



# Forest Lake School Newsletter

Number 1: February 2020

## General Senior School

Welcome to the Kauri Hub,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable break and are well-rested for the new school year and would like to introduce ourselves:

Kia ora, Ko Bruce Gordon tōkū ingoa

I was born in Hamilton and moved around the country to places such as Palmerston North, Wellington, Hawkes Bay and Thames. I was educated at Hastings Boy's High, Massey University and The University of Waikato. I have taught for 15 years, nearly 5 of those years at Forest Lake School. I have twin daughters and like to surf on my big old longboard.

Kia ora, Ko Daniel Marietta tōkū ingoa

I was born in Hamilton and, although I have been all around the world, I always seem to end up back in the Waikato. I have been teaching for 20 years and just started at Forest Lake this year. I have three amazing daughters and I love being a dad. I play the drums in a few bands and enjoy the casual roll at a skatepark.

Kia ora, Ko Jamie-Lee Roberts tōkū ingoa

I was born and bred in the Mighty Waikato and haven't left yet. This is the fifth year of my teaching career which I have spent the entirety of at Forest Lake School. I have an 8-year-old daughter who also attends the kura and I enjoy a good sweat up at the gym and waterfall adventures.

We're excited about the opportunity to get to know you, as well, and work with you to meet the needs of your child. You are most welcome to call in and visit the Kauri Hub and we look forward to seeing you at the community night at WaterWorld, for a fun evening out on Wednesday, February 19th.

This term we will focus on the following curriculum areas:

Topic: Children will be doing inquiry-based learning on a unit entitled Ko wai au?. This will guide learning in other core subject areas along with:

Maths: A focus on numeracy addition and subtraction.

Reading: Learning a range of reading strategies.

Writing: Writing based on our Inquiry unit.

PE: Playground games.

E-learning: We are using Chromebooks more in our learning and recommend students have their own personal Chromebook. PB Tech has set up a deal for students at Forest Lake School. Students will use creative tools on Seesaw to take pictures, draw, record videos and more to capture learning in a portfolio that they can share with you digitally. ClassDojo is another school communication platform that we will use to work together.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us through Seesaw, ClassDojo or by e-mail at [bruceg@forestlake.school.nz](mailto:bruceg@forestlake.school.nz), [jamier@forestlake.school.nz](mailto:jamier@forestlake.school.nz), or [danielm@forestlake.school.nz](mailto:danielm@forestlake.school.nz).

Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Kauri Hub Kaiako.

# General Middle School

Welcome to the 2020 school year, we are three weeks in now and our tamariki are settling in to routine nicely. This year we have four classes in the Middle General School. Below the teachers introduce themselves. It promises to be a fantastic year with plenty of enjoyment and learning opportunities to be had.



## **Matai 5- Whaea Linda**

Kia ora koutou, I'm Whaea Linda and I have the pleasure of being the Kaiako in Matai 5 this year. I have recently moved to Forest Lake School from Fairfield Intermediate and I am really excited to get to know not only the students but also their whānau. I have a passion for theatre studies and love to play and watch a range of sports. I am really looking forward to supporting the middle school students with their dreams and passions this year and cannot wait to get to know you all.

## **Rimu 1- Whaea Soonhi.**

Kia Ora, my name is Whaea Soonhi and I am teaching in Rimu 1 this year. I am looking forward to a fun filled year of learning and getting to know all the students and whānau in our kura. I have two children, enjoy playing and watching sports, and spending time with family and friends.

## **Rimu 2- Whaea Katinka**

Kia Ora, my name is Whaea Katinka and I am teaching in Rimu 2 this year. I am really excited to be working with the new age group of Year 3 and 4 students and looking forward to the year ahead. I'm passionate about sport and enjoy spending time with my friends and family.

## **Rimu 4- Whaea Jaimee**

Kia Ora, my name is Whaea Jaimee and I am teaching in Rimu 4 this year, with a Year 3 and 4 class. I am looking forward to a fun filled year of learning and getting to know you and your children better. I have an open door policy, so if you need to pop in and see me feel free. I am passionate about teaching art, reading and writing. In my spare time I love to paint, go to the gym or spend time outdoors.

# General Junior School

Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Kia ora, Bula Vinaka, Talofa, Anyoung, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bore da

A very warm welcome to all our students and families in the junior team, especially those that are joining the Forest Lake family for the first time.

All the junior school classes have had a great start to the term. It is lovely to see the children reconnecting with their friends after the long holiday, as well as establishing themselves in their new class and school environment.

