



## Greenpark School

### **"PROJECT ROCK ON"**

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Our school has become part of an initiative based in Tauranga trying to reduce the high rate of poor attendance of students across this area.

**"Project Rock On"** was set up by the Tauranga Police in 2014 to combat the increasing problems associated with poor attendance and truancy.

Such problems include:

- Poor academic achievement
- Lack of engagement when at school
- Social and health problems
- Crime

**"Project Rock On"** introduces an interagency approach to combating this issue.

Our school will be working closely with Police, CYFS, Ministry of Education, Local Schools, Attendance Service and the BOP District Health Board.

This group meets monthly to discuss ways and means of engaging youth who have poor attendance, constant lateness or are truant, back into the education system in the most appropriate manner.

**The law states that your child must attend school up to the age of 16 years.**

As a last resort the Parent or Caregiver can be prosecuted if they do not attend. A copy of sections 20, 25 and 29 of the Education Act 1989 are available from the school office should you have any questions.

This letter is to make you aware of **"Project Rock On"** and your obligations as a Parent or Caregiver.

If you have any questions in relation to this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Principal