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# Ngā Hau e Whā Newsletter



## A Message from our Teachers

**Kris:** I taught in Nga Hau e Wha back in 2018 and it's a pleasure to be returning this year. I've been involved with Hataitai School for many years and love being part of the community here. I'll be teaching Raumati so pop in and say hello.

**Kirsten:** It is lovely to be back at Hataitai School after my time on maternity leave with my son Arthur. This will be my tenth year at Hataitai; most recently leading and teaching in the Nga Wai team for 4 years. Before that I taught across Year 3, 4 and 6. I look forward to meeting all of our NHeW families.

**Sarah:** I am excited to be back this year after having a year's maternity leave with my son Lochie. I have taught at Hataitai School in the Juniors for the past 5 years and look forward to moving up to NHeW teaching team and teaching some friendly faces who have grown a lot taller since I last taught them!

**Kelly:** I am looking forward to 2021 in Nga Hau e Wha after I joined Hataitai half way through last year. Prior to that I was at home looking after my own two children and previously I have taught Year 5/6 in Hamilton.

## Learning Teams

This year the Team Leader role will be shared by Kirsten Wright and Sarah Moorhouse.

Our four learning areas are named after the seasons:

Raumati = Kris Beattie

Ngahuru = Kelly Davies

Takurua = Sarah M (Mon, Thurs, Fri,) Kirsten (Tues/Wed)

## School Hours

8.30am Teachers in Classrooms

8.55am Morning Block

11.00am Morning Tea

11.25am Middle Block

12.30pm Lunch

1.20pm Afternoon Block

3.00pm Home Time

Please make sure that your children arrive between 8.15–8.45am to ensure that they have enough time to:

- Read the message board
- Sign in and/or say good morning to their teacher
- Help set up the classroom
- Return books and book bags
- Spend some time with friends

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## Communication



- Team Newsletter—This newsletter is emailed once to families at the beginning of each term. It contains useful information and FAQs which are specific to our Learning Team.
- Upcoming Team Trips and Events—Notification of these events will be via the School Newsletter which is emailed to parents each Thursday. We endeavor to give as much notice as possible for these events.
- Meeting with Teachers—We love to build relationships with family members. However, before school teachers are busy preparing for the day ahead, so if you need more than a few minutes of our time, please make an appointment. If at any time you have any concerns, questions, information and/or positive feedback to share, please contact your home class teacher as your first port of call.
- Please note that we are not available at the following times:

Mondays 3.10—4.30pm

Most Wednesdays 3.10—5.00pm

Fridays 8.15 –8.30am

- Emails are generally checked between 3.30—5.00pm. Due to the nature of our profession we are often unable to respond to emails within the same day. We endeavor to respond as soon as possible.
- Please ensure that your child knows their after school care arrangements before they arrive at school as teachers are not able to check emails regarding updates during the day.

As the school is still finalising the calendar

**More details around  
trips will be emailed in  
due course.**

stay tuned.

### Sun Hats and Appropriate Clothing

In Terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory for students to wear their sunhats at school. If students forget their hat they must only play under either of the two shade cloth areas.

Sports shoes must be worn (or spare pair in school bags) on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Food: We strongly encourage students and parents to bring food to school in named, reusable packaging, e.g. lunchboxes with compartments, containers and thermoses.

Every child must have a named water bottle.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday with their class we would like to suggest alternatives to providing lollies or other sugary foods.

Here are some alternative ways we can celebrate:

- Sharing photos from their life
- Playing a game with the class
- Birthday child could create a piece of artwork for the class.
- Singing a song or having a mini birthday dance party! The possibilities are endless!

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## Dates to note down

*Waitangi  
Day*

6th February  
School will be closed

*Futsal*

7th April  
Please let Kris know if you would like to join us on this trip. We will need at least 3 parents to make it possible.

*School  
Picnic*

12th February  
Scorching Bay Beach  
Email your home-class teacher if you can support with this

*Teacher  
Only  
Day*

15th March  
Learning conferences will be held throughout the day. Booking details will be made available in a few weeks time.

*Meet the  
Teacher*

15th February  
6:45-8pm in the Hataitai Hall

*Easter*

2nd-6th April  
School Closed

**\*END OF TERM: 16th April**  
**\*Swimming starts Term 4**

**Can  
— You —  
Help?**

Please email your home-class teacher

Reading  
Writing  
School Trips  
Maths  
Sports  
Dance  
Wall displays

Art  
singing  
Music  
Health  
Drama  
Te Reo

Science  
Poetry  
Building  
Sewing  
Making resources  
Putting away books

## Covid-19

We will continue to keep families updated if there are any changes to learning due to Government placed Covid-19 restrictions.

We will continue to monitor and promote safe hygiene practises. Our programmes have allocated time for this. We will encourage basic hygiene practices for protection; sneezing or coughing into the bend of their elbow, using tissues and throwing these away.