



# Hokowhitu School

## Community Consultation 2023

Consultation period: 11-26 May 2023

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## Survey respondents

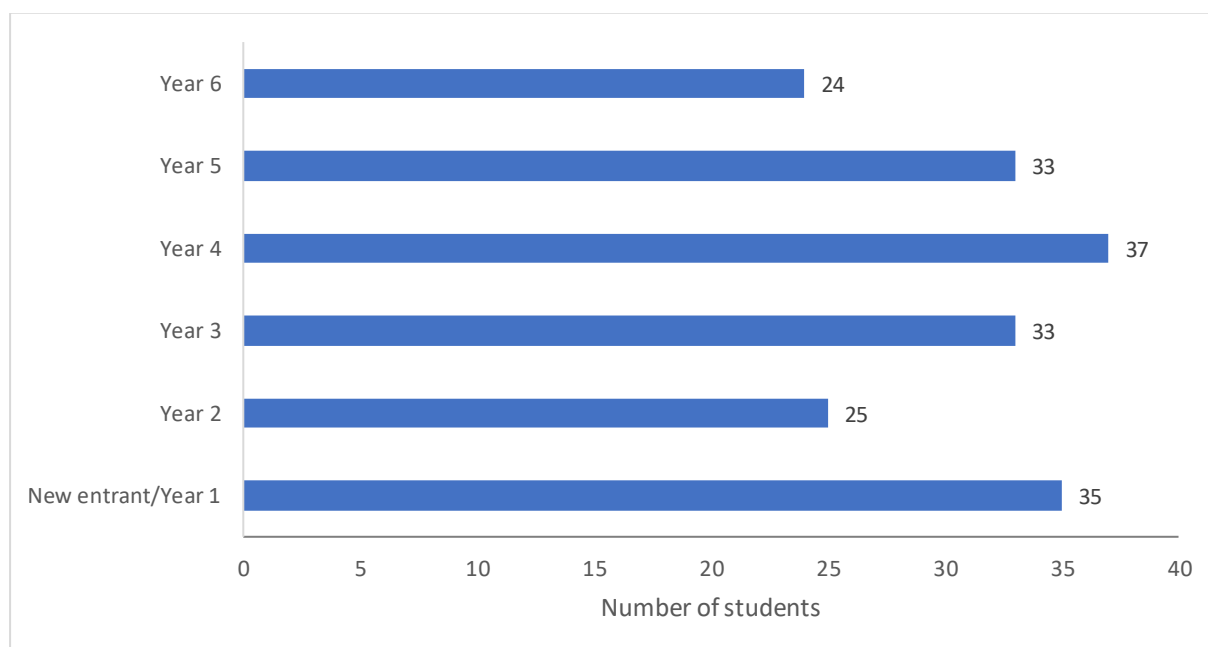
### Response rate

Total number of school families/whānau during the survey period	295
Survey respondents (families/whānau)	167 (57%)

### What is the year level of your child/children?

Answered: 144 (86% of respondents)

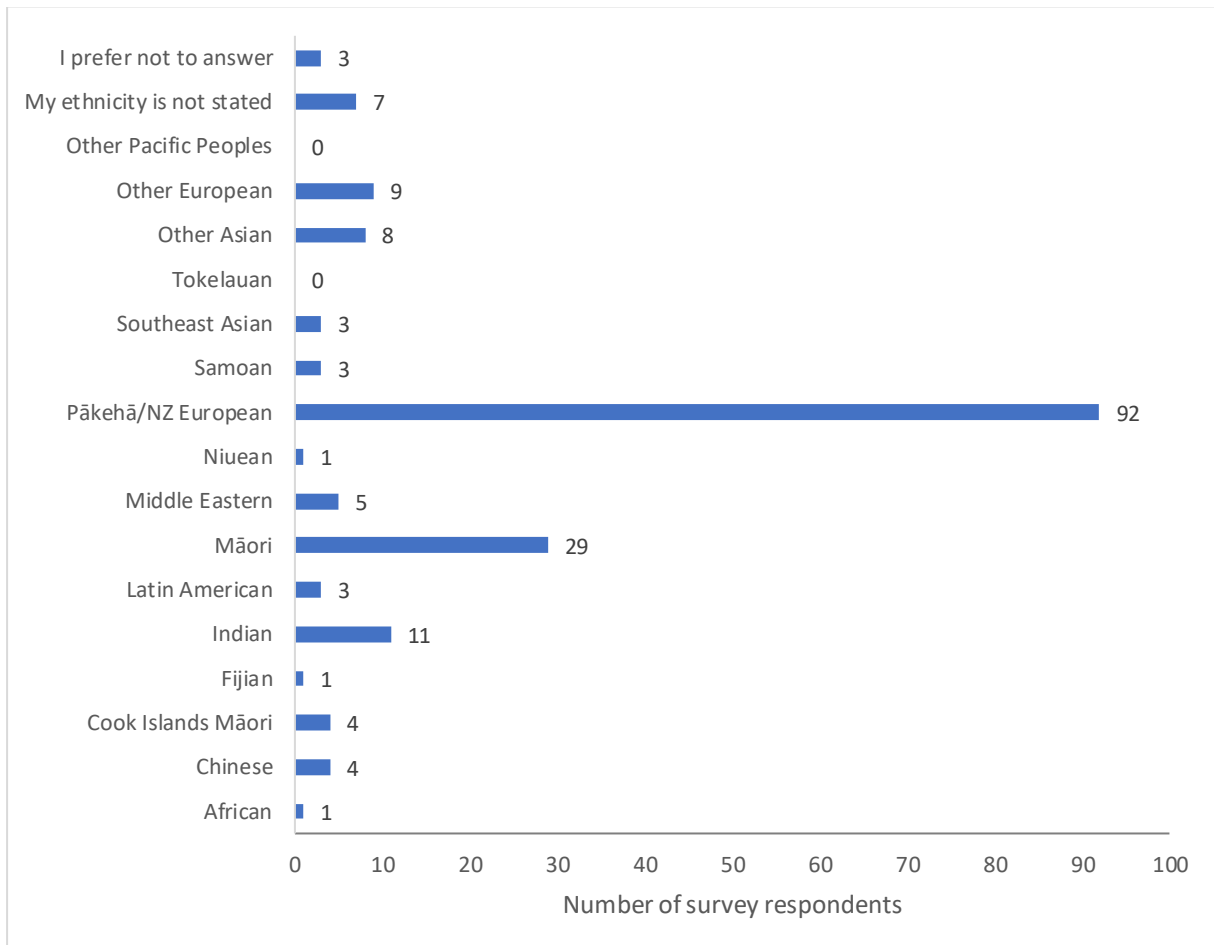
Total number of students during the survey period	378
Total number of students identified by respondents	187 (49%)



## What ethnic group(s) do you identify with?

Answered: 143 (86%)

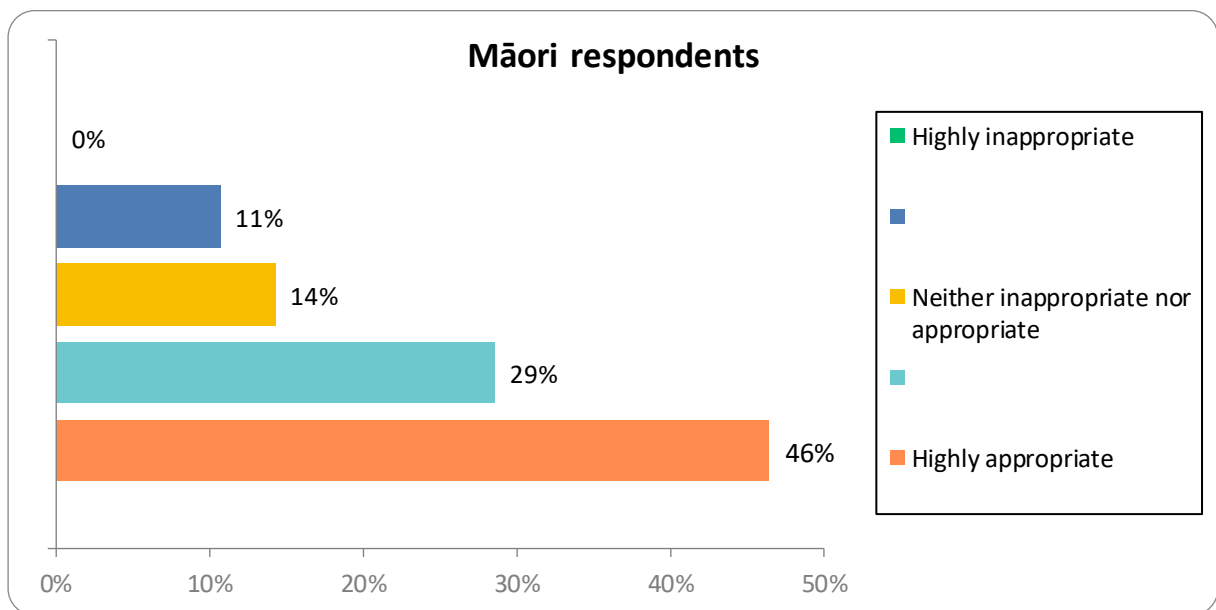
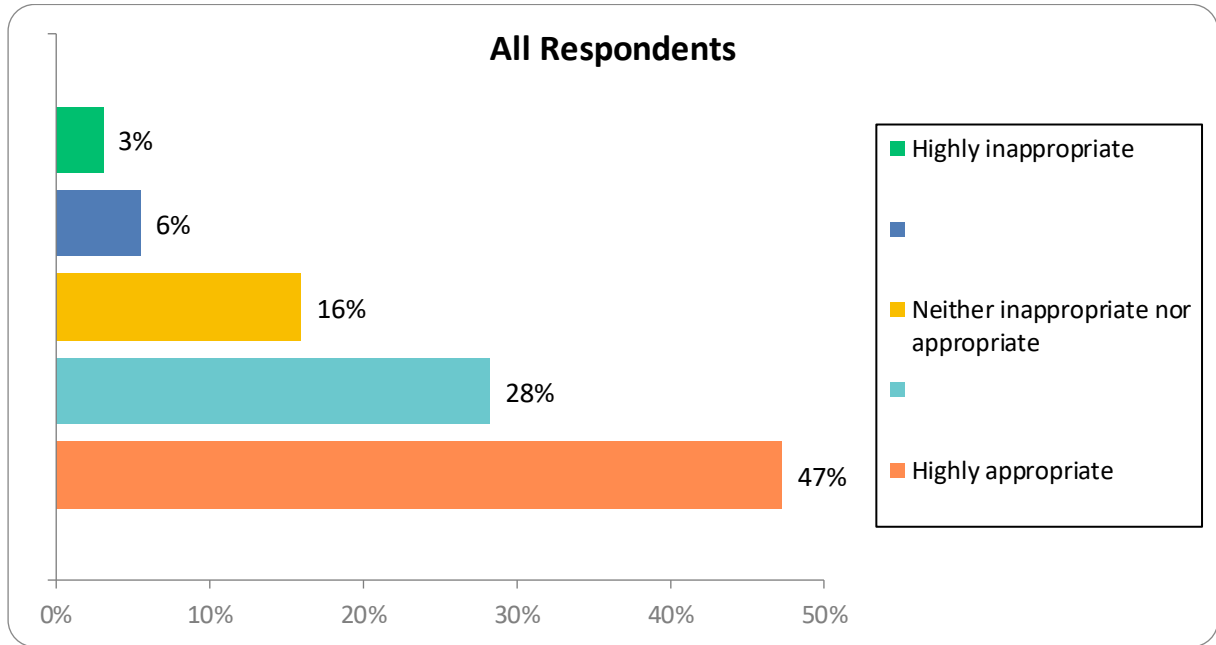
*Note that respondents could select multiple ethnicity categories according to their preference*



## 1. Mission and values

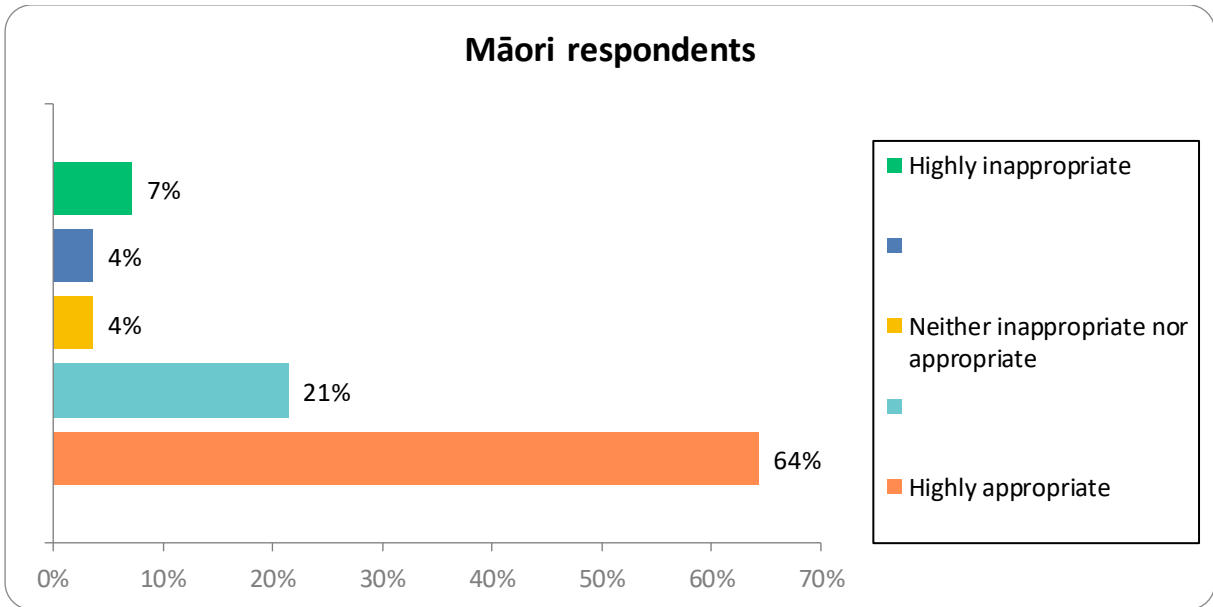
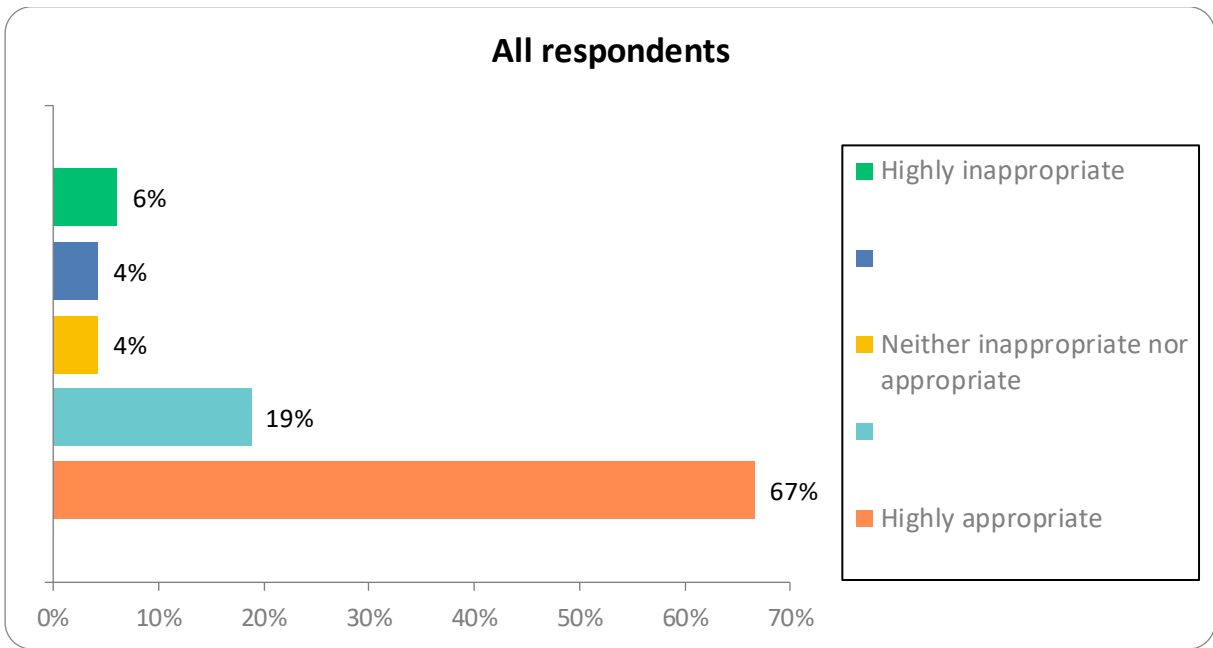
### How appropriate do you feel our current mission statement is as a guiding philosophy for our school?

