

# NGA WAI 2021

## //////TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



Kia ora Nga Wai whanau, and welcome to 2021.

This year we welcome three new members to the Nga Wai Teaching Team. Megan Hinge, Rowan Youngblood and Jeanette Spicer who have made a move from Nga Hau e Wha to join us and experience the opportunities and ideas your children create at Years 5 and 6 of their learning. They bring with them a wealth of experience and an enthusiasm for a new challenge. They also bring with them a wealth of knowledge about your tamariki and established relationships with them.

2021 is also the year in which our school celebrates its Centenary. From its humble 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. We as a team see this as a logical launch point for our learning over the year. Using 100 as a context for learning opens up so many possibilities for us, and the students will also take us in directions that interest them.

Throughout the year we will provide experiences for our team to enhance our learning. Often these experiences will require your support so do keep an eye on communications from us.

As always, we will interconnect curriculum areas in our teaching. This includes the New Zealand Curriculum which we fortunately use as a guide.

### //////DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **Monday 8 February**

Waitangi Day observed. School closed.

#### **Friday 12 February.**

School Picnic at Scorching Bay.

#### **Monday 15 February.**

Meet the Teacher Evening. 6.45pm-8.00pm 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.

#### **Friday 2nd - Tuesday 6th April**

Easter break. School Closed.

#### **Thursday 8 April,**

Futsal Gala at TSB. Details to follow.

## **////MANA, MANAAKI AND AKO**

These three words are values at Hataitai School. Over the last 12 months we have been embedding the meaning of these into the daily life of our school.

Respect for Self (Mana)

Respect for Others (Manaaki), and

Respect for Learning (Ako) are fundamental to the success of our students now and in the future. These terms underpin the high expectations we have for our students and they are essential building blocks to becoming lifelong learners and citizens of our future.

The true focus of PB4L is always about reinforcing the positive actions of students. Across the entire school, classes and teams have implemented reward systems to act as motivators for students. We feel that if students are respectful across all three aspects, their potential to succeed and thrive increases.

## **////STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

In the early weeks of Term One, students will have an opportunity to apply and express their interest for our leadership roles. The leadership opportunities for the Year 6 students are: The Arts, PE, Tech, Site Managers and Lunch Teams,. For the Year 5 students leadership opportunities are offered as a Physical Activity Leader (PAL) and running games for the Junior School.

## **////CORRESPONDENCE**

Aside from any disruption to school, such as a lockdown, we will use email as our **primary** communication tool for team information such as trips and events. We will be using Seesaw again in 2021 and we will duplicate notices on that platform but all important information will be sent via email.

All teachers in Nga Wai are accessible via email. We are also available at the beginning or end of the day for short catch-ups and/or the organisation of longer meetings if required. Longer meetings can be scheduled through the office or directly via email. While we try to be as diligent as possible, we do our best to respond to emails within 24 hours.

We do not respond to emails between 5.30pm and 7.30am.

## **////REMINDERS**

Year 5 and 6 is a stage in schooling that applies more responsibility to the student. Students are responsible for their stationery and other belongings. If left lying around, they can be damaged, lost or acquired.

The volume of lost property at Hataitai School is astounding and we are regularly reminding students of the cost to families.

Please ensure all clothing and equipment is named.

Hats are compulsory in Term 1 and 4. Any students not wearing one will spend break times under the shade cloths and will also miss other classroom activities that are outdoors. The school has hats for sale at the office.

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We are looking forward to another amazing year of creativity and learning in Nga Wai.

The Nga Wai Teaching Team