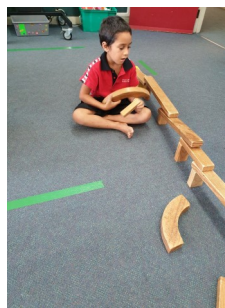
We also welcome Whaea Shari to the team. Whaea Shari has been in the Senior area of the school but is enjoying her new class and students. If you have the opportunity please come and introduce yourself to Whaea Shari or any of the Junior Teachers.



## **This term the students will be learning about:**

- ***Inquiry - The Nature of Technology including natural and manmade products and the suitability for purpose of designs***
- ***Health & PE - Cyber Safety and how we can stay safe whilst using ICT***
- ***Maths - Statistics and Position and Orientation***
- ***KiwiCan - Positive Relationships***

***Plus lots more when we discover what the students have interests in.***



The students have been getting to know their new classrooms, discovering some new classroom books and using drama to learn about the Treaty of Waitangi and then developing classroom treaties.



# Kura Rumaki

## Ngaa Kaiako o te Kura Teina



Kōkō Anahera



Whaea Adrienne



Whaea Mona



Whaea Piki

Kāiwhina

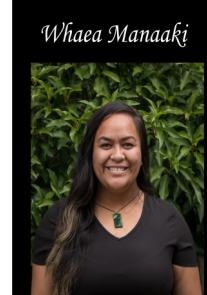
## Ngaa Kaiako o te Kura Tuakana



Whaea Calah



Whaea Mahinaarangi



Whaea Manaaki

Ngaa mihi tuatahi ki too taatou Kiingi, te pou here tangata, a Tuheitia, kei te mihi, kei te mihi, kei te mihi. Anoo nei ki te whare o te Kaahui Ariki, pai maarire ki a raatou katoa. Teenei te mihi whaanui ki a raatou katoa kua riro ki te kaapunipunitanga o ngaa wairua. Kua mihia, kua tangihia raatou, noo reira ko raatou ki a raatou, ko taatou ki a taatou, mauri ora ki a taatou!

Teenei maatou ngaa kaiako o te rumaki e karamihi ana ki ngaa whaanau me ngaa tamariki kua tiimata ki waenganui i a maatou. Ko te tumanako kua tau pai koutou ki waenganui i a maatou.

## Rumaki Teina

I teenei tau e noho tahi ana te kura teina ki te akomanga auaha. E 3 ngaa momo whare. Ko Te Whare a Tumatauenga, ko Rongomaraeroa, aa, ko Maui-tiktiki-aa-Taranga. I teenei waa e ako tonu ana, e whakamaatautau tonu ana maatou ki ngaa aahuatanga o teenei waahi ako. Noo reira, ko te aronga matua moo maatou, ko te Whakawhanaungatanga. I raro i teenei maru he mea moohio teetahi ki teetahi, he mea ako hoki i ngaa uara o EKE (Whakaute, He Akonga, Haepapa) kia pai te haere o ngaa tamariki i roto i too taatou kura. Anei maatou e haapai ana i eenei mahi.

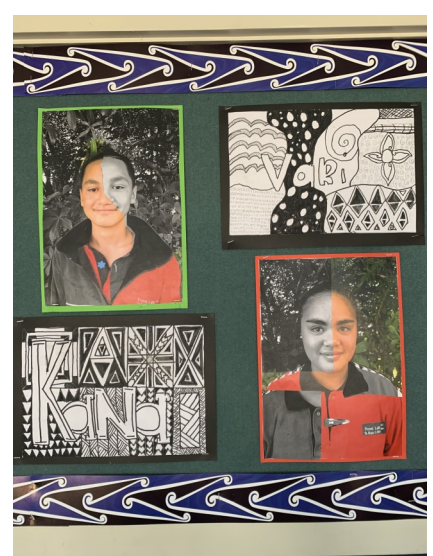


# Rumaki Tuakana

Nei rā te mihi matakuikui ki a koutou katoa ngā whānau me ngā tamariki kua hoki mai ki te kura, ā, ki ngā whānau hou hoki. I tēnei tau hou mo te kura kua tino panoni te āhua o ngā whakaraupapatanga akomanga i roto i te Whānau Rumaki. Nō reira i roto i ēnei wiki timatanga ko te whainga matua o te Whānau Tuakana ko te whakawhanaunga me te hoki mahara ki ngā uaratanga o tā tātou kura arā te whakaute, te haepapa me te ākonga.



I ako ngā tuakana o Kauri 4 ki ngā pūkenga toi Zentangle hei tā i ētehi tukutuku ki tā rātou ingoa. Ko te whainga o ērā mahi, kia tā i ngā āhua e whakaohorere ana i ngā ingoa.



I tēnei wāhanga, tatari tonu mai ki ngā pānui ā-kura ka heke mai ki te kite i ngā putanga mīharo o te Whānau Tuakana!



# From the Principal

Ngā Mihi Kia