Answered: 163 (98%)



### How appropriate do you feel our current “STRIVE” values are for shaping our school community?

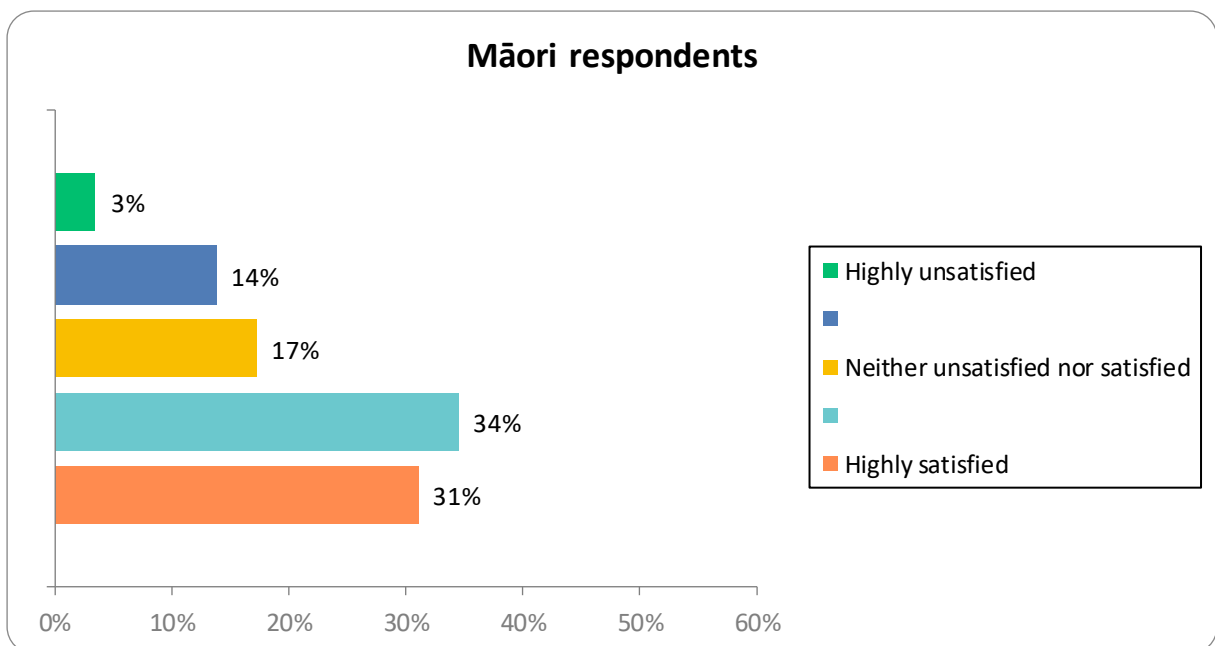
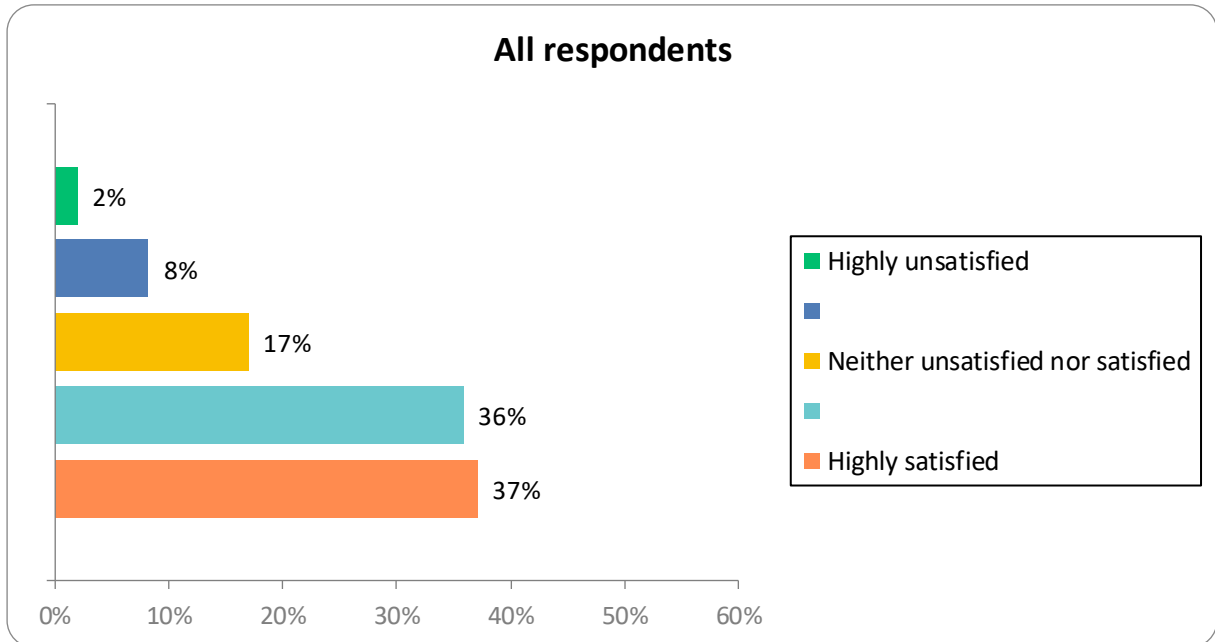
Answered: 165 (99%)

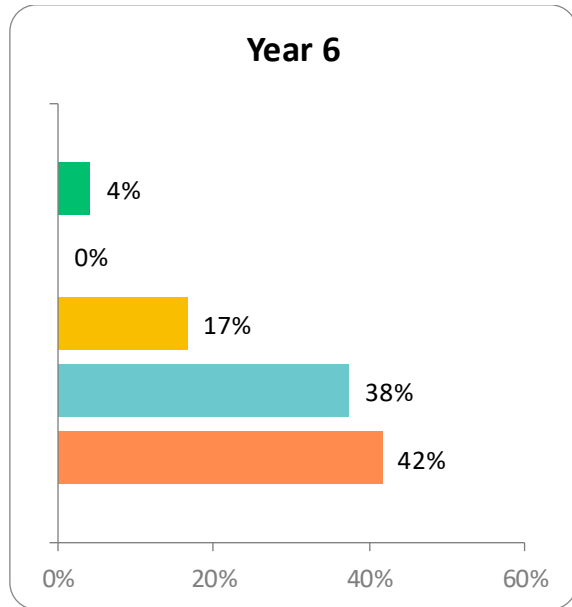
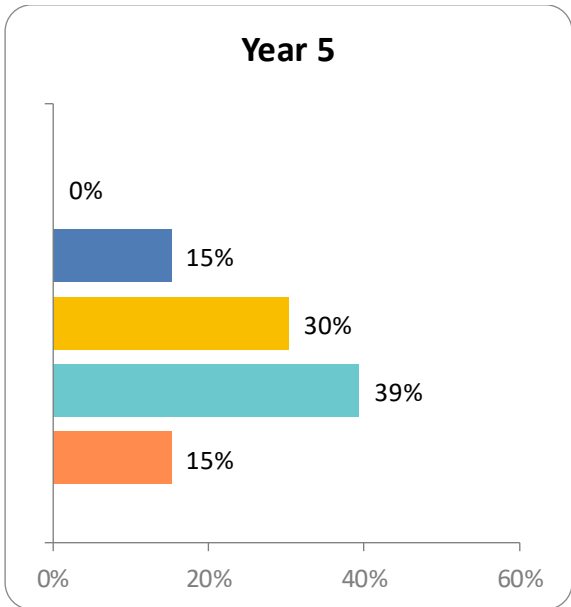
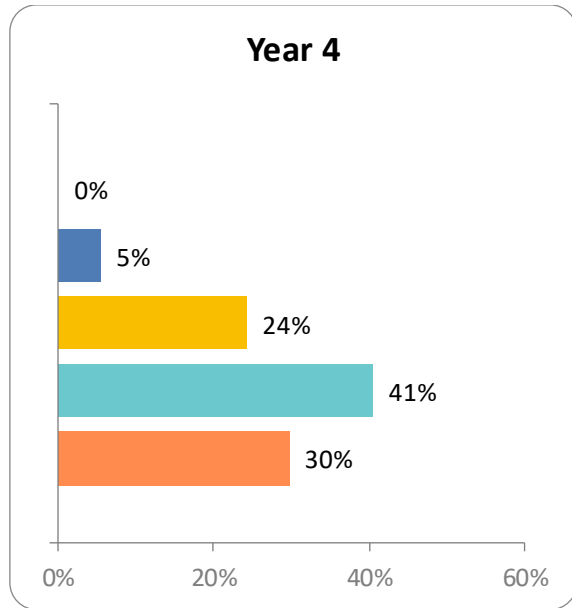
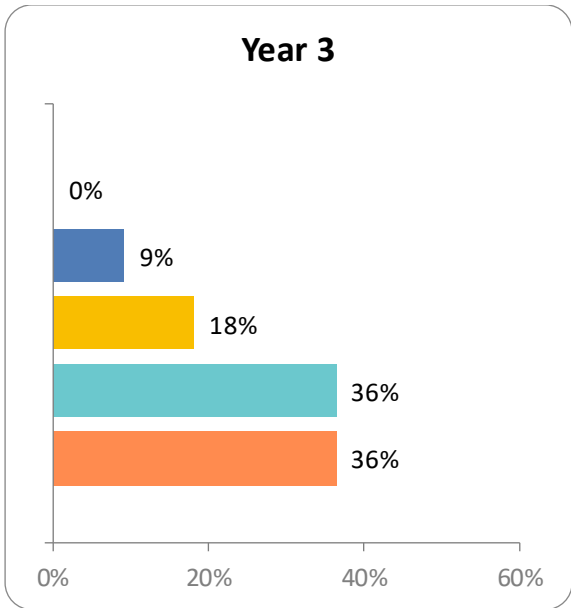
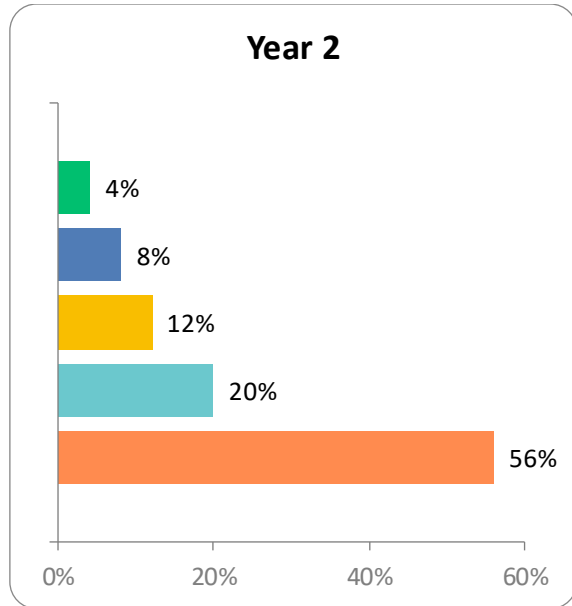
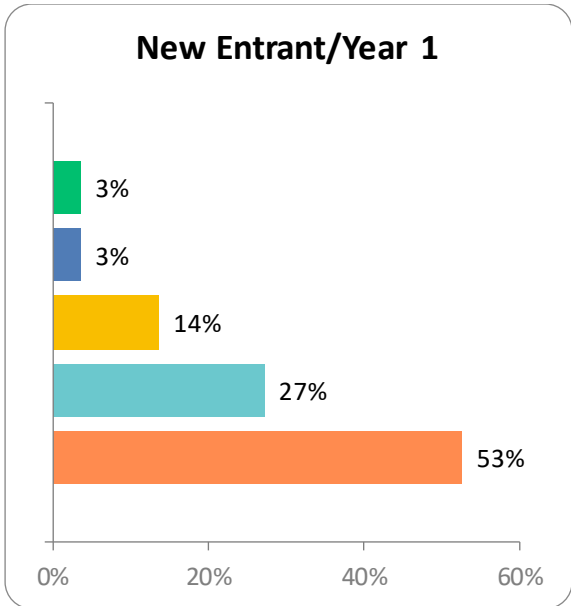


## 2. Individual learning needs

**How satisfied are you that your child/children's individual learning needs are recognised and catered for?**

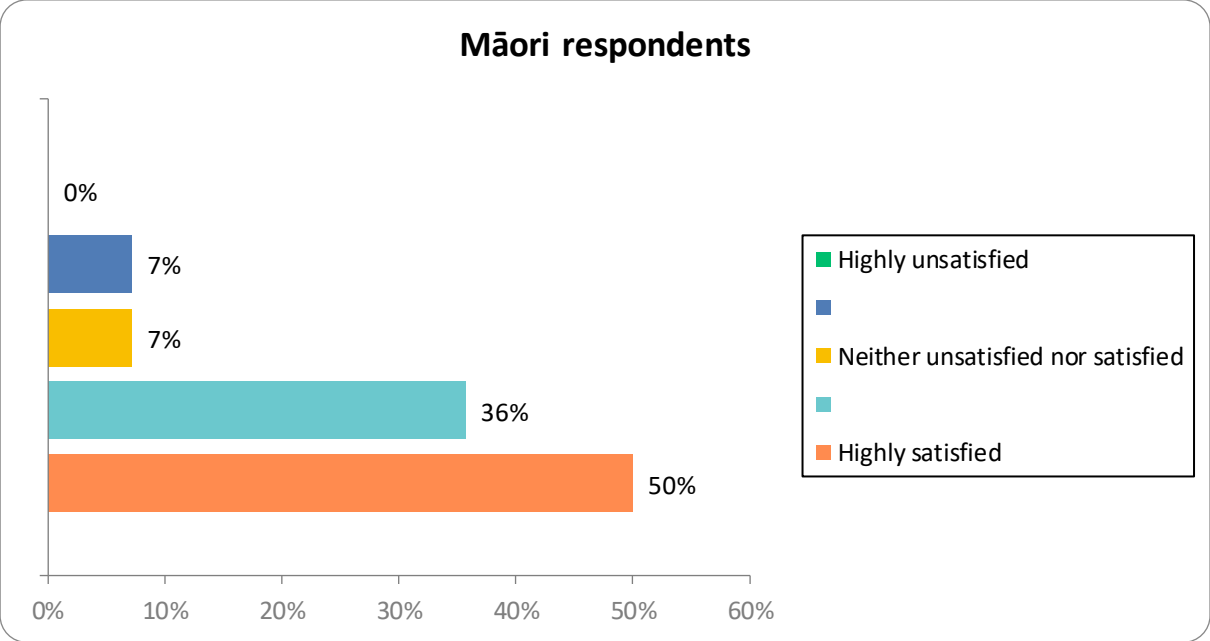
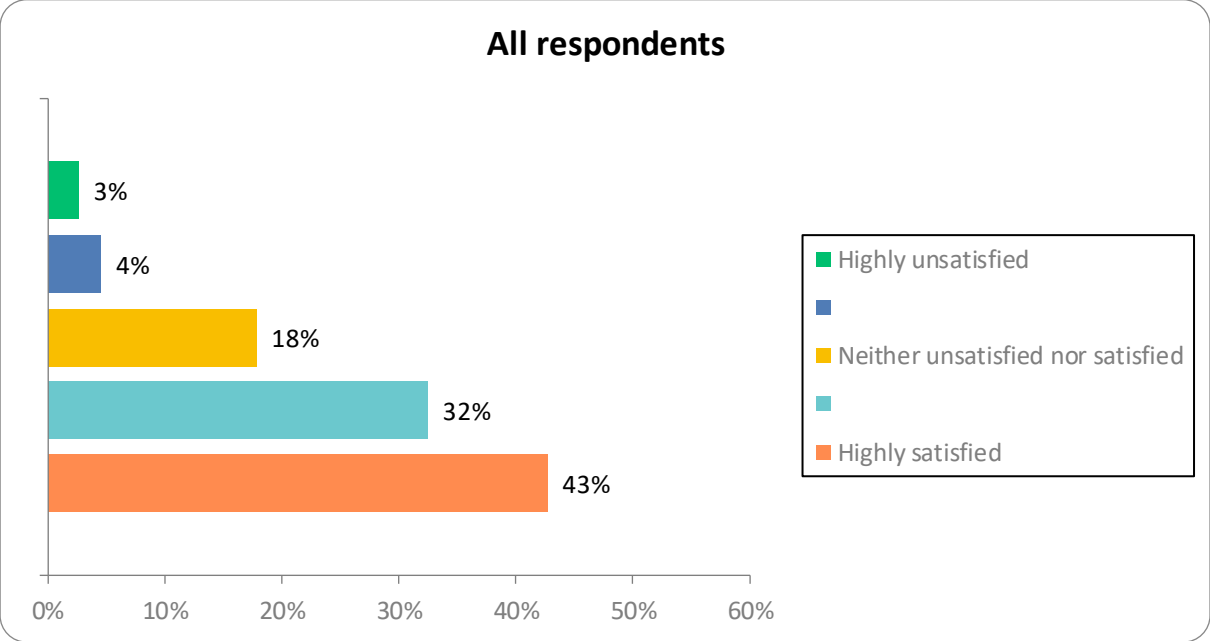
Answered: 159 (95%)



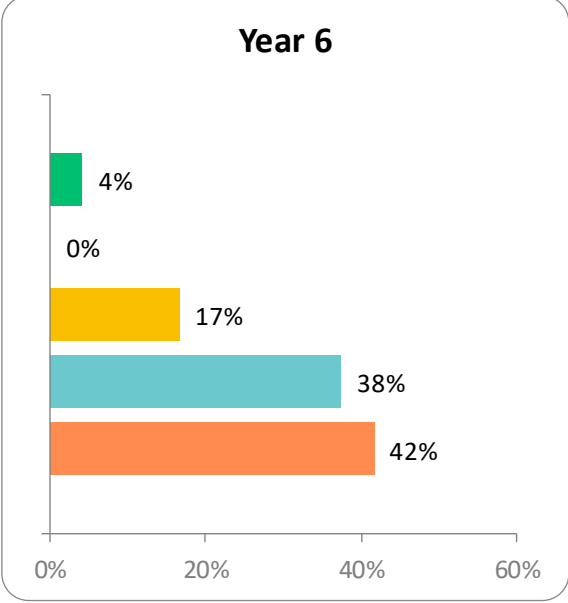
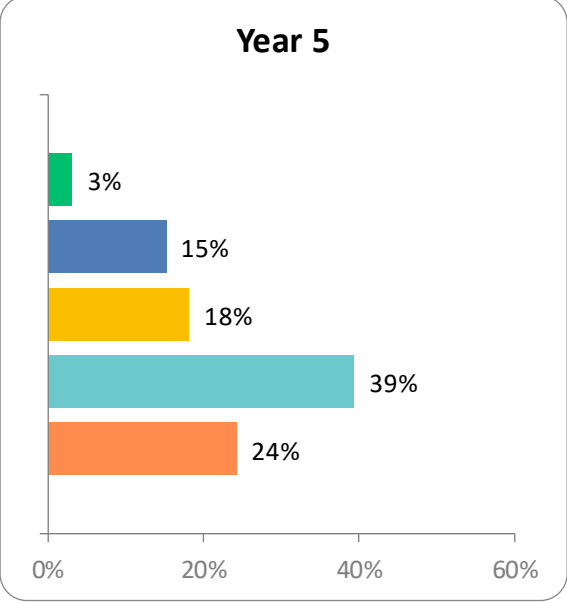
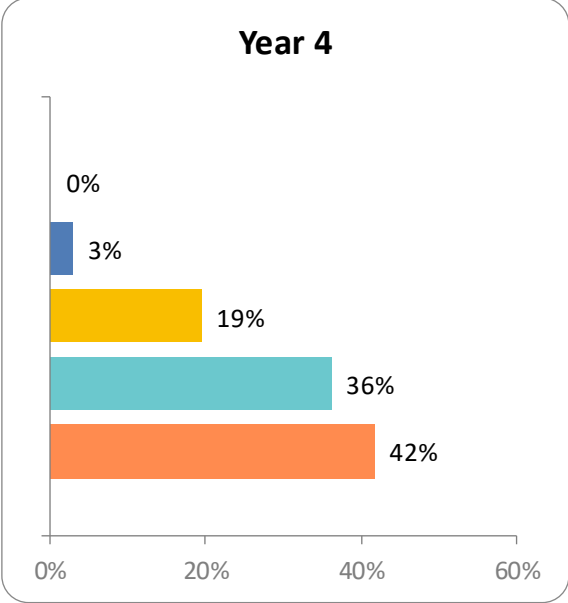
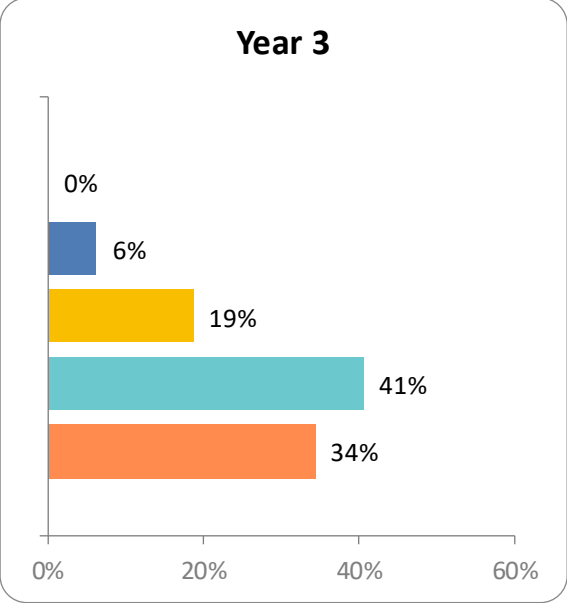
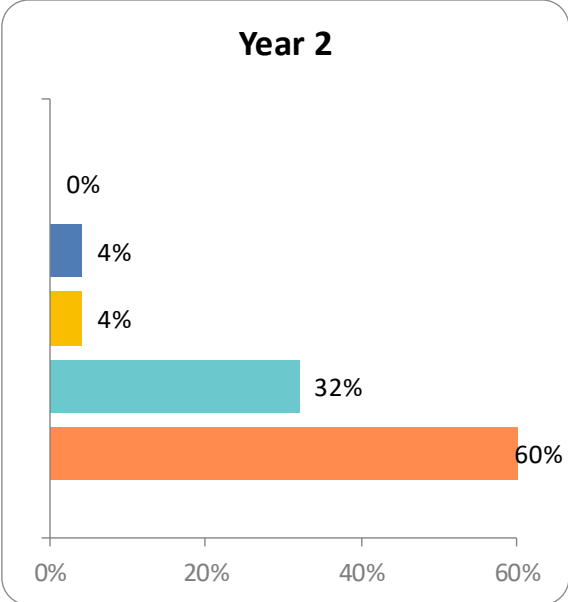
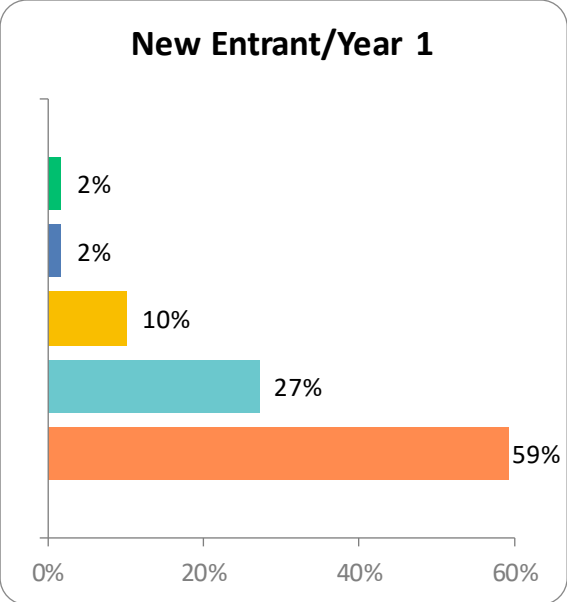


