira nei. Shared kai and an informal forum to meet and greet new whanau, welcome those returning and an opportunity get involved in the exciting area of Māori education.

Please register you attendance and numbers coming by e-mail: asummers@avonside.school.nz or by text on 021990566. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible about any of the areas mentioned.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.
Nāku noa, na Ariana Summers, Pouako Māori
STUDENT NEWS

Lilly Forbes (Y9) has been competing in the New Zealand Women's Ice Hockey League for Canterbury as a goaltender. She has played a total of 12 games during her rep season which commenced December 2016.

Lilly is the youngest to play in the New Zealand league and has been successful to win Canterbury Most Improved Player and best goaltender. This is a huge achievement for such a young girl.

A Court Jester in the Making

Gabby Wakefield was selected late last year to attend a workshop for the Court Jesters, a professional improvisational company.

Gabby was then selected to be an apprentice Court Jester and will train with them this year and in time will have an opportunity to become a Court Jester.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Gabby where she will be amongst professional improvisers and actors.

Year 10 Camps

Four Year 10 camps will take place between March 13 & 24 and all Year 10 students are invited and encouraged to take part in this 3 day 2 night camp where they will partake in a wide range of outdoor education activities including rock climbing, raft building, abseiling and caving.

The camp empowers our students through building their self-confidence, independence and interpersonal skills. It is a high quality camp that is operated professionally by Horizons Unlimited and the experience is one that graduating students always talk about while making their farewell speeches. Letters home that include more information as well as permission forms will be sent home with students starting 13 February.

Please get in touch with our camp co-ordinator Mr Matt Vernick if you have any questions. mvernick@avonside.school.nz

Outdoor Adventure Day for Year 9’s

Our Year 9 students will soon be taking part in an Outdoor Adventure Day at the Groynes.

This day-long event will include team building activities, outdoor challenges and practical problem solving tasks as well as low and high ropes courses.

All Year 9 classes will have to opportunity to attend this fun and challenging day on either 27 February, 6 or 13 March. Transport, professional equipment and instructors are included and students will need bring some lunch, water, sun protection. They will also need wear their PE gear and appropriate footwear is a must. Year 9’s attending this event should wear their PE gear to and from school on the day that they go.

This fun and exciting outdoor education day builds confidence, develops problems solving skills and encourages positive attitudes towards new and challenging situations.

Trampolining

Demmy Kouwenberg in Y9 BYD has been selected for the Junior Competitive Squad for trampolining at the Christchurch School of Gymnastics. Demmy has been trampolining for six years and this is a great achievement for her.

Cheerleader

Karlee Macfarlane, Y10 BYD has been selected for the New Zealand Development cheerleading team. Karlee has been cheerleading for seven years at All Star Pride Cheerleading.

Business Mentors Needed

Our Year 13 Business Studies class is looking for four mentors who have experience in business.

The role involves: motivating, coaching, giving advice and helping your group experience business success. It is a highly rewarding way to give back.

If this sounds like you and you can offer an hour a fortnight, please get in touch with our Business Studies teacher, Sharon Gudsell on sgudsell@avonside.school.nz as soon as possible.
NOTICES

Term and Holiday Dates for 2017:

**Term 1:** Monday 30 January—Thursday 13 April

**School Holidays:** Saturday 15—Sunday 30 April

**Public Holidays:**
- Good Friday—Friday 14 April
- Easter Monday—Monday 17 April
- Easter Tuesday—Tuesday 18 April

**Term 2:** Monday 1 May—Friday 7 July

**School Holidays:** Saturday 8—Sunday 23 July

**Public Holidays:** Queen’s Birthday—Monday 5 June

**Term 3:** Monday 24 July—Friday 1 September

**School Holidays:** Saturday 30 September—Sunday 15 October

**Term 4:** Monday 16 October—Wednesday 13 December

**Public Holidays:** Labour Day—Monday 23 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day - Friday 17 November

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**February**
- 22 Y9 Evening—7pm

**March**
- 1 NCEA Information Evening—7pm
- 9 Learner Hui—8.30am—6.30pm
- 10—12 SI Secondary Rowing Championships
- 17 SI Dragon Boating Championships
- 18 Polyfest
- 25—2 April Maadi Cup

**April**
- 1—2 SI Secondary School Athletics
- 7—8 Dragon Boating Championships

Paying Accounts On-Line

When paying for your daughter’s account online, please ensure you use her name and reason for payment.

Students Leaving Early during School Hours

If your daughter is required to leave school during school hours, a written explanation and signature from a parent/caregiver is to be provided.

Student Attendance

It is important for your daughter’s learning that she arrives on time to school each day.

Please either give her a note or phone the school if she will not be on time. Please note, the student must sign in at the office or an absent text will be sent.

A parent/caregiver is required to telephone the school on 389 7199 or email the School Office office@avonside.school.nz to report an absence.

School Emergency Communication

In the event of any emergency which requires adjustments to hours that the school is open, we will use a variety of ways to communicate with families.

1. Website
2. Text message
3. Radio broadcast

It is important that parent and caregiver contact information is accurate and up-to-date. Please contact the School Office if any contact details have changed.

Lost Property

Lost property will be displayed once a term under the hall verandah. Anything not named can be taken by anyone or sold by the office.

We encourage parents to name all clothing and gear.
Work has started on the QEII Recreation and Sport Centre

It was all hands to the shovels when work got underway last week on the new recreation and sport centre at QEII Park. The community turned out in force to witness the first sod being turned on the site where the 4573 square metre centre will start to take shape over the coming months. Read more about the event.

Mayor Lianne Dalziel, Councillor David East and Coastal–Burwood Community Board Chair Kim Money were joined by Willie Pitama (above, far right), a longtime swim instructor at QEII who has already put his name forward to work at the new complex when it opens in mid-2018.

The new centre includes leisure and training pools, a hydroslide, an aquatic adventure playground, a steam room, sauna, fitness centre, and café.
Sunday 5th March 2017 – 11am till 3pm

Come along and celebrate Children’s Day a FREE community event at the green space, corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Ave. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along friends and family. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE.

So come along and join in on all the excitement. Check out the be there website for more information http://bether.co.nz/event/24257