

# Te Waka Unua School

Week 1, Term 1 2017



## Important Dates

Feb 06 - Waitangi Day

Feb 08 - Year 7/8 After School Coding Club starts

Feb 10 - Parent Morning Tea to welcome new whānau

Feb 13 - Road Patrol Training

Feb 15 - Annual Walk or Wheel Safely to School Day

Feb 15 - Year 7/8 Coding Club - Whaea Sam

Feb 16 - Meet the Teacher afternoon

Feb 17 - Year 7/8 Surfing at Sumner

## From the Principal...

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Kia ora, Namaste, Mingalaba, Sua's dei, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Bula. Greetings to you all.

Welcome to all our new students and their whānau.

I look forward to meeting you all as you engage in your child's education at Te Waka Unua School. We encourage you to come in and talk to your child's home room teacher if you have any questions or need anything clarified.

I also look forward to seeing parents at our Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday, February 16th, 3:30pm - 6:00pm. There will be more information about this later.

Newsletters will go home in weeks 3, 6 & 9 of each term, so please check your child's schoolbag, or go to our school website:

<http://www.tewaka.school.nz>

Janeane Reid

## STATIONERY

It would be great to have as many children as possible with their stationery as regular learning programmes begin next week.

Stationery packs are available from the school office at cost, so are very competitively priced. There are set stationery packs for each team in the school. Once the stationery pack has been paid for, it will be delivered to your child's home room later that day.

Students using digital devices are still required to have some stationery and their pack also includes a contribution to the purchase of apps and other digital resources essential for their digital learning.

Toroa packs are \$20

Kea packs are \$30

All other teams \$24

## Learning Teams

We have seven learning teams this year: The staff working in these teams are listed below:

**Team Piwakawaka** - (New Entrants) - Carol Gray (Team leader); Erin Moon and Chloe Williams (teachers); Challae McJarrow (Learning Assistant).

**Team Pūkeko** - (Year 1 & 2) - Debbi Connolly (Team Leader); Ashleigh Duncraft, Ali Beck & Carol Melrose (teachers); Lynda Dehn, Sonya Spicer & Alana Joseph (Learning Assistants).

**Team Weka** - (Year 3 & 4) - Bebe Wards (Team Leader); Margaret Bligh, Raewyn Maher, Laura Heenan & Chloe Williams (teachers);

Raeleen Wickham, Linley Fowlie, Marama Pearce & Sue Shea (Learning Assistants).

Junior Literacy Support Programme - Linley Fowler.

**Team Kea** - (Year 2 - 4 Inquiry Programme) - Christy Edwards (Team Leader); Sarah Wraight (teacher); Tina Henderson (Learning Assistant).

**Team Kererū** - (Year 5 & 6) - Jodi Simpson (Team Leader); James Boyd, Sam Walker & Leah Haggitt (teachers); Anne Marshall, Fi Laird & Rose Merkin (Learning Assistants).

**Team Toroa** - (Year 7 & 8) - Kate Manch (Team Leader); Fi Glasgow, Katie Taylor & James Souter (teachers); Seira Sio & Noeleene Maxted (Learning Assistants).

**Team Ruru** - Year 1 - 8 Māori Medium classes - Dot Singh (Kaiwhakahaere & Tēina Team Leader); Wiremu Pickering, Lynmaree Sopoanga, Delwyn McGrath (kaiako); Rīpeka Gray (Tēina Kaiāwhina); Grant Hakaria (Year 5-8 Team Leader); Helena

### **Uniforms**

Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform every day for school. We have a small number of second hand uniforms available from the office. If you want to buy a new school uniform there are forms available at the office. Students are required to wear shoes that are predominantly school colours (White, Black and/or Purple).

Students are also expected to wear a school uniform sunhat in Term 1 & 4. We do have a "no hat, no play" rule.

### **Playground Update:**



Our Year 1-4 students are having great fun on our new junior play zone. The new sandpit and the hill are proving a great success and will be able to be enjoyed all year round as we have put an artificial grass surface on it. Please make sure your children do not ride scooters, skateboards or bikes on this area before or after school as we want it to last for as long as possible.

Work has started on landscaping the area around the playground at the front of the school alongside Ferry Road and will be completed in the next two weeks.

### **Building Update**



Work is progressing well on our new Hall and learning spaces. The foundation beams are up and the floor is currently being constructed. These new blocks are all scheduled to be finished in September.

Work has also begun on extending the administration and staffroom area to help cater for the increase in staff.