### How satisfied are you that any concerns you have about your child/children's learning are listened to?

Answered: 157 (94%)



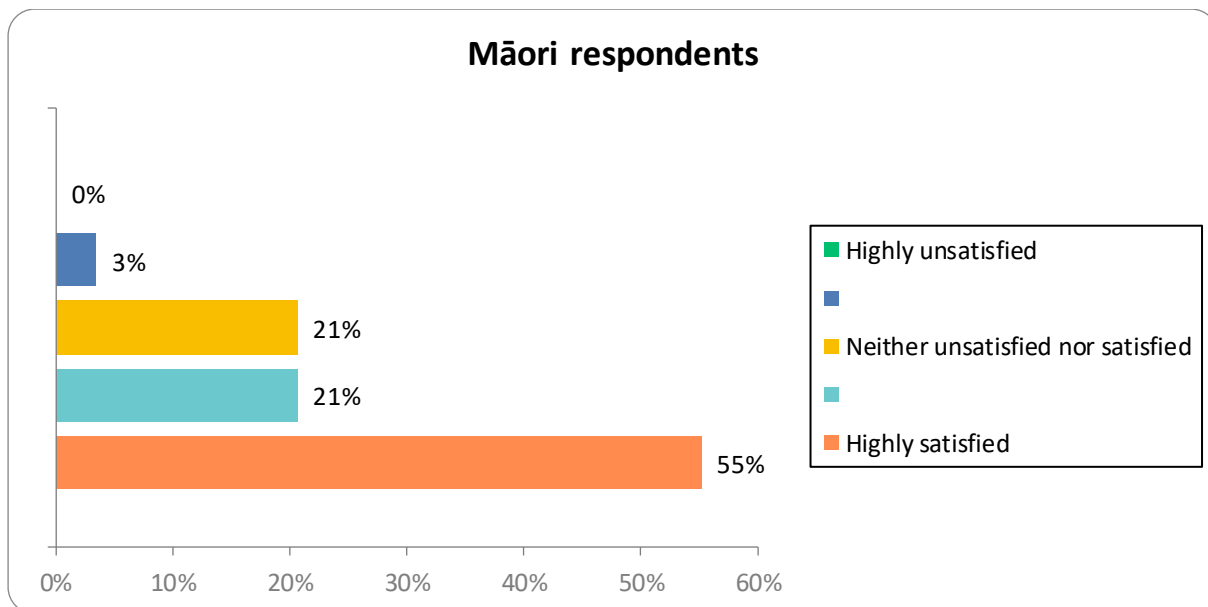
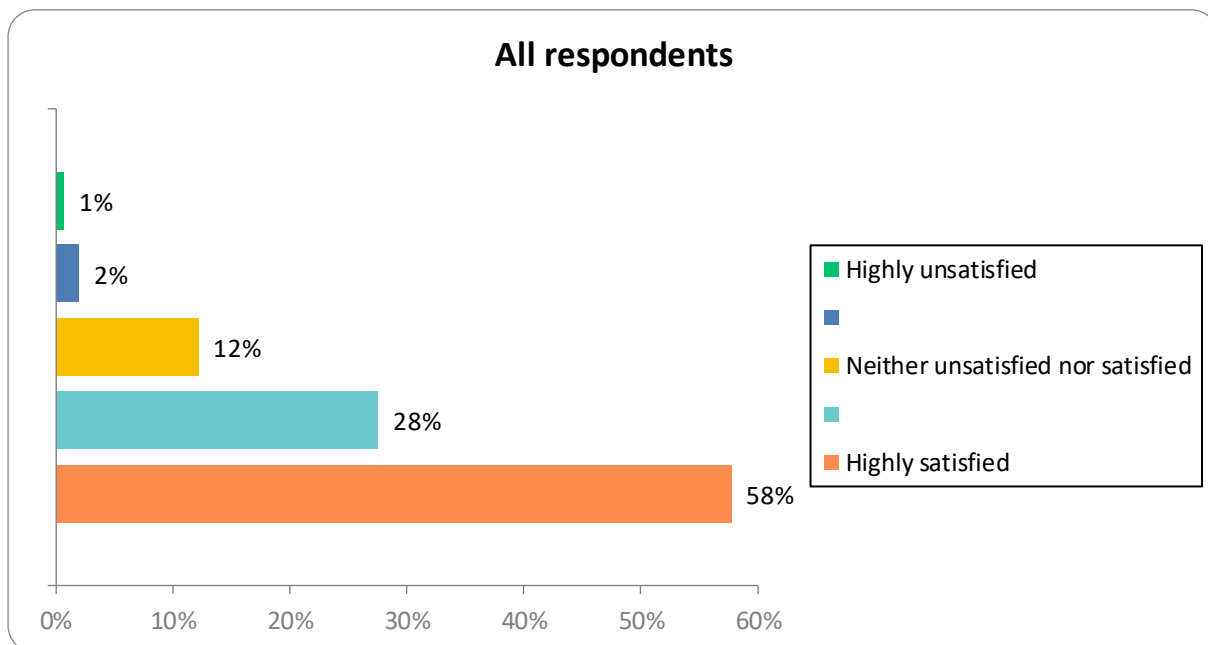




### 3. Inclusion and respect for cultural diversity

#### How satisfied are you that Hokowhitu School is inclusive and respectful of cultural diversity?

Answered: 156 (93%)



**Are there any events or celebrations that are important to your culture that you would like to see incorporated into the school year?**

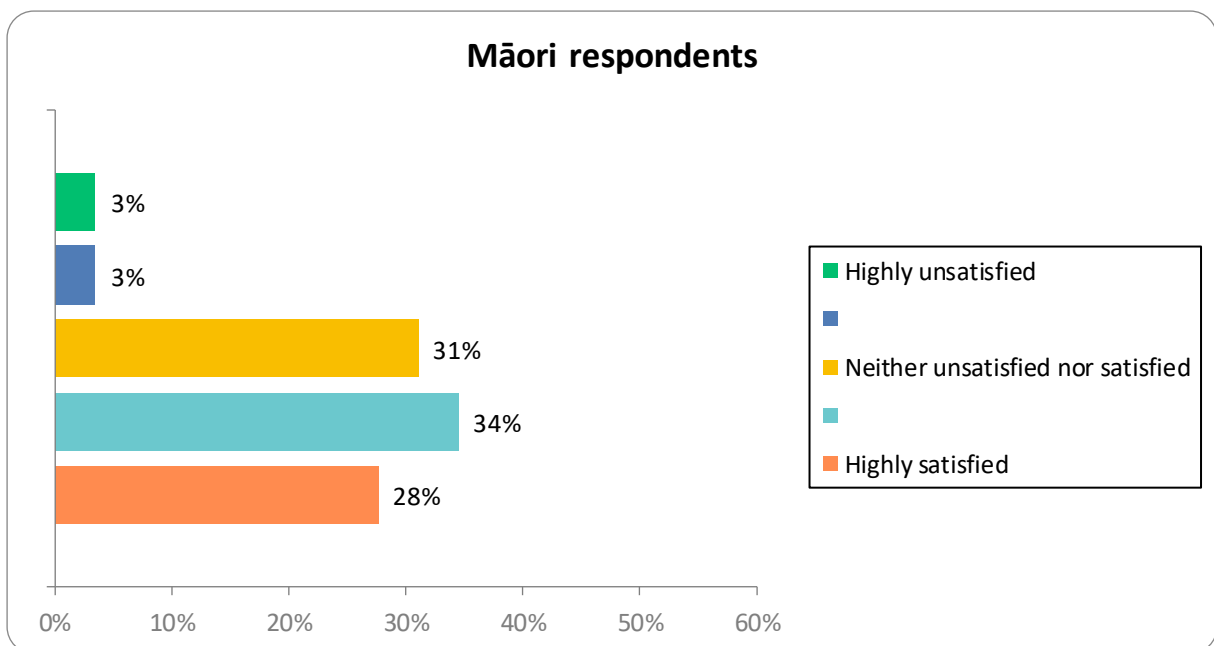
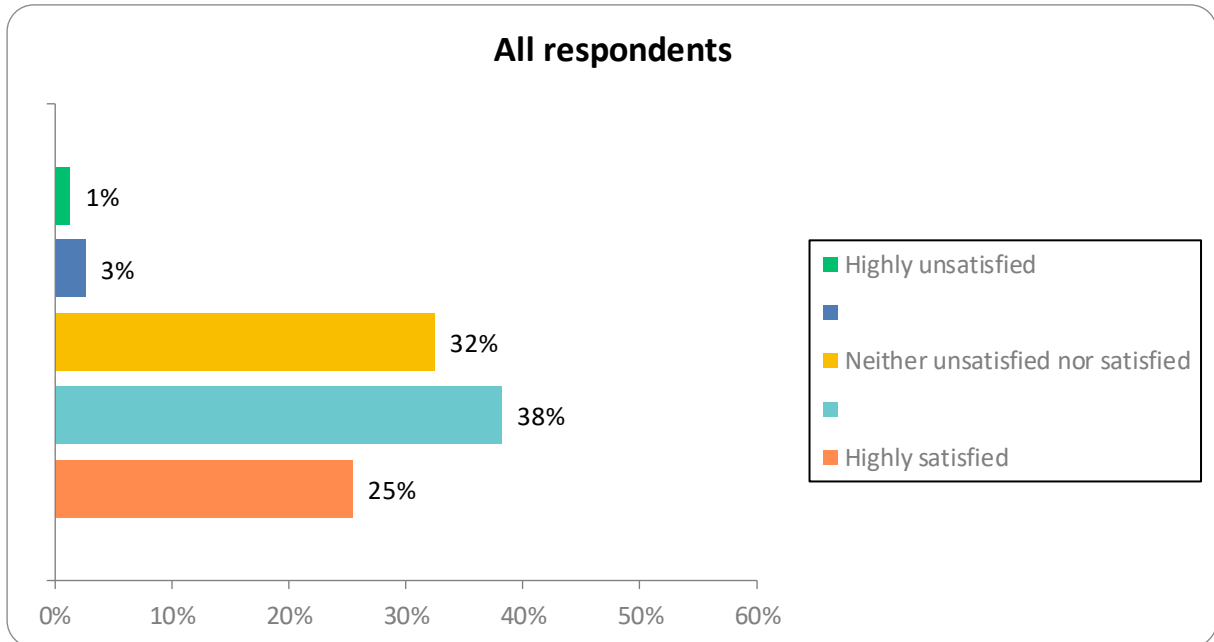
Answered: 39 (23%)

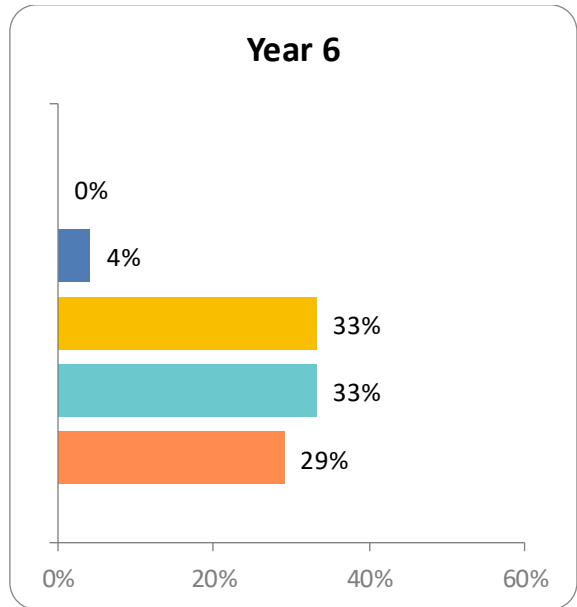
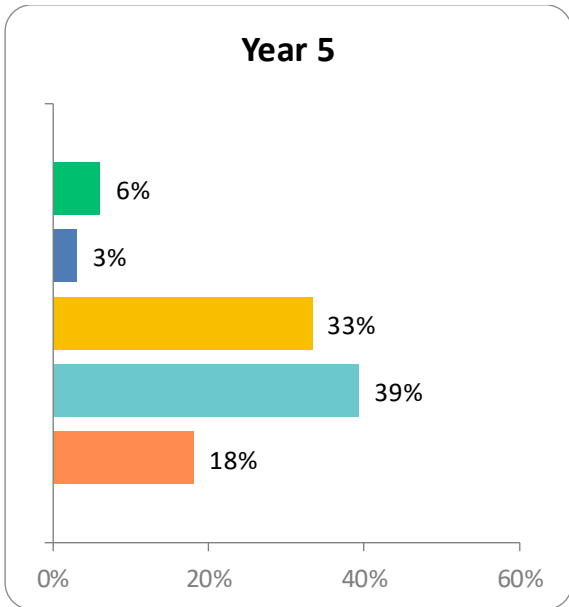
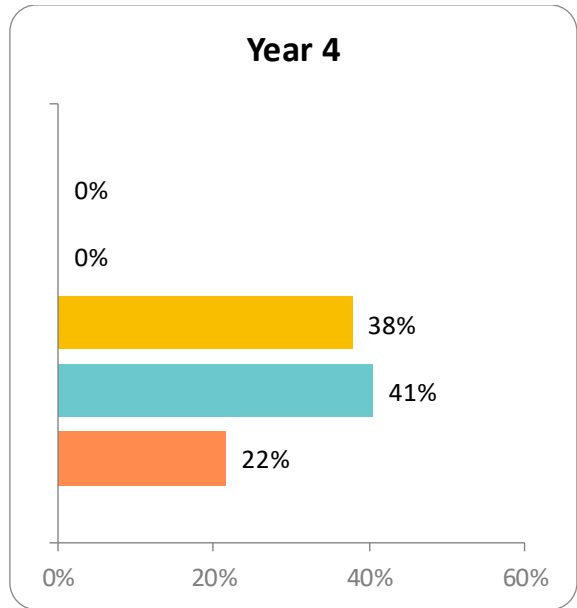
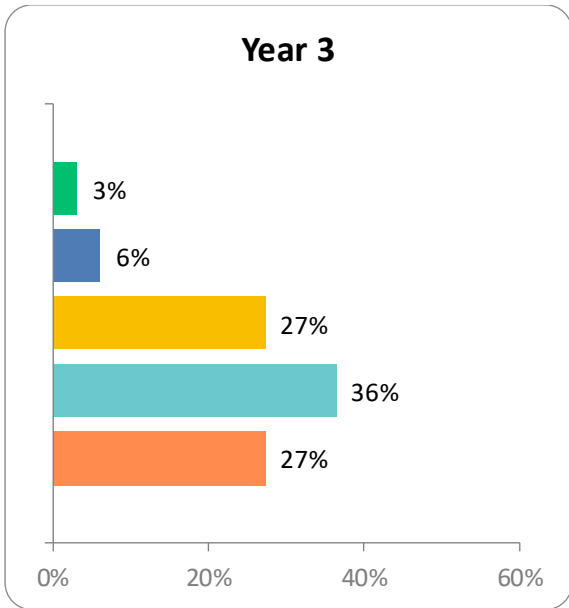
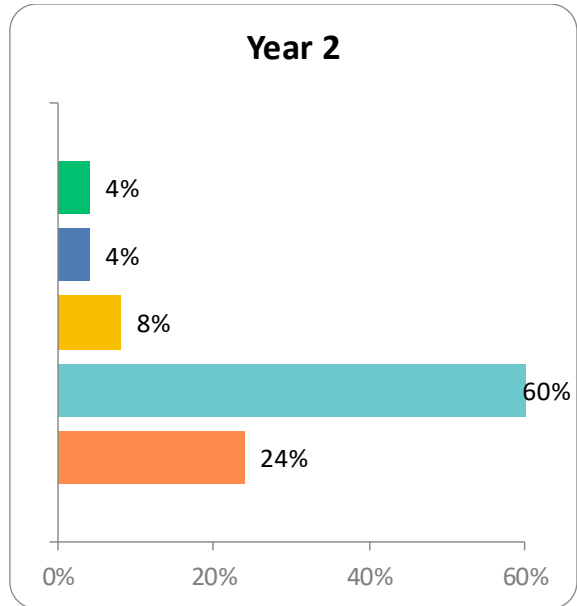
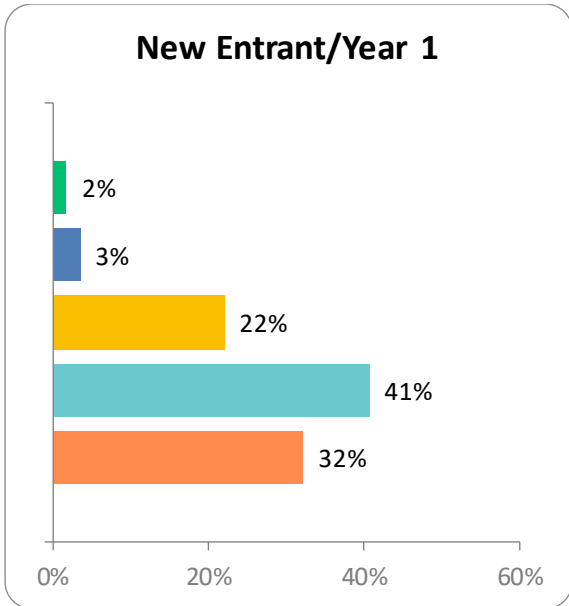


## 4. Relationship and conflict management

### How satisfied are you that students are taught effectively how to manage relationships and deal with conflict?

Answered: 157 (94%)

