Thank you to all of you who took time out to come and meet your child's teacher – we know this partnership is critical to your child's success – teachers were pleased to meet so many of you.

Today we take our Totara whanau to their bi-annual leadership conference. This will be held at the Angus Inn in Lower Hutt. It is always great to be able to focus our students in this whanau — to explain to them what leadership means in the context of our school and how they can be great leaders in a range of contexts.

At this conference we also undertake our election for our new student council. This is a process where our students elect their leaders without adult intervention – all year 8 students indicated the areas they would like to be considered for – on Friday we will hold our leadership assembly and announce the new student council roles for 2017. We would like to invite all parents of year 8 students to join us for this special assembly.

Assembly begins at 1.30pm tomorrow the in Fale. We ask for you to keep all of our year 8 students in your prayers as they choose their new leaders.