

Kia ora koutou

Ka nui ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa. Ngā mihi aroha, ngā mihi mahana ki ngā whānau whānui. E tino hari ana ahau ki te kitea koutou katoa ano. Nau mai hare mai ki nga whanau me nga tamariki hou hoki. Happy New Year to you all. Hurray... school is back. I am so pleased to see everyone again.

We started our week with a powhiri for our new teacher Ms Becks Newton and our new tamariki. Ms Newton (Whaea Becks) is teaching in Te Maunga (the old Room 8). She is a very experienced teacher and we are lucky to have such a high calibre teacher.

We also warmly welcome to our school the following students and their whānau – Kayden and Tayla Karena, Will-J Chamley-Moran, MacKenzie Cameron, Ngauira Laws-Walker, Paige Ferguson, Luke Cumming, Kaavin Kapua, Amber Honey-Smith, Kayne Apiata-Langstone. Welcome home to Ocean Stillwell. Nau mai, piki mai, haere mai ki te kura o Paihia. Welcome to our school. I hope every day is enjoyable and successful. Thank you to the parents who came to our powhiri yesterday to support our school and visitors. Ngā mihi nui ki ngā mātua me ngā whānau i haere mai nei ki te tautoko ngā kaupapa o te powhiri.

I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome our new caretaker, Ricardo Leal Pereira. Mr Halliday has retired and left big shoes to fill but Ricardo has made a great start. Our new cleaners are Mel and T from Super Suds. The school is SO clean! What a joy to have such quality people join our team.

Check out the calendar for the important events happening this term. This term is going to be busy and fun as always. Next Thursday our Chromebooks arrive. All Year 4 students will get their school-owned Chromebook, and all Year 5 students will get their own brand new Chromebook. This is an exciting day. We hope you can join us in the whare at 10am.

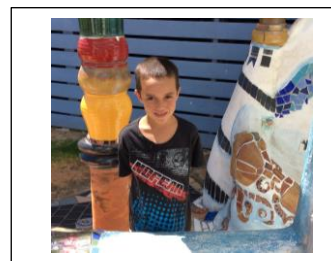
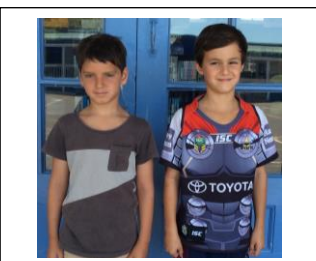
There is a very happy and positive atmosphere throughout the school. I am excited about our year ahead. We are committed to a partnership with our whole school community. You are always welcome at our school, your school. Together we can make a difference for our tamariki.

Ka pai ou ra Waitangi. Ka pai ou wiki koutou katoa. Ka kite.  
I hope you all enjoy Waitangi Day. Have a great week everyone.

Jane Lindsay  
Principal



From left, clockwise: Amber, Mackenzie, Luke, Ngauira, Paige, Ocean, Will-J, Tayla, Kayne, Kaavin and Kayden.



**Important Dates and Events**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2.30pm  
Te Ngahere assembly

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Waitangi Day

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10am  
Chromebook Roll Out Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm  
Nga Motu assembly

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm  
Te Maunga assembly  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Russell Swimming Sports

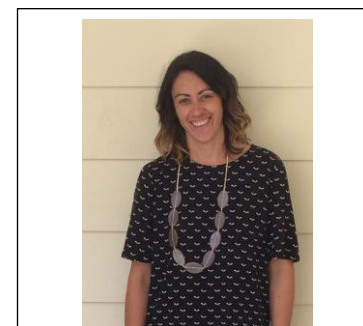
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2.30pm  
Te Awa assembly

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Last day of Term One

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
First day of Term Two



Above: Ricardo Fernando  
Below: Becks Newton



**STAFF, ROOMS AND CLASSES**

**2017 Team**

Mrs Jane Lindsay	Principal	
Mrs Chrissy Smith	Teacher Years 6/7/8	Te Ngahere
	Deputy Principal	
Mrs Sarnia Pou	Teacher Years 6/7/8	Te Ngahere
Mrs Becks Newton	Teacher Years 4/5	Te Maunga
Mrs Diane Neumann	Teacher Year 4	Te Moana
Miss Denise Hadwin	Teacher Years 2/3	Nga Motu
Mrs Michelle Williams	Teacher Years 2/3	Nga Motu
Mrs Anne-Maree Cameron	Teacher Years 2/3	Nga Motu
Miss Nikki Simmonds	Teacher Year 1	Te Awa
Andrea Sim	Assistant Principal	School Administration Officer
Shirley Kingi	Librarian / Teacher Aide	
Te Moana/Te Maunga		
Alisha Takimoana	Teacher Aide - Te Awa	
Brigitte Sharp	Teacher Aide - Nga Motu	
Gina Kilmister	Teacher Aide - Nga Motu	

**STATIONERY**

This week your tamariki are being sent home with a stationery list. We have a full range of stationery available at the school office. If you wish to purchase it elsewhere that is fine as long as the books and lines are similar. Thank you to the many parents who have already purchased stationery. This is very supportive of your child's learning.

**LUNCHES**

This year lunches will only be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We order healthy sandwiches and filled rolls from the local bakery. Fruit is also available.

**SWIMMING**

Students have already started swimming. All classes go swimming each week. Please ensure they have togs and towel in a plastic bag. We expect all students to swim - our pool is a salt water, solar heated pool. If your child is not well enough to swim on a given day, please send a written note to your child's teacher. Given that we live in the Bay of Islands, we believe swimming is a life skill that all our children need.

**SCHOOL HOURS**

08.55am to 10.40am	Classes
10.40am to 11.20am	Morning Interval
11.20am to 12.50pm	Classes
12.50pm to 1.30pm	Lunch Interval
1.30pm to 2.55pm	Classes
3.05pm	First bus departs
3.35pm	Second bus departs

**Quote:**

*'The secret of getting ahead is getting started.'*

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