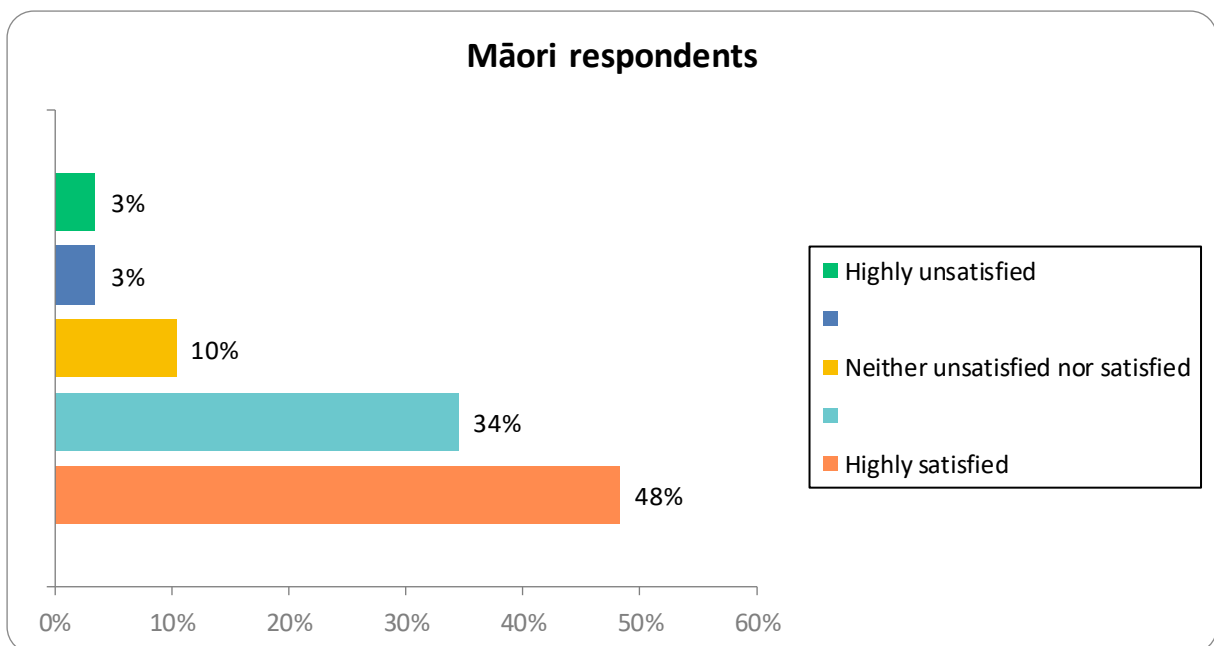
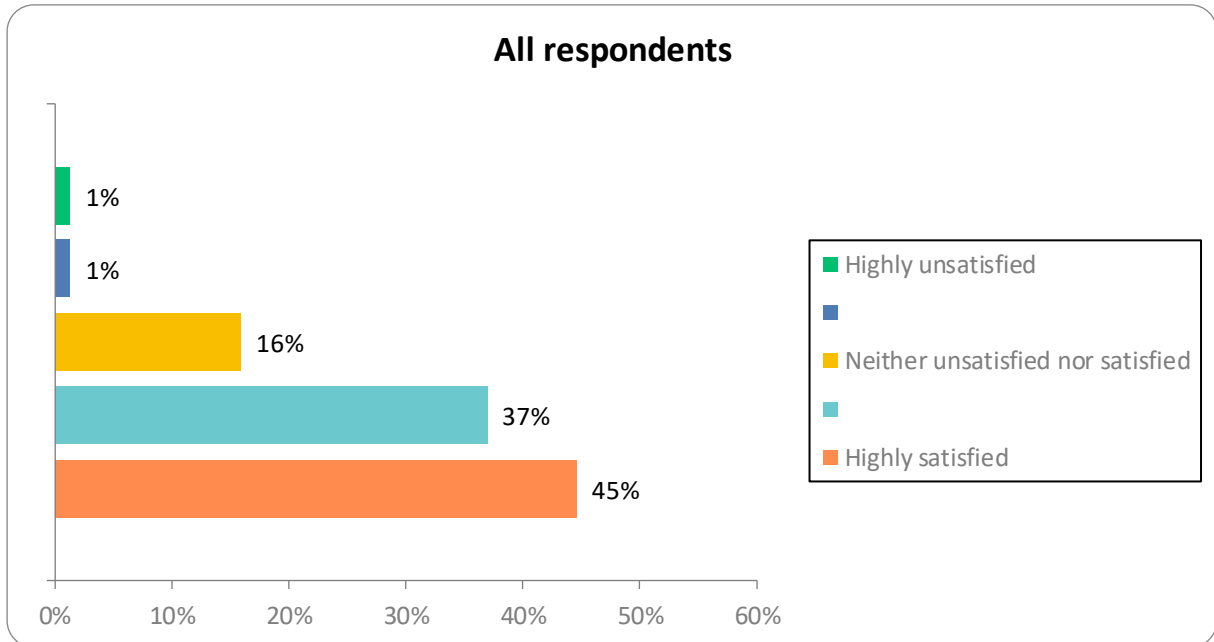


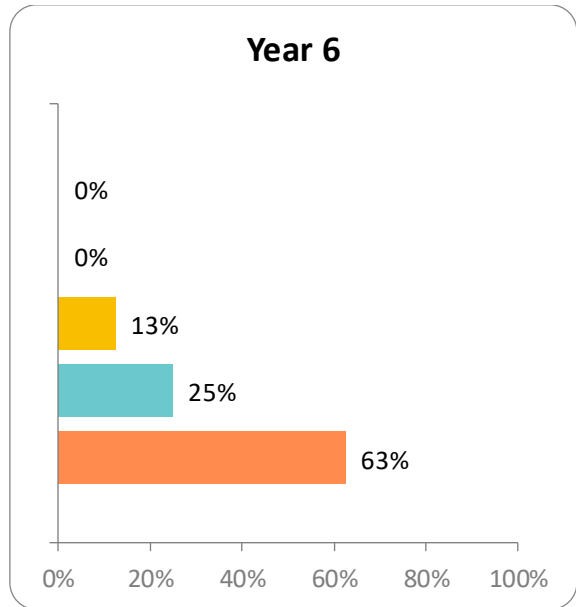
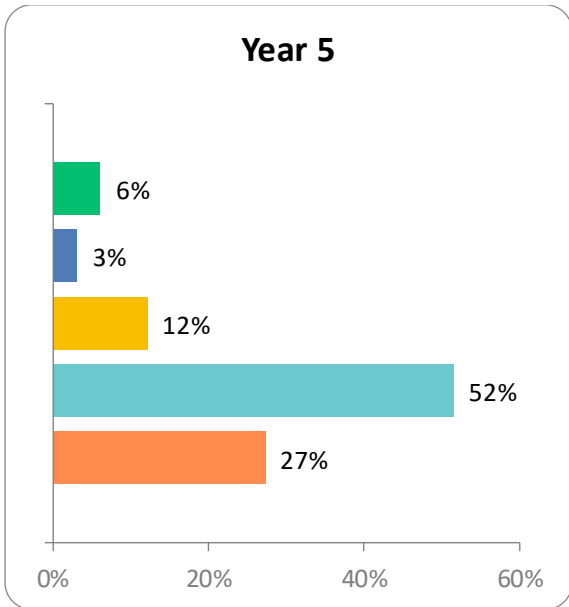
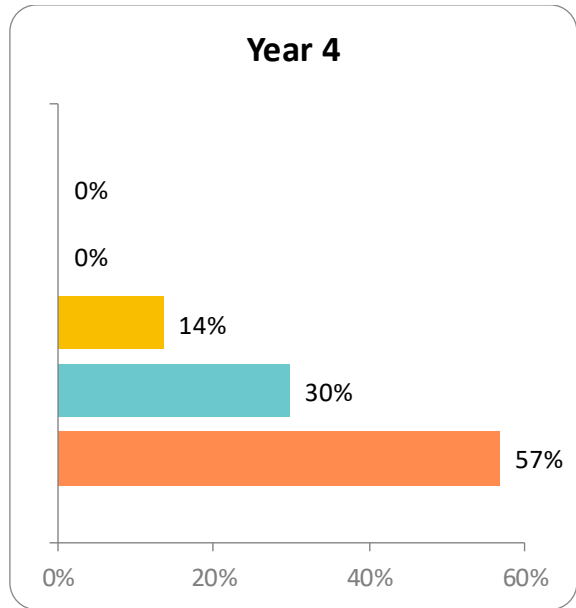
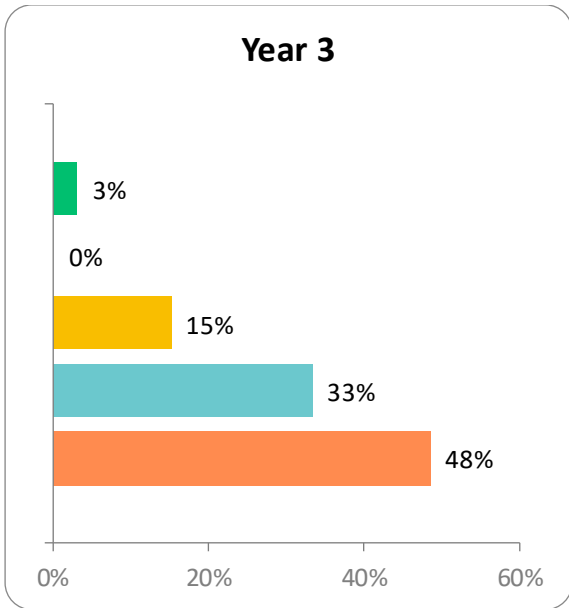
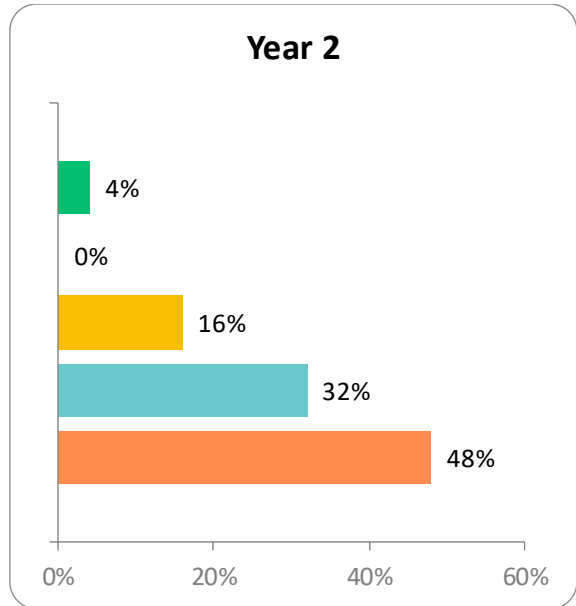
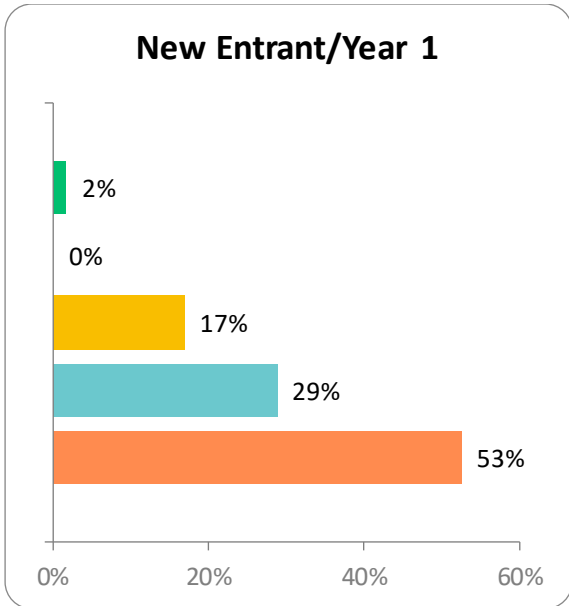


## 5. Physical and emotional safety

### How satisfied are you with the physical safety of your child/children at Hokowhitu School?

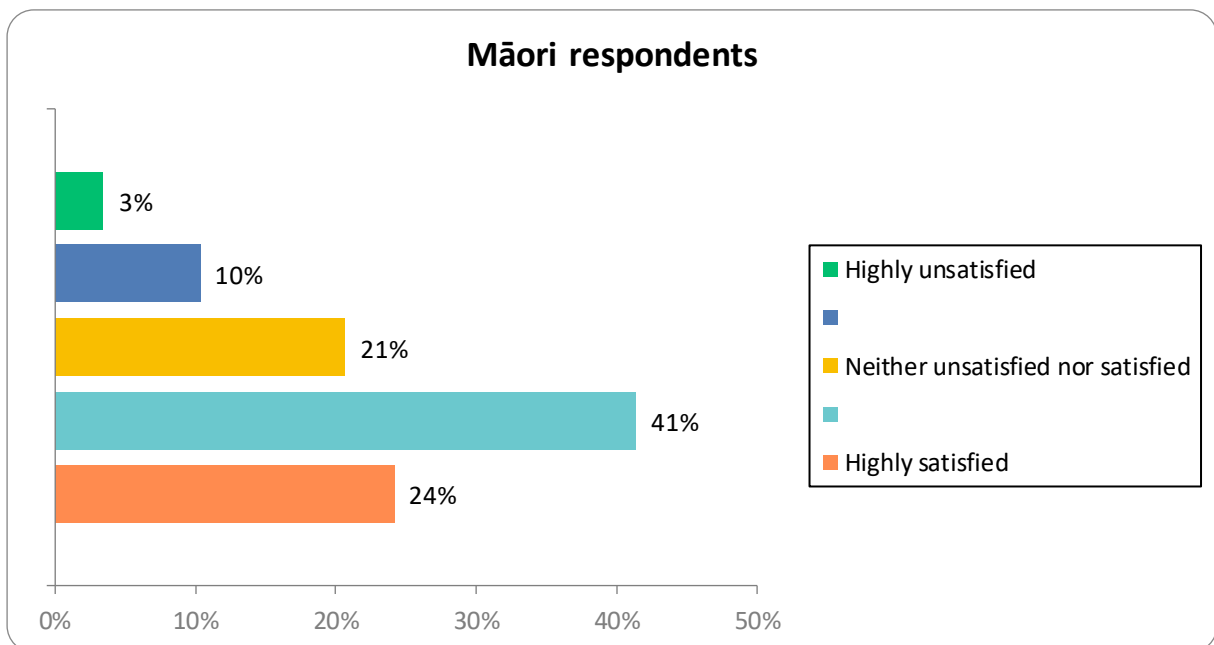
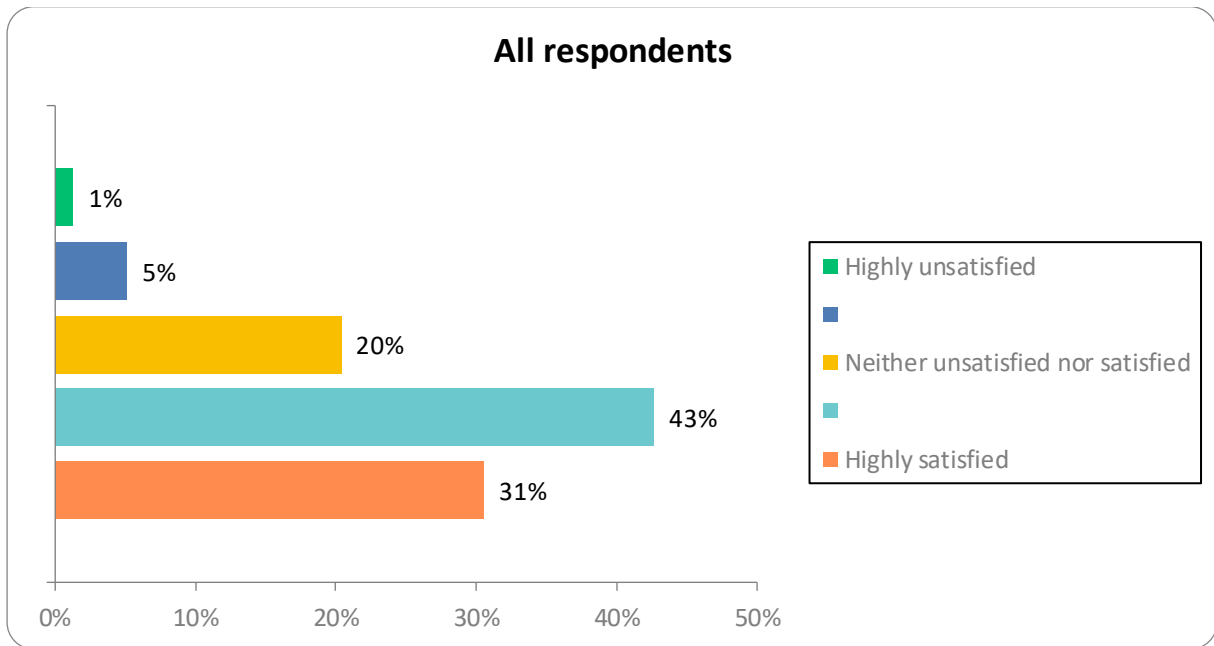
Answered: 157 (94%)



