



STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Caregivers

A very warm welcome to 2019. I hope you have enjoyed some family time and made the most of the glorious 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.

Teaching and Learning Teams

To provide students with a strong level of academic and social support, classes will be split into three 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 schools connection to the pohutakawa tree on the playing field.

Year Level	Team Name	Team Leader
Year 0/2	Ropu Kakano (meaning seed)	Megan McVerry
Year 3/4	Ropu Pihinga (meaning seedling)	Rachel McDonnell
Year 5/6	Ropu Mahuri (meaning sapling)	Helen Pelham

Your child's teacher is the first point of contact should you have concerns or questions about your child's learning or well being, if they are unable to help please feel free to contact the Team Leader who will be able to assist.

Staffing Update

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Clara and Leah who join our team this year.

Leah Taylor – Room 14

Leah is an experienced and passionate teacher with a wealth of knowledge of junior school teaching. Most recently, Leah taught at Woolston Community Primary School, Warrington, UK. Leah will be teaching in Room 14 and I am sure that the children will be inspired by her energy and enthusiasm.

Clara Kim – Room 6

Clara is a highly effective teacher and has strengths in building learning partnerships and curriculum delivery. For the past five years Clara has been teaching at Auckland Normal Intermediate where she held a number of leadership positions within and beyond the school. I am sure that Room 6 will benefit greatly from her expertise and love of learning.

Clara will be teaching in Room 6 until Bianca Odendaal returns from maternity leave in Term 2.

Dates for your diary

"Dates for your diary" (including Term dates) are available on our website www.stanleybay.school.nz or [click here](#)
As events are finalised for this term they will be displayed on our website.

Farewell to Penny Harrison

After 8 years Penny has made the decision to leave Stanley Bay. Penny has a passion and enthusiasm for education and her expertise (and humour!) will be greatly missed. During her time at Stanley Bay Penny has led many initiatives such as IT, Robotics, Geeks, Production and Choir to name but a few. I am sure you and your family have many fond memories. On Friday 15 February we invite you to come along to assembly to farewell Penny.

Waitangi Day

A reminder that school will be closed for instruction this Wednesday 6 February for Waitangi Day.

Health Care Plans

A number of our students have specific health issues that require a Care Plan to ensure that we provide the care required. If your child has a Care Plan or specific health concerns please ensure that the school has an up to date plan and information. If you would like to talk through your child's health needs please email to make a time – principal@stanleybay.school.nz

Sports Uniform

This year we are excited to be introducing a new sports uniform (shorts and t shirt) and netball dress for 2019. The uniform will be worn by students when representing the school in sports teams or when attending school trips. Uniforms will shortly be available on Kindo and then distributed via the office.

We appreciate that Year 6 students will only be able to wear it for a year and if they are not in a sports team it may have limited use. For that reason we will be offering Year 6 students the opportunity to pay a refundable bond to use the sports uniform and/or netball dress for the year. *Please note that this is for 2019 Year 6 students only.*

Old uniforms can be dropped into the box in the office, where they will be donated to a charitable cause.

Stanley Bay Sun Smart Hats

As part of our SunSmart initiative Stanley Bay Sunsmart hats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4. If you haven't already please ensure that you have purchased your child's hat via Kindo. As per our policy, children without the school's sun smart hat will be asked to play in a specific shaded area.

Assembly – mihi whakatoa

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 encourage you to come along and join in the celebration!

The first assembly will be held this Friday (8 February) at 2.15pm, followed by another assembly next Friday (15 February). Thereafter dates for the fortnightly assemblies can be found on the website calendar.

School App

If you haven't already signed up for the School App it is a great way to stay in touch. It will give you instant access to school contacts, newsletter, school calendar, Kindo, and absence reporting. It will also enable us to send school messages and notifications direct to your device!

To get started;

- Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the App onto your device.
- Search 'Stanley Bay School' to find our schools App
- Click on the three horizontal lines in the top left of the screen. Click on 'Alert Subscription' and select the groups you wish to receive messages and notifications from.

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.

Nga mihi
Lucy Naylor
(Principal/Tumuaki)

POOL KEYS

Pool keys are available via Kindo at a reduced price. Once purchased they can be collected from the office.

PARENT HELP REQUIRED IN THE LIBRARY

If you find you have a bit of spare time this term we are looking for volunteers to assist with covering, shelving and labelling books in the Library.

If you can assist please email Caitlin cblackwell@stanleybay.school.nz or library@stanleybay.school.nz



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