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Inspiration Piece

"Education is the passport to the future. For tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

- M. Smith

School Hours

8:55 – 3:00

Term 1

02 February – 16 April

Monday 8 February
School Closed

Friday 12 February
School Picnic

Monday 22 February
Swimming Year 1-2
(includes Reception Class)

Monday 15 February
Meet the Teacher Evening
6:00pm-7:30pm in the
school hall

Monday 15 March
Teacher Only Day
Learning conferences will be
held on this day. Booking
information will be distributed
over the coming weeks

Dear Parents and Whanau

Welcome Back

It was absolutely wonderful to welcome back our tamariki yesterday! We hope they all had a perfect first day back and they all came home happy and looking forward to the year's work ahead. 2021 is also the year in which our school celebrates its Centenary. From its very small beginnings as the Roseneath Side School our school has seen some extraordinary moments in the history of our suburb, our city, our country and the world. Over the next few weeks more information will be sent about the Centenary.

The Teaching Teams for 2021:

Ahi Teaching Team:

Judith Douglas - **Team Leader**, Jenn Kim, Sean Mead, and Rachel Peterson

Nga Wai Teaching Team:

Glen Sneddon - **Team Leader**, Paul Brownlie, Megan Hinge and Jeanette Spicer (3 days per week) shared with Rowan Youngblood (2 days per week)

Nga Hau e Wha Teaching Team:

Sarah Moorhouse and Kirsten Wright - **Shared Team Leaders**, Kris Beattie and Kelly Davis

Papatuanuku Teaching Team:

Michelle James - **Team Leader**, Amanda Smith, Bronagh Crook and Deina Susilio-Knox

The Support Staff Team:

Claire Mortelie, Cameron Laing, Brenda Evans, and Liam O'Leary

The Office Staff Team:

Melissa Young - Office Manager and Annabel Legat - Office Assistant

Welcome New Students:

Yesterday we welcomed the following new students to our school.

Papatuanuku Learning Team – Year 0-2:

Felisa Ainsley, Lauchlan Gladwin, Blake Matthews, Temalesi Navanua, Anjali Ravji, Seren Davies; Stella Hand, Aylin Karanfil-Sutherland and Turel-Fynest King-Edwards

Nga Hau e Wha Learning Team – Year 3-4:

Ieuan Davies, Chloe Gladwin, Zali King, Henry Hand, and Leo Hollings

Nga Wai Learning Team – Year 5-6:

Zac Oscilowski, Georgia Hollings and Max Hand

Ahi Learning Team – Year 7-8:

Jessica Chait and Mia Hyde-Edwards

We hope you all have an amazing time here at our school.

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Friday 2nd - 6th April
Easter break
School Closed

School Vision, Values and Learning:

Over the last two weeks the teaching staff have met to plan and develop the vision for learning and curriculum delivery for this year. Our professional development in Mathematics, Positive Learning 4 Behaviour and Cultural Responsiveness programmes will continue as we know that the effects and outcomes for the students have been highly beneficial and successful. In 2021 our new major focus will be Learner Agency. 'Learner Agency is about shifting the ownership of **learning** from teachers to students, enabling students to have the understanding, ability, and opportunity to be part of the **learning** design and to take action to intervene in the **learning** process, to affect outcomes and become powerful lifelong learners.'

Meet the Staff Meeting - Monday 15 February 6:00pm – 7:30pm:

This year we will be holding the meeting altogether in the School Hall. Please ensure that at least one parent from each family attends this very important meeting which aims to capture the vision you have for the learning in 2021 at Hataitai School. You will be invited to join in the interactive presentation tools to allow your engagement in real time for your children's learning. Please remember to bring along your cell phone!

Victoria University Students:

Commencing the week of 15 February four students will be observing in the classrooms of the school.

COVID-19 Response:

Over the last week we have reflected on our responses to date due to the COVID-19 threat. We continue to encourage quick drop offs before school, and frequent handwashing and good hygiene practices during the school day.

The school has just invested \$5000 in a urinal deep clean, supplies have been increased, all classroom carpets have been cleaned and interior and exterior learning spaces have been spring cleaned.

As a staff we have planned what we would do in the event of going back into lockdown and how best to support our learners. We will invite your ideas also at the parent meeting on the 15 February.

Lost Property:

Over the years we have become very disheartened with the amount of clothing just left lying around by the students. We are consistently aiming for the students to take care of their own clothing and to respect the cost it is to their parents. Please ensure your child's clothing is labelled at all times. Any clothing not claimed after 2 weeks will be sent to a charity as we no longer have a Lost Property Box.

Next Friday we will enjoy our annual picnic at Scorching Bay. Details will be circulated early next week. Until then take care and Happy Waitangi Day.

Kind regards

Jacinta Simpson
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Confident, independent, highly achieving students who enjoy learning