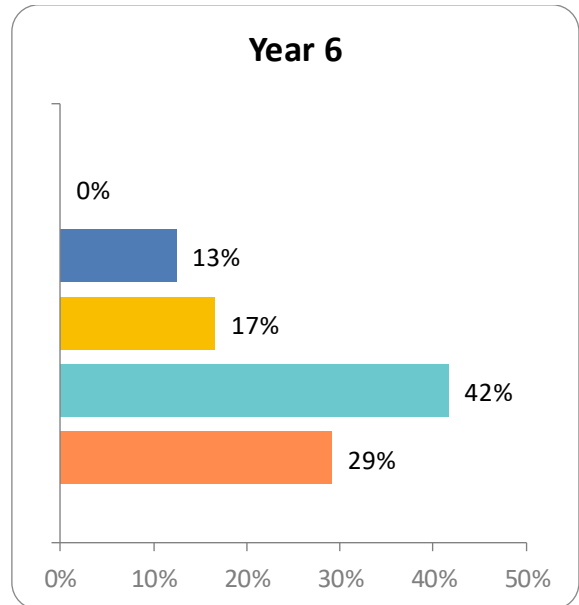
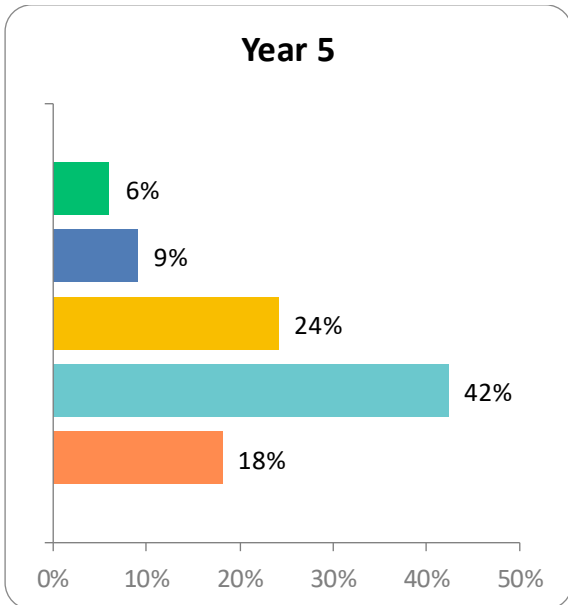
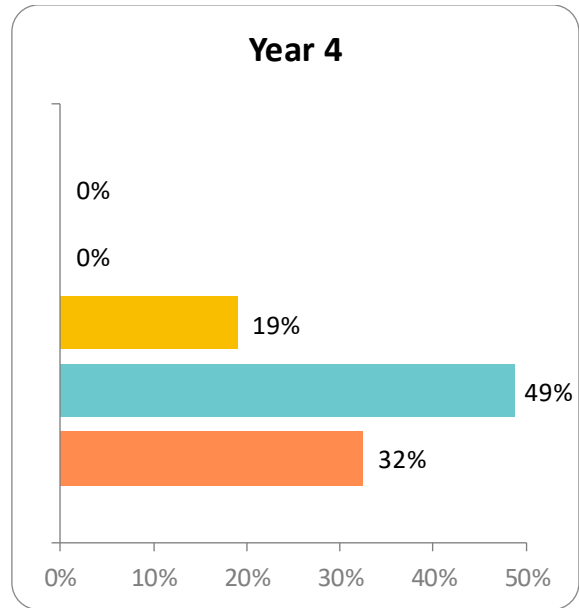
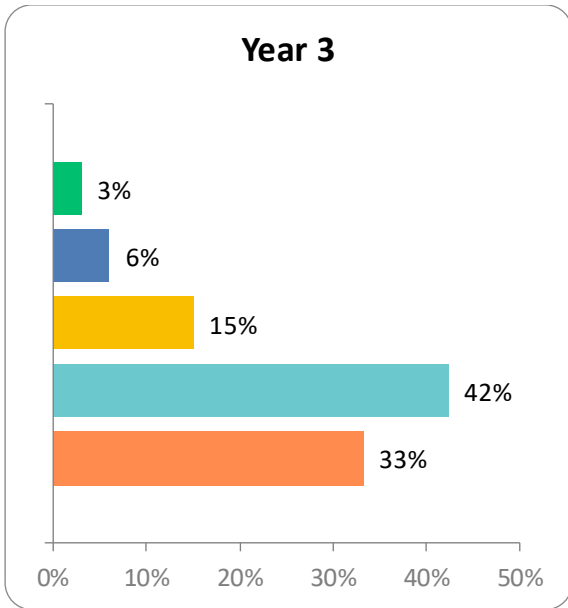
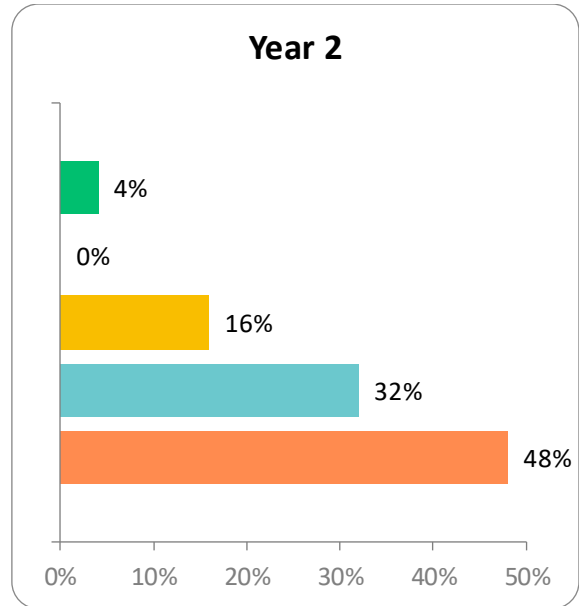
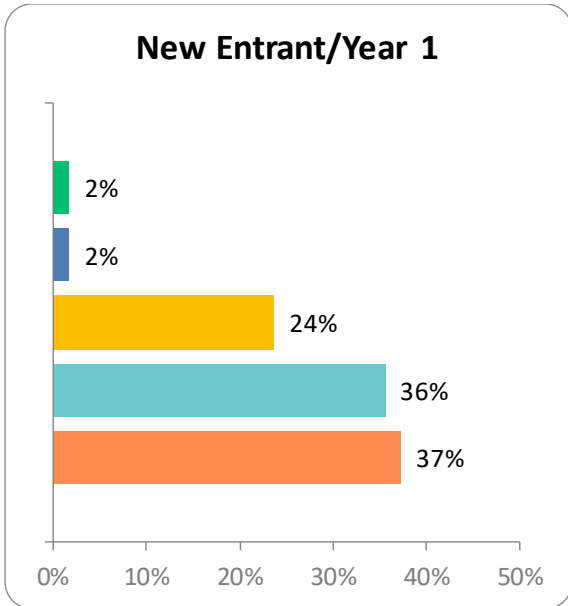


## How satisfied are you with the emotional safety of your child/children at Hokowhitu School?

Answered: 157 (94%)



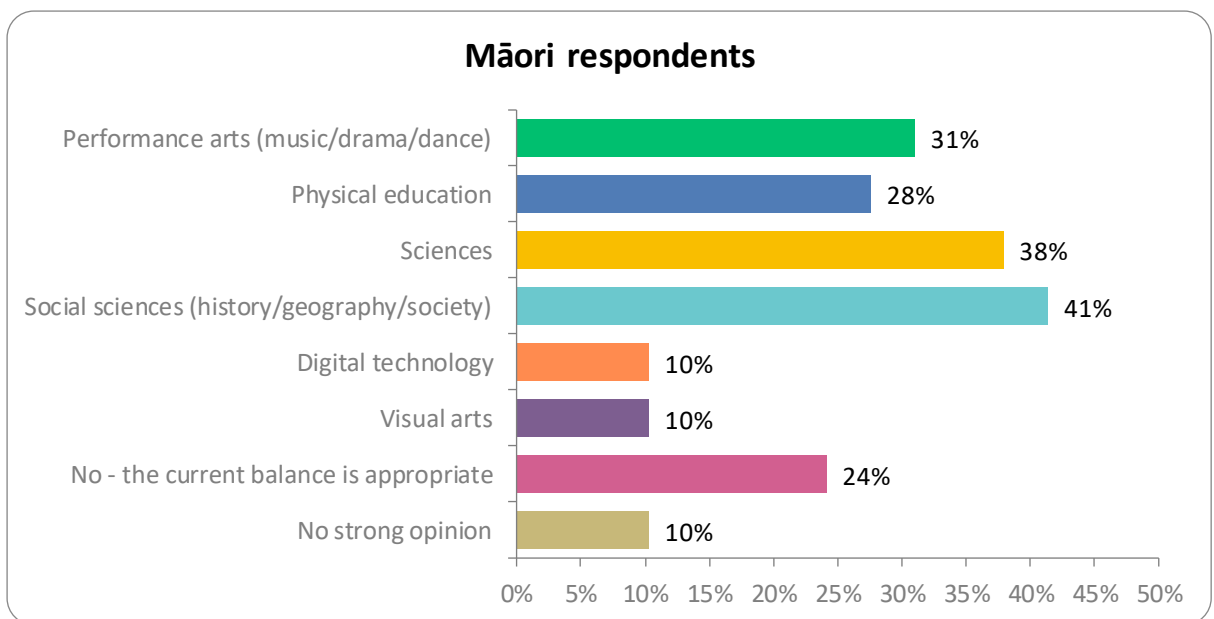
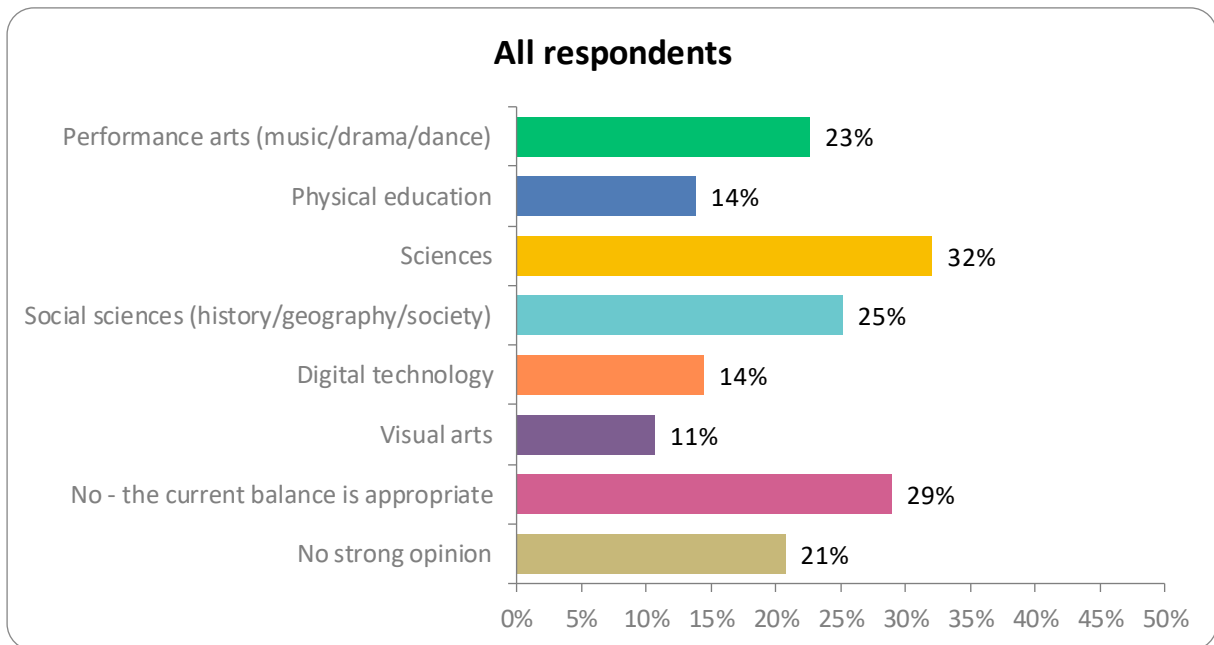




## 6. Curriculum areas

### Q5: Would you like to see more emphasis on any of the following areas of the curriculum?

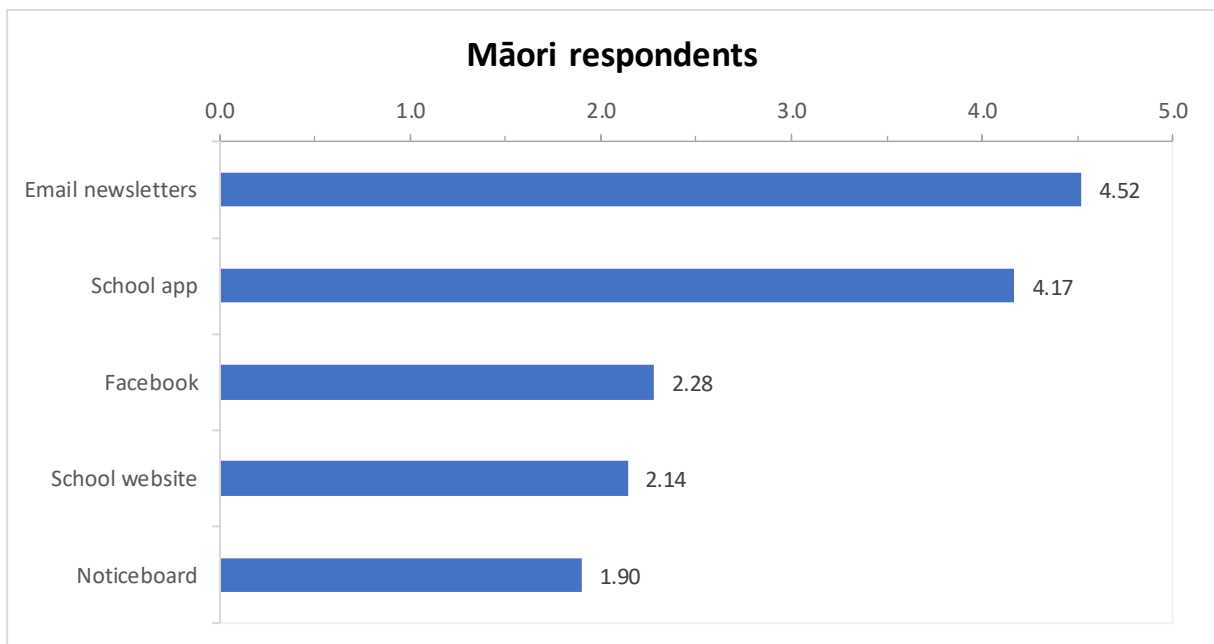
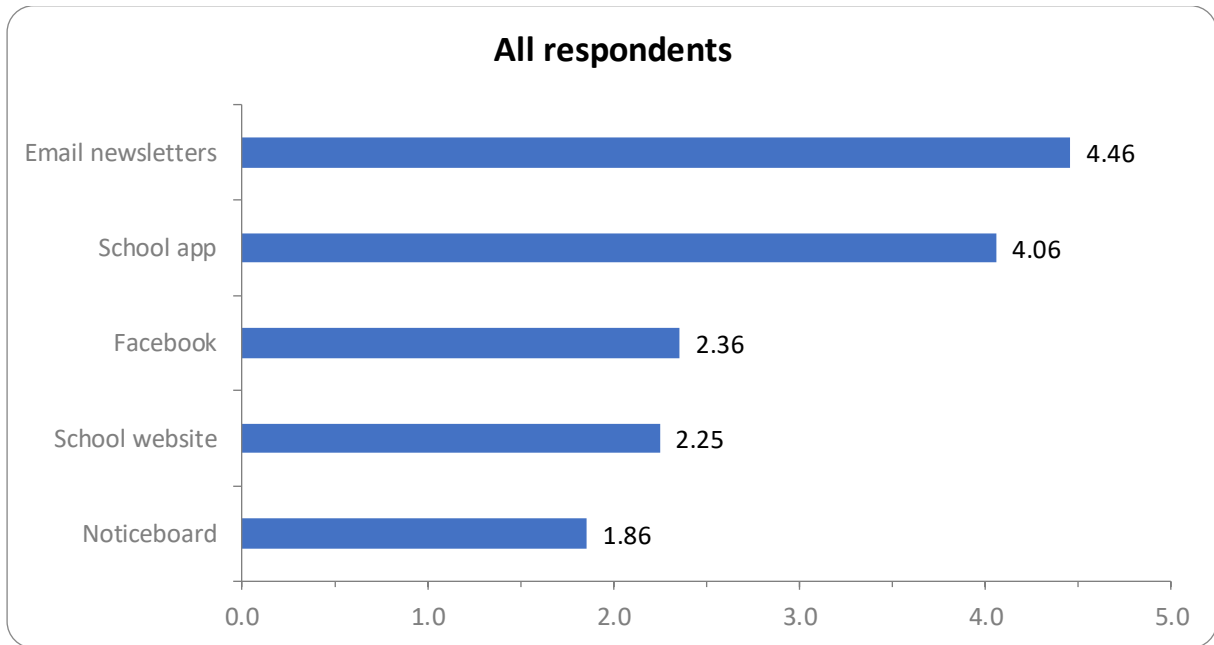
Answered: 159 (95%)



## 7. Communication and reporting

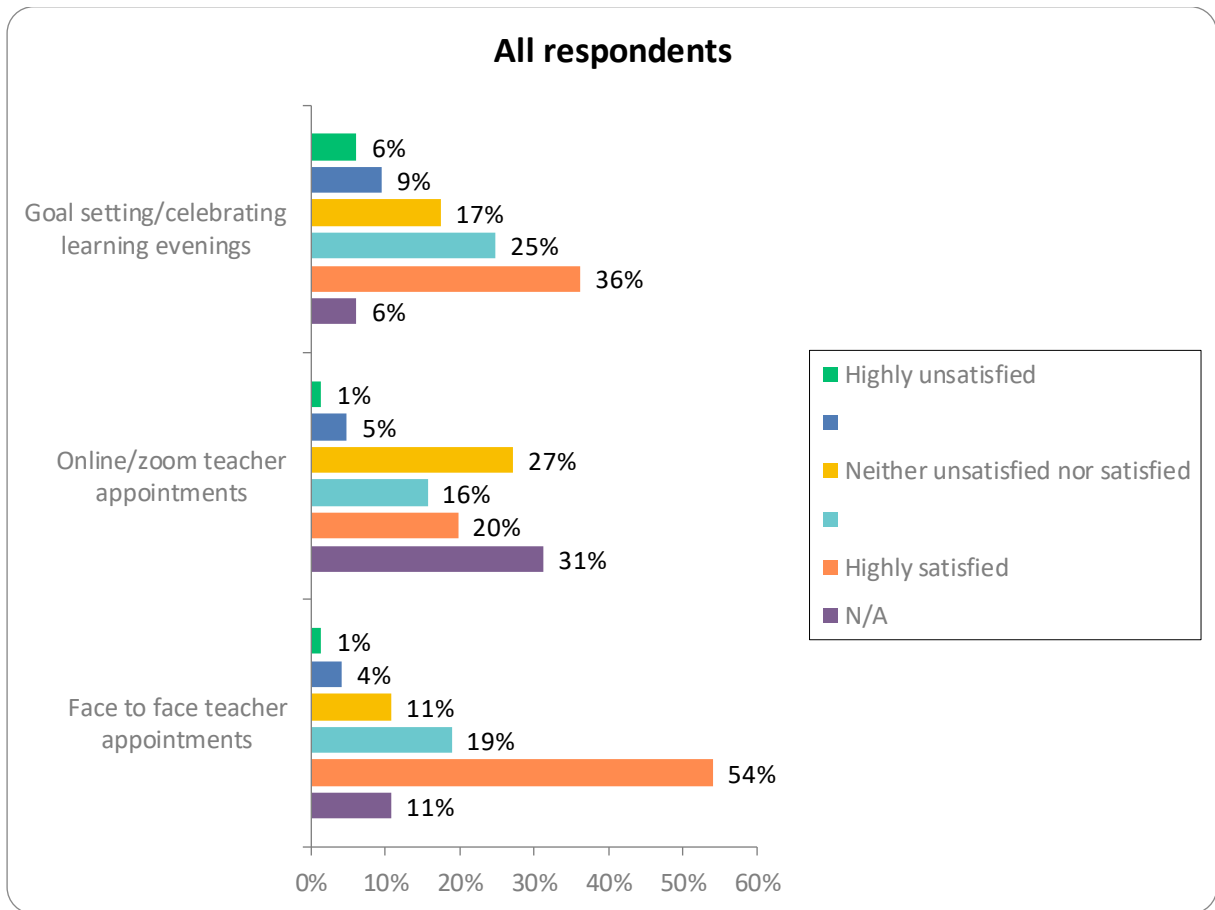
### Please rank your preferred means of receiving regular school news

