

Thursday 29 August 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Deciles are a measure of socio-economic factors. The higher the decile the less funding a school receives from the Ministry of Education, lower decile schools get more funding and more support services for the school and students. Deciles are NOT a measure of a school's effectiveness or quality.

We have decided to undertake a decile review as we feel our current decile (reflecting the 2013 census information) is no longer reflecting the character and make up of our community in 2019. This is potentially financially disadvantaging our school and our students. A lower decile would generate more funding for us to provide more resources and learning opportunities for our students.

The family survey asks for you to provide personal information. Your information will be kept private and secure.

- Questionnaires are anonymous – use only an identifying number for collation purposes.
- We send all the completed questionnaires to the Ministry of Education (and they have no way of identifying families). The Ministry will destroy all questionnaires at the end of the review process.

Please note that only one questionnaire per family (not per child) needs to be completed.

All surveys need to be returned to Reremoana School by **Friday 13 September** please.

We would really appreciate every family completing this survey fully – it could make such a difference to our school.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Julie Cowan
Principal