



# STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to 2018. I hope you have had a restful break and made the most of the wonderful weather. The staff have had a busy couple of weeks preparing for the term and are excited to welcome you and your children back to school.

## **Term 1 Focus – Tūrangawaewae**

The teaching and learning focus this term is 'Tūrangawaewae' which means 'a place where one has the right to stand'. Through the exploration of Tūrangawaewae, children will have the opportunity to find out about their own heritage and develop a strong sense of belonging to the class, school, community and wider world.

Tūrangawaewae is a great place to start the year as it encourages students to get to know each other and create positive learning relationships within and beyond the class. As the term progresses I am sure that you will be hearing more about the learning outcomes from the children's inquiries.

## **Teaching and Learning Teams**

To provide students with a strong level of academic and social support, classes will be split into two teaching teams.

By working in teams teachers are able to share their skills, knowledge and expertise and expose others to new ideas and teaching strategies, this ensures that we are continuously creating new knowledge about teaching and learning. In the teaching teams teachers will plan and prepare learning experiences together 'pooling' their expertise to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.

The team names reflect the school's connection to the pohutakawa tree on the playing field. The Year 0 to 2 team name is Pihinga meaning 'seedling' and will be led by Megan McVerry. The Year 3 to 6 team name is Māhuri meaning 'sapling' and will be led by Helen Pelham.

## **Welcome to New Staff – Caitlin Blackwell, Room 10**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Caitlin who joins our team this year. Caitlin completed a Bachelor of Education in 2016 where she developed a passion for maths and science in primary school education. As a result of her achievements, she won a scholarship from the Woolf Fisher

Trust completing an honors degree in maths and science. As part of her scholarship Caitlin spent 2017 teaching science and maths to students on the North Shore and Ponsonby. Caitlin is a North Shore local who will be a fantastic asset to our school and community.

## **Assemblies**

Assemblies are a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the many successes of our students and provide a forum for children to share their learning with a wider audience. With this in mind, we will be holding assemblies alternate Fridays at 2.15pm. We hope that the new day and time will encourage you to come along and join in the celebration!

The first assembly will be held this Friday (2 Feb) at 2.15pm. Please note that the dates for the fortnightly assemblies can be found on the website calendar.

## **Meet the Teacher Picnic**

On Thursday 22 Feb (4.00—7.30pm) there will be a meet the teacher picnic held on the school field. Please bring along a picnic and your own refreshments and enjoy a social get together to welcome in the new school year. A sausage sizzle will also be available.

## **Newsletter**

This year the newsletter will be emailed home alternate Wednesdays. In between newsletters the website will provide you with the information you need such as calendar dates and notices.

## **Dates for your diary**

*Dates are correct at time of print but may be subject to change. Details and times of events will be advised closer to the time.*

### **February 2018**

2nd (Fri)	First assembly for 2018 (2.15pm)
6th (Tues)	SCHOOL CLOSED (Waitangi Day)
22nd (Thurs)	Meet the Teacher Picnic (weather permitting)
27th—2nd March	Camp Y5 & 6

*"Dates for your diary" (including Term dates) is also available on our website [www.stanleybay.school.nz](http://www.stanleybay.school.nz)*

*As events are finalised for this term they will be displayed on our website.*

**Property Update – Fencing**

In the coming weeks repairs will be carried out on Glen Road, Russell Street and the pool fence. There should be minimal disruption to the school.

For safety reasons while the work is carried out on the pool a security fence will be in place. If you have a key you will still be able to access the pool but please ensure children are supervised at all times and kept away from the works.

**The library needs you!**

Our library is a fantastic resource and is a vital part of our school. We are looking for volunteers to help in the library on a regular basis. No experience necessary!

If you have time to give please contact Brittany Turnbull - [bturnbull@stanleybay.school.nz](mailto:bturnbull@stanleybay.school.nz)

Finally, I look forward to catching up with you all in the coming weeks and as always should you have any suggestions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Principal/Tumuaki