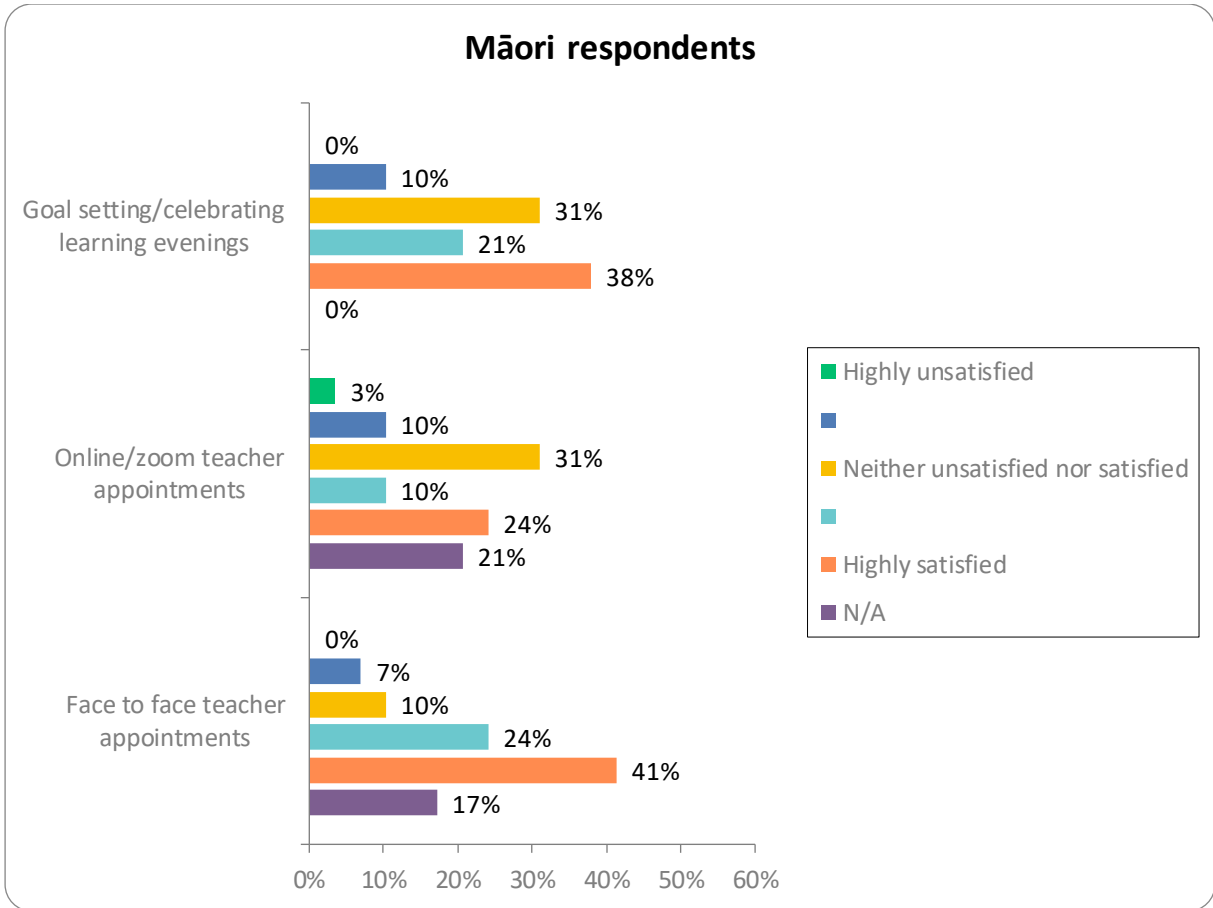
Answered: 147 (88%)



### How satisfied are you with the effectiveness of the following methods of reporting your child/children's progress?

Answered: 149 (89%)

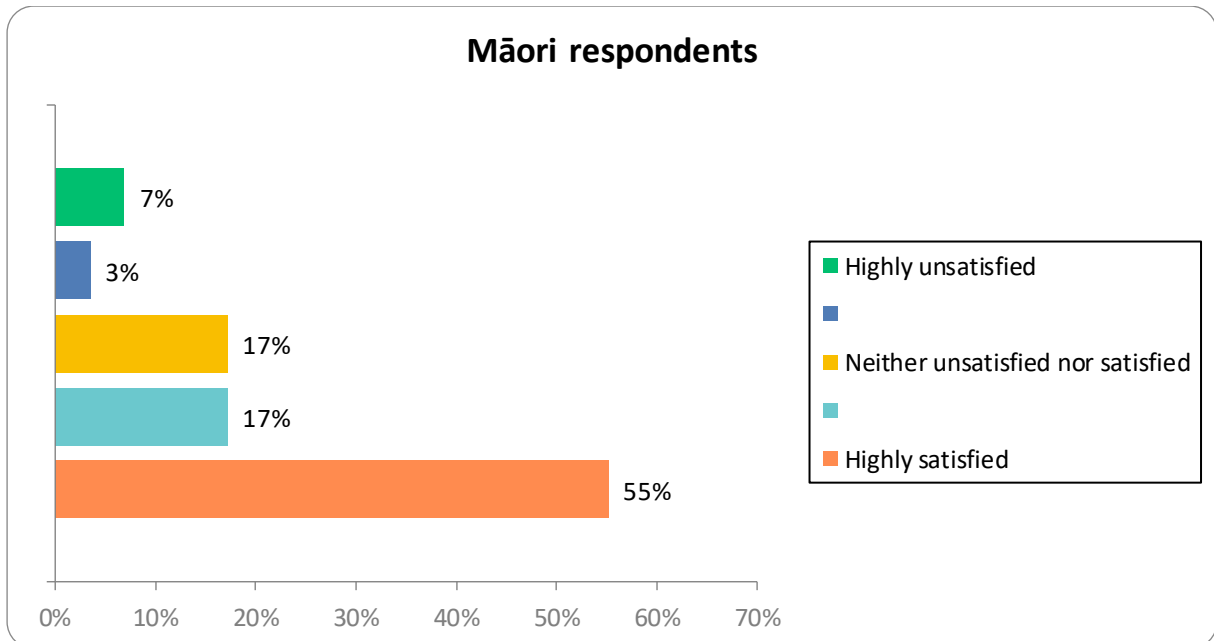
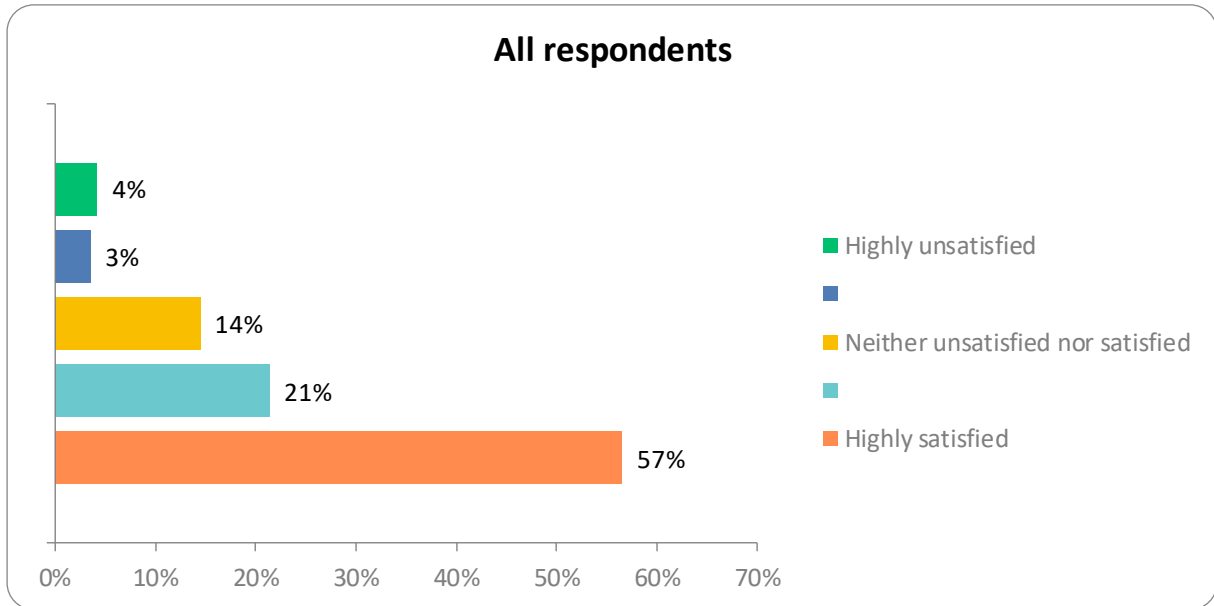


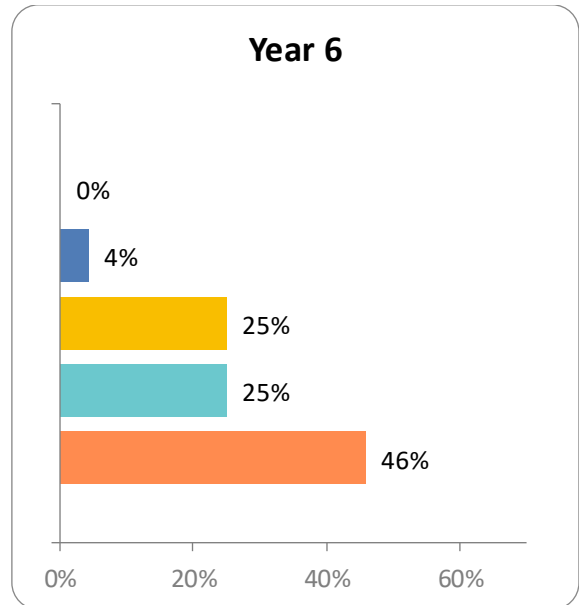
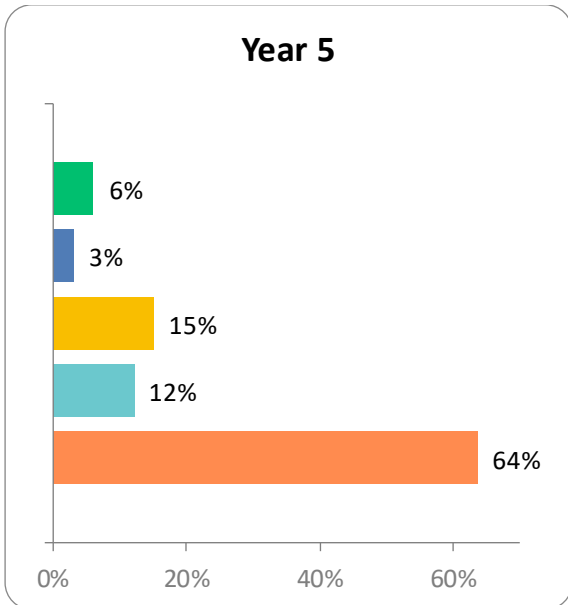
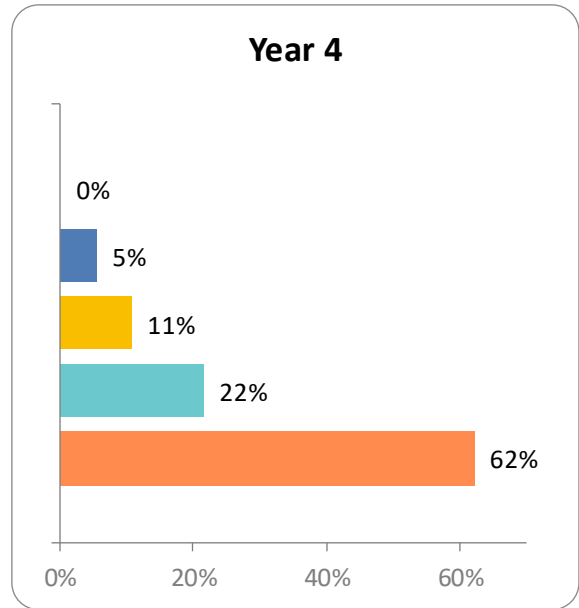
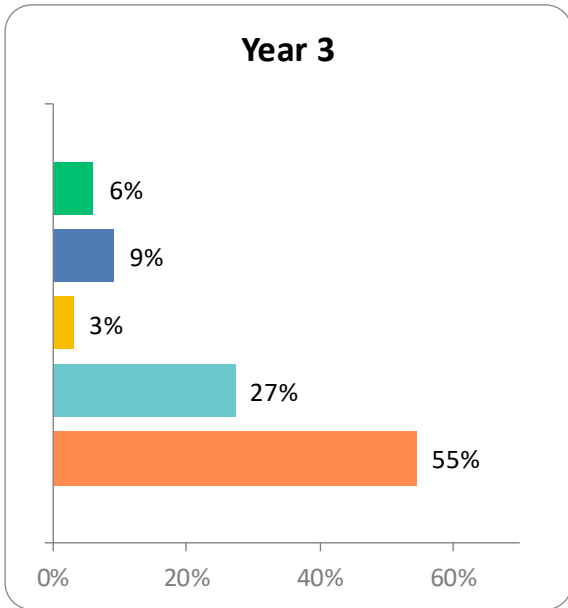
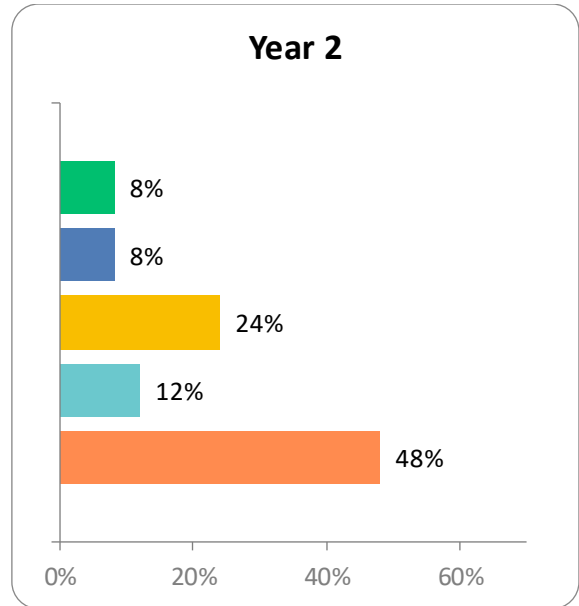
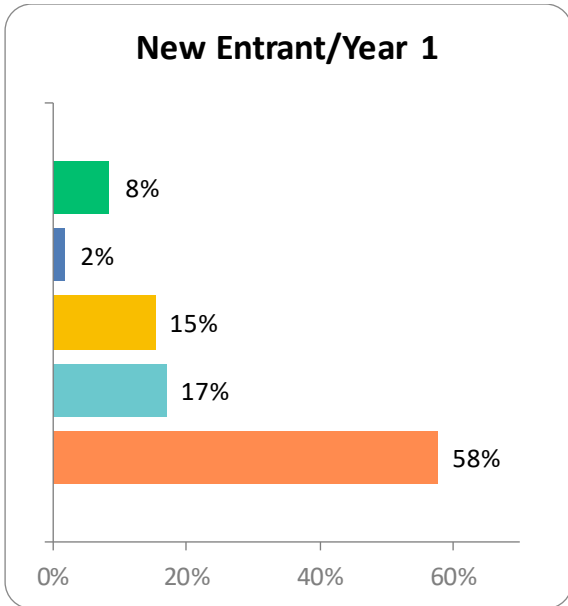


## 8. Start and end of school day

### How satisfied are you with the current arrangements for dropping off and picking up your child/children at their Kete?

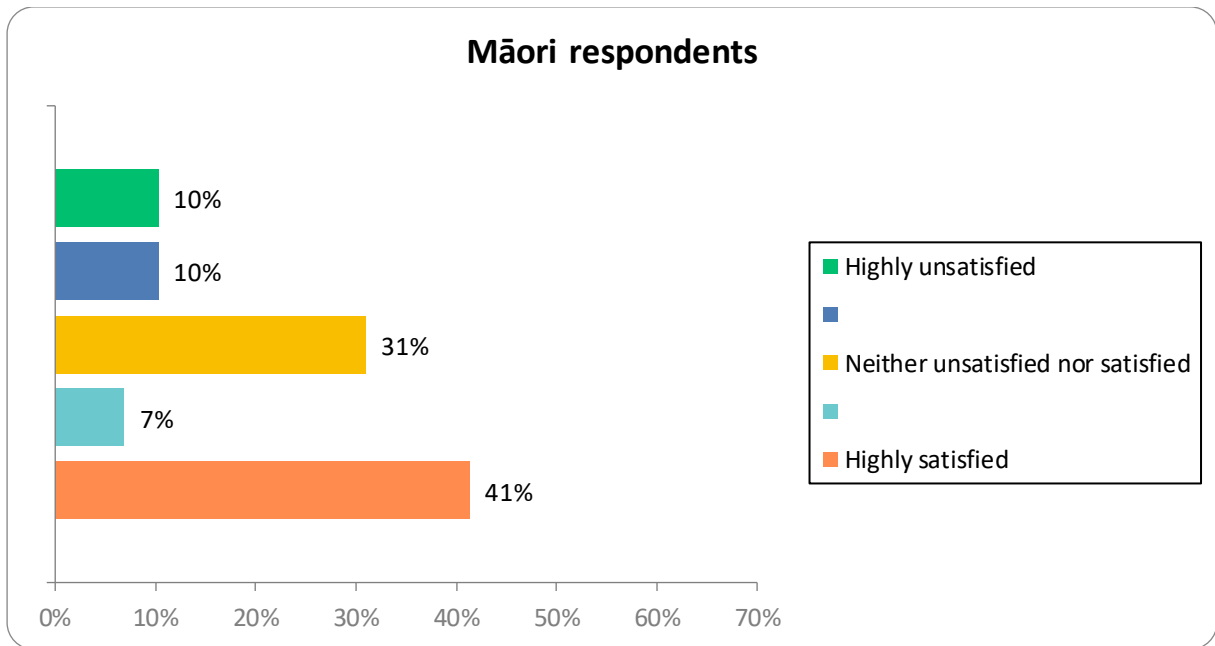
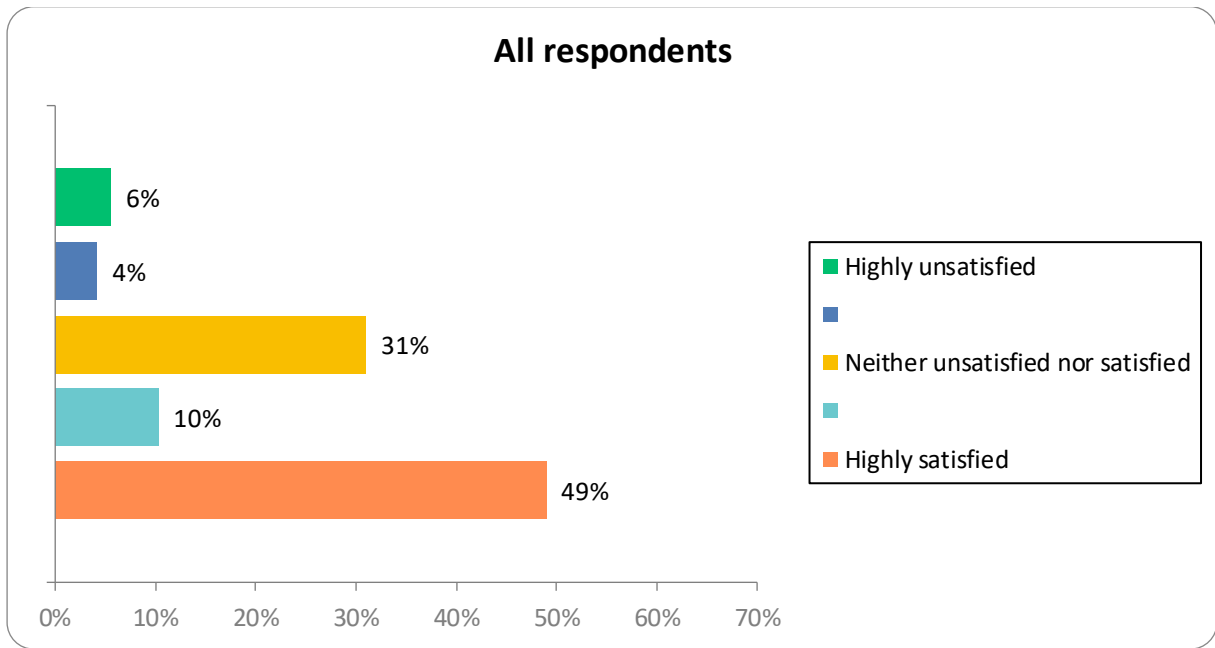
Answered: 145 (87%)



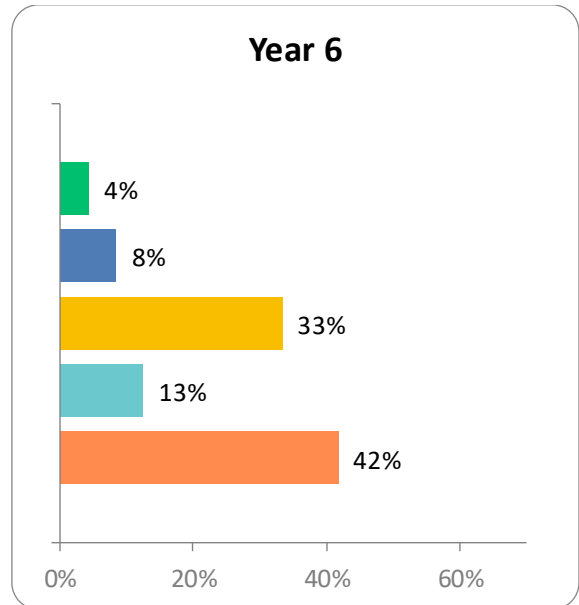
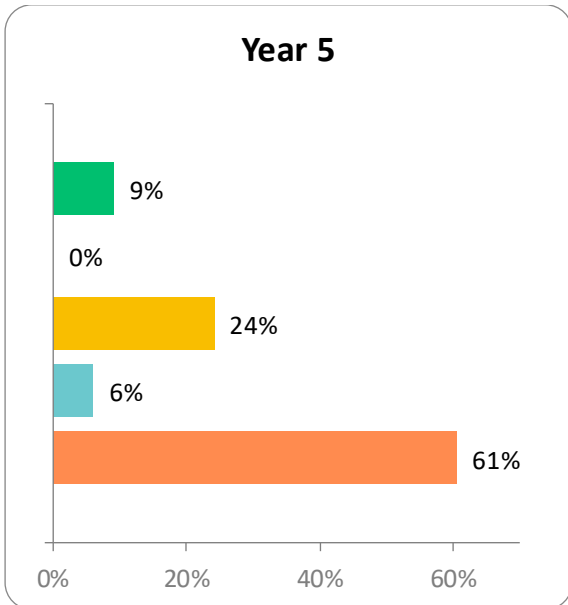
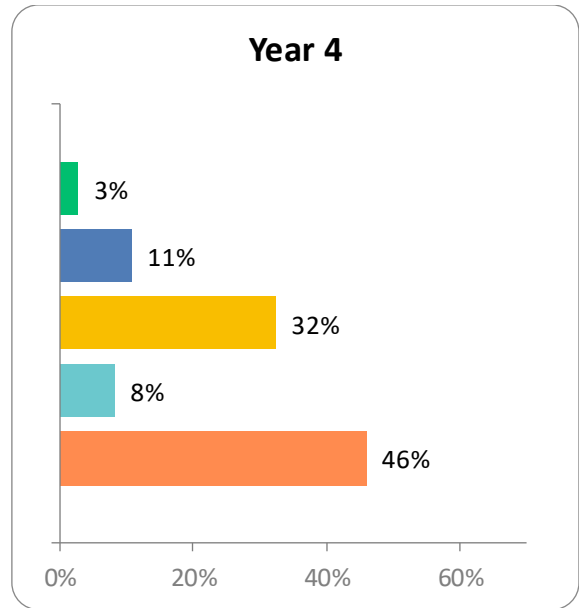
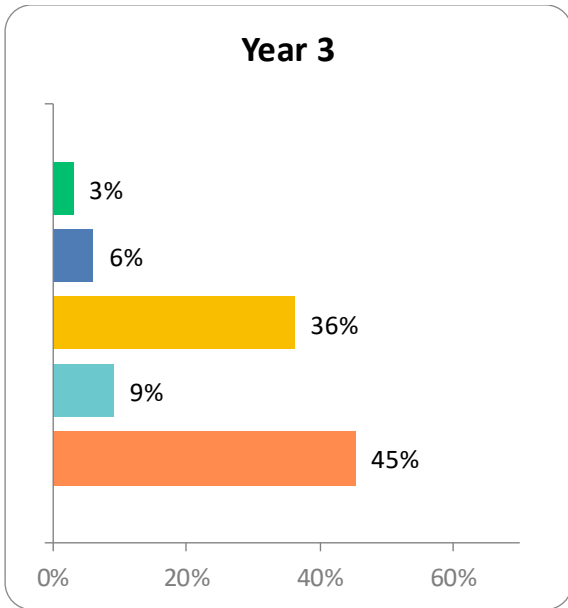
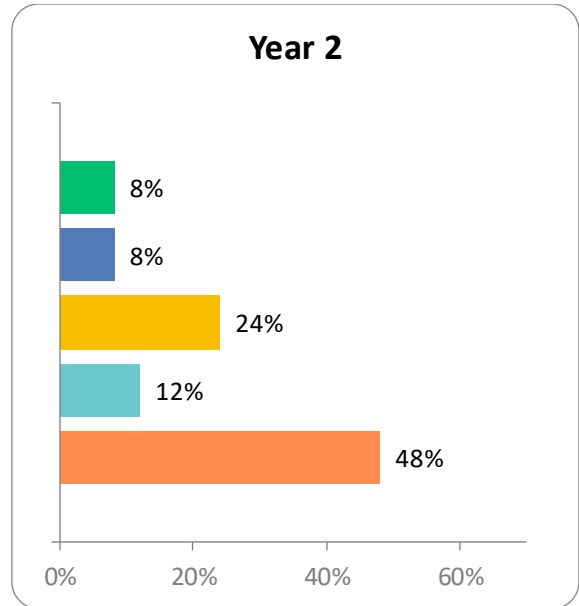
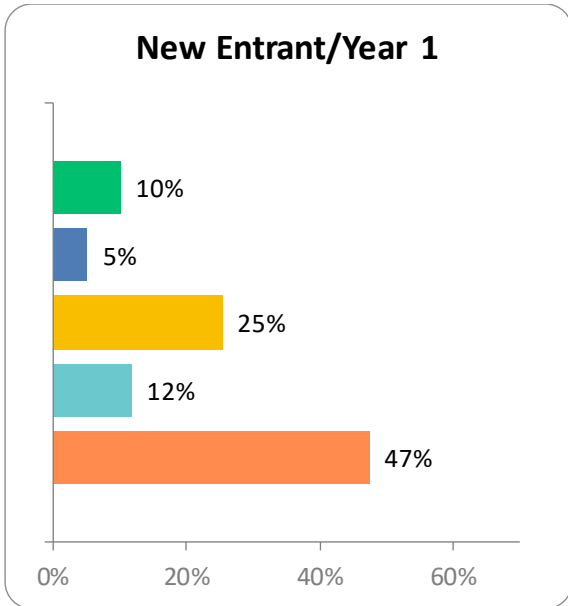


### Q20: How satisfied are you with the current split time at the end of the school day?

Answered: 145 (87%)



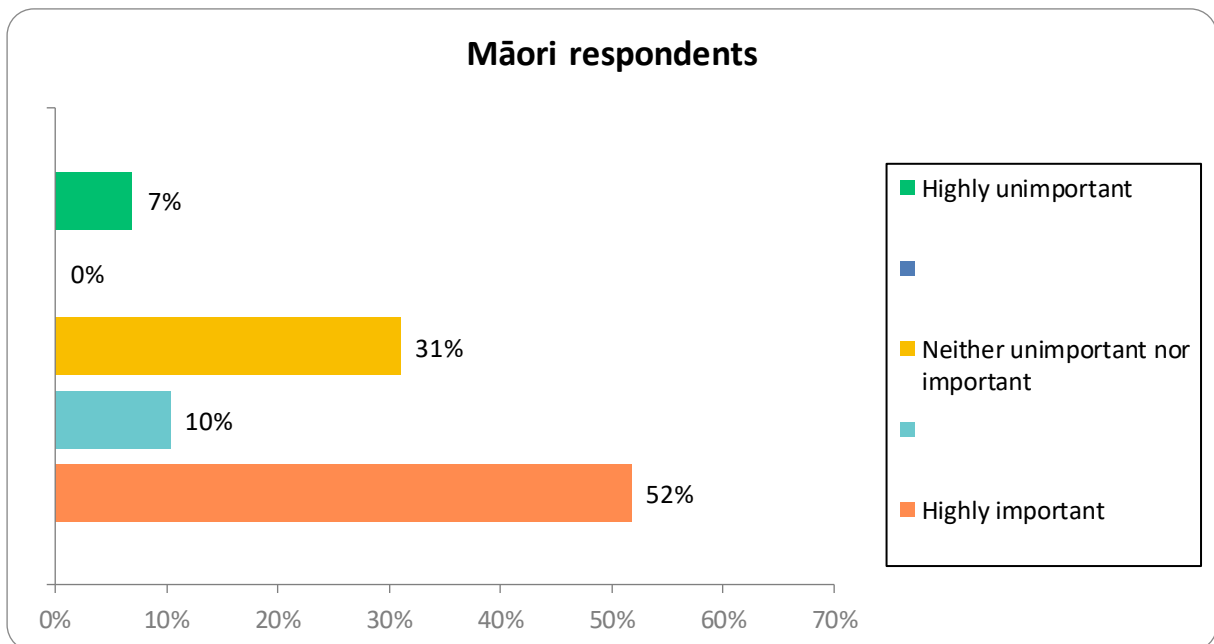
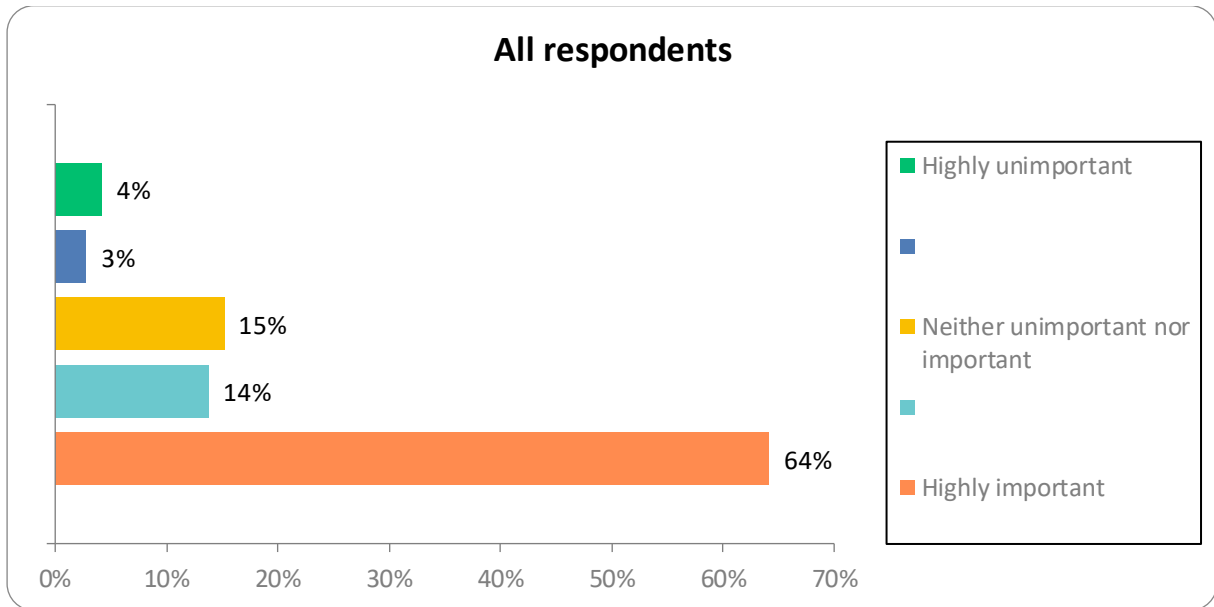




## 9. School uniform

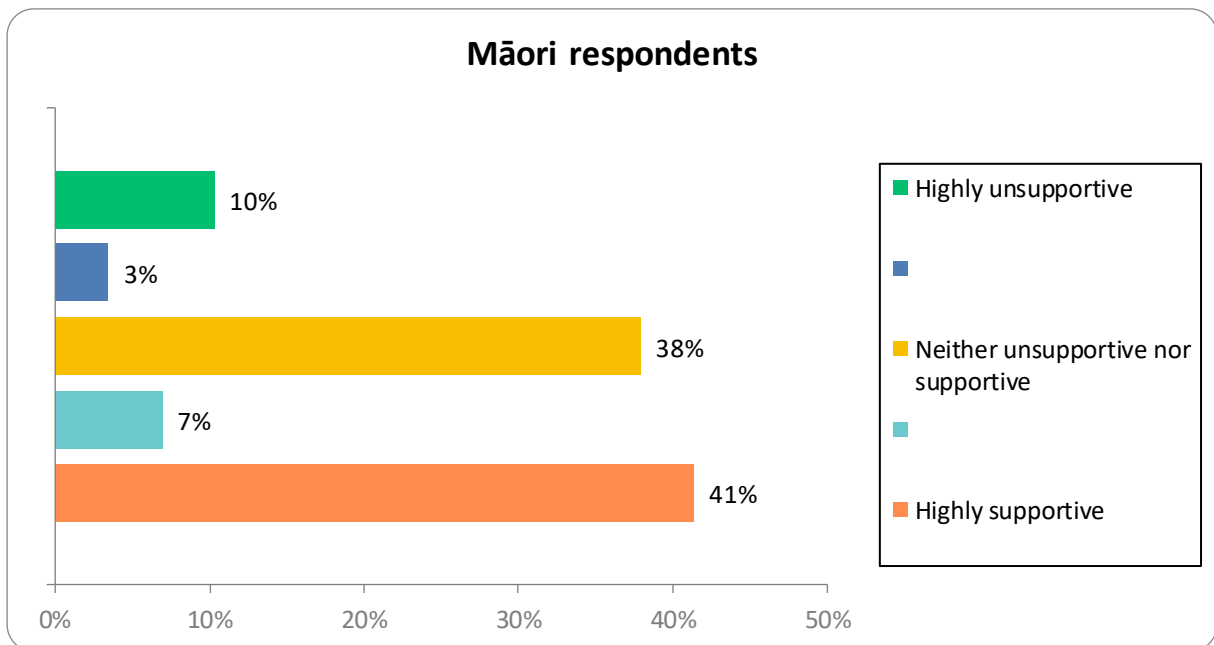
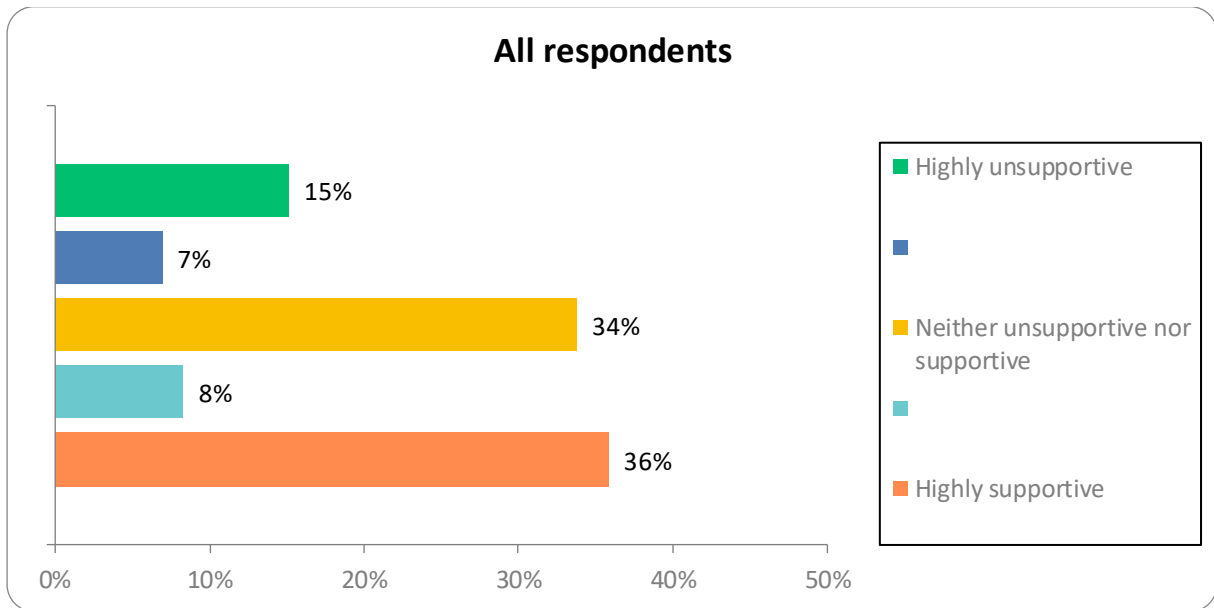
### How important is it to you that Hokowhitu School has a school uniform?

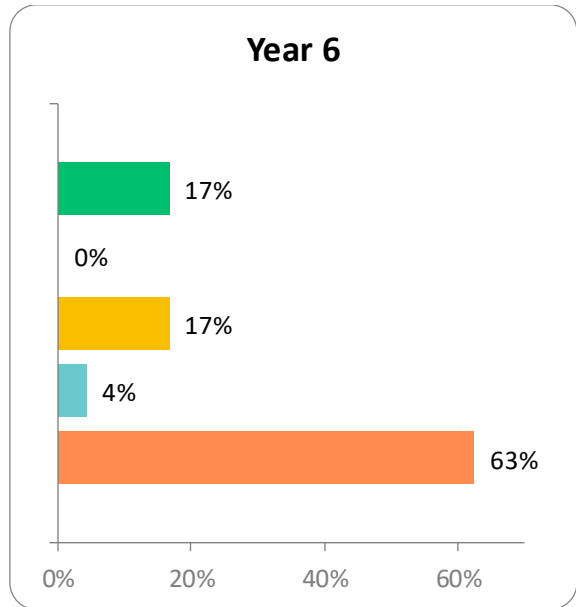
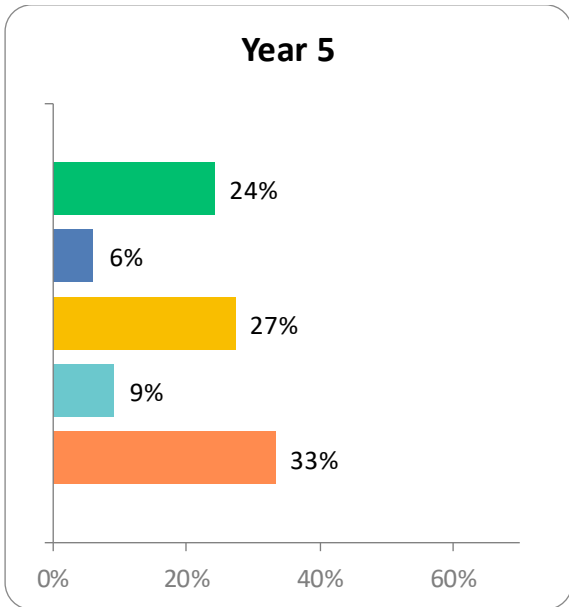
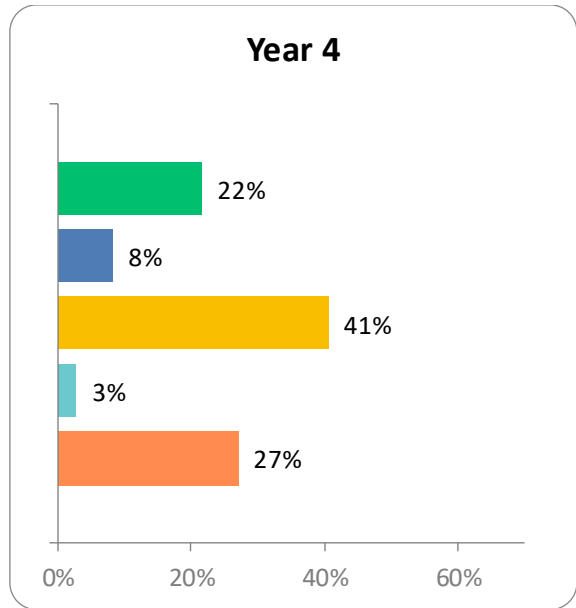
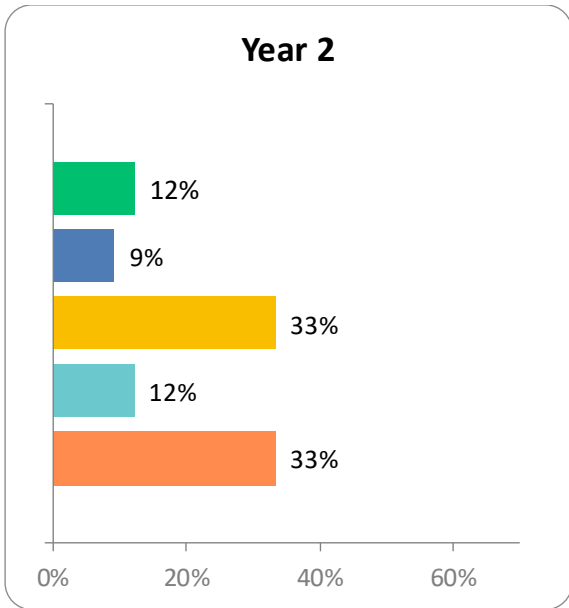
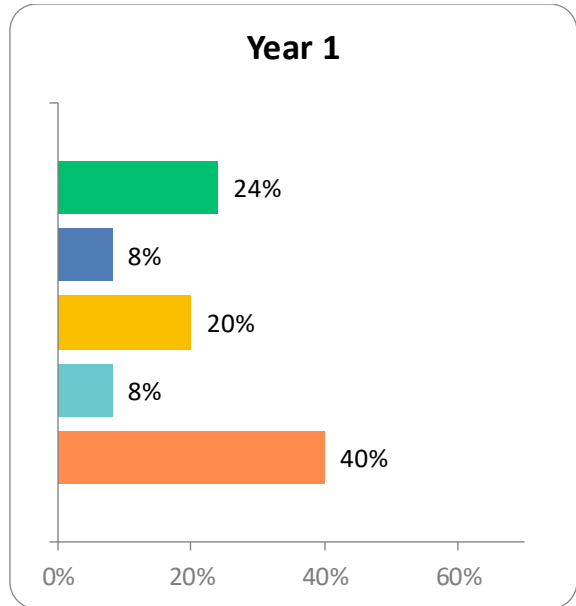
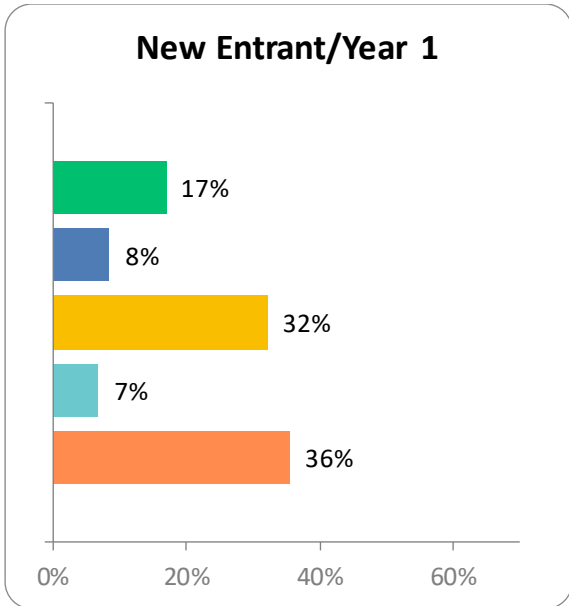
Answered: 145 (87%)



## How supportive would you be of changing to a gender-neutral school uniform?

Answered: 145 (87%)

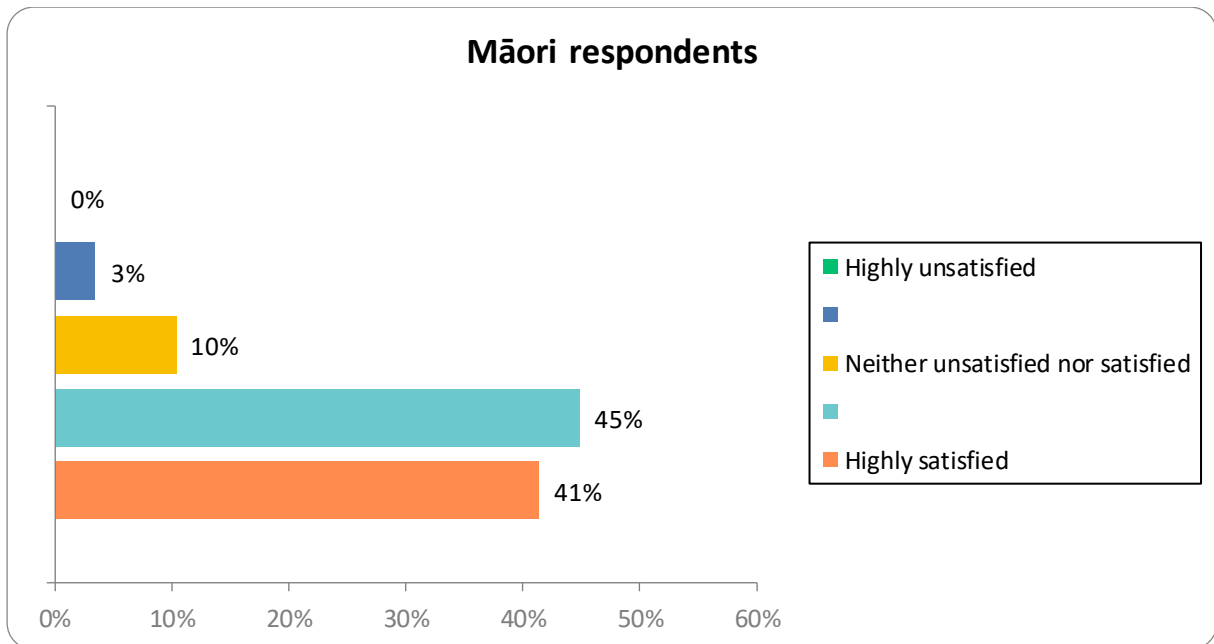
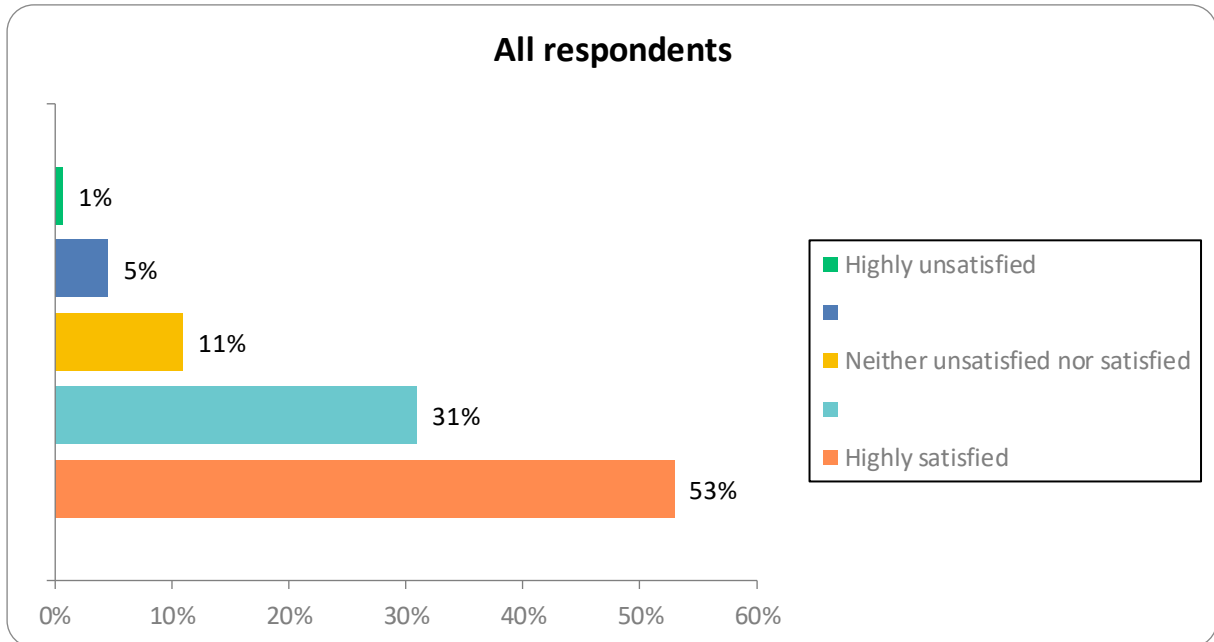




## 10. Quality of school facilities

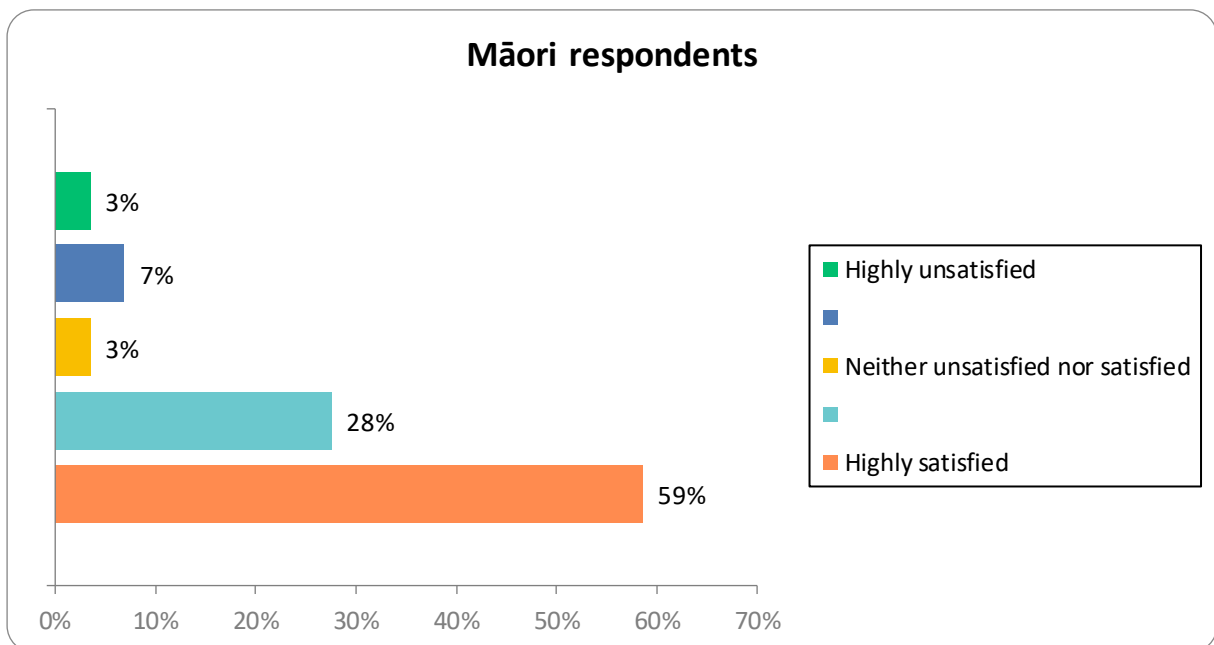
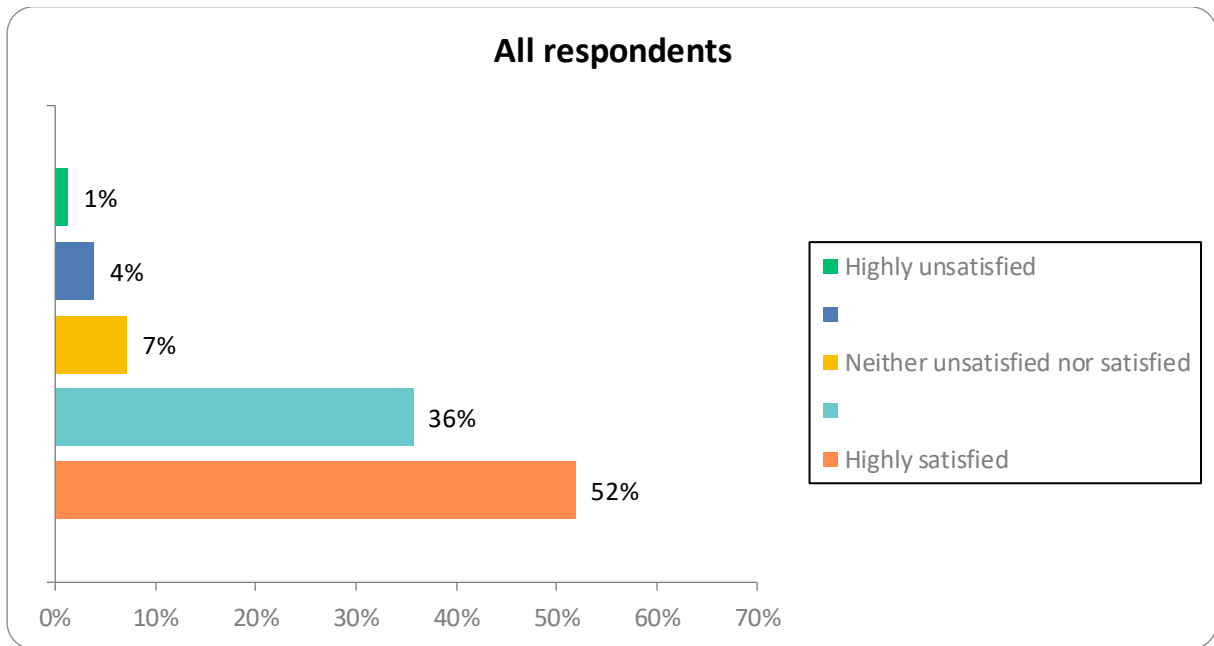
### How satisfied are you with the quality of the classrooms at Hokowhitu School?

Answered: 155 (93%)



## How satisfied are you with the quality of the outdoor facilities and environment at Hokowhitu School?

Answered: 154 (92%)



## **Do you have any suggestions for the Board about improvements that can be made to the school's facilities or environment?**

Answered: 42 (925%)

### **Classrooms and buildings**

- Dividers/smaller spaces in ketes to reduce noise, enhance concentration, etc (4)
- Desks in classrooms
- Deck area surrounding TKA and TKM improved similar to changes made outside TKW.
- Bathroom cleanliness (2)
- Increased hall size

### **Playgrounds and outdoor spaces**

- Playground improvements (4)
  - Jungle gym
  - Swings (2)
- Fence around the school (3)
- More sun shading/covered areas (2)
- Separate stands for bikes from scooters to avoid bikes being knocked over. (2)
- More visible vegetable/food growing facilities/greenhouse to support healthy eating and basic life skills (2)
- Covered bike and scooter stands
- Tidying or re-painting area around sandpit where large tree was taken out, fences along boundary, front gardens onto footpath by staff carpark, picnic tables and garden areas in junior playground
- More native plants

### **Pool area**

- Nonslip drainage mats for the floor in the pool changing rooms.
- Swimming pool heated better
- Covered swimming pool
- Tidying or re-painting of some areas
- A shaded area by the pool for sun protection.
- Cleanliness of changing rooms

### **Traffic and parking**

- Drop-off zone in front of the school (2)
- Encouraging speed reduction outside school grounds
- Better parking arrangements for aPlus drop offs and pickups.

## 11. Best things about Hokowhitu School

### What are the three best things about Hokowhitu School that we should preserve and continue to emphasise?

Answered: 95 (57%)

#### a. School culture and environment

##### **Inclusiveness**

- 20 responses

##### Selected comments

- Cultural inclusiveness
- Kind to multi cultural families
- Embracing neurodiversity
- Being inclusive of all children

##### **Diversity**

- 18 responses

##### Selected comments

- Embracing diversity
- Great respect of cultures
- Cultural diversity and support
- The highlighting and celebration of the different cultures represented within the school

##### **Sense of community**

- 17 responses

##### Selected comments

- Friendly school community
- Feeling of belonging
- That families and children at school feel known and listened to.
- Warm and welcoming environment

#### b. School values

##### **Positive interpersonal values**

28 responses

##### Selected comments

- Togetherness
- School spirit
- Atawhai
- Focus on kindness and empathy
- Children exploring themselves as people



- Respect
- Kindness
- Equality

### **STRIVE values**

12 responses

#### Selected comment

- Strive and everything about it. Kids thrive knowing that this is something that get recognized for.

### **Student leadership and independence**

10 responses

#### Selected comments

- Having buddies for the little kids
- Students stepping up and taking responsibility in leadership
- Empowering students to make their own decisions

### **Celebration of success**

4 responses

#### Selected comment

- Celebrating the success (in all forms) and hard work of students

## c. School operations

### **School organisation and structure**

19 responses

#### Selected comments

- Small school size
- Amazing systems and processes in place for students starting school at the age of 5
- Kete set up- the range of teachers our children are exposed to and students to interact with

### **Communication**

13 responses

#### Selected comments

- Great communication
- Communication - at a school and teacher/parent level

### **Physical environment**

11 responses

#### Selected comments

- aPlus right on campus
- The new bike track
- The great outdoor space
- The amazing well resourced classrooms

## d. Curriculum, learning, and opportunities

### **Diverse curriculum**

22 responses

#### Selected comments

- Opportunities for EOTC and excursions
- Wide variety of learning opportunities. The topics our daughter comes home and talks about are so diverse.
- Balance between physical activity and learning
- Kids trying new things

### **Sport, activities, and extracurricular**

16 responses

#### Selected comments

- Events including the whole school
- School sports activities for all students
- Opportunities for tamariki to become engaged in extracurricular activities, finding and developing their passions and their strengths

### **Curriculum basics and learning environment**

11 responses

#### Selected comments

- Positive and encouraging learning environment that is safe, fun, with caring teachers
- Focus on learning the basics well, maths, spelling, reading, writing etc
- Structured literacy
- Academic achievement

## e. Staff

### **Staff dedication and care**

18 responses

#### Selected comments

- Principal that is actively engaged and takes an interest in the pupils
- Amazing teaching staff who truly care
- The manaakitanga and katiakitanga of the staff towards our children
- Friendly staffing and office team

### **Staff quality**

18 responses

#### Selected comments

- The excellent staff
- Using proven methods for teaching literacy
- Some teachers are fabulous
- Teaching standards

**Staff availability**

6 responses

Selected comments

- One teacher is available every morning to meet and greet and touch base with parents if needed  
- also a great way for kids to start their day being personally greeted every day by one of their teachers
- The availability of teachers - is above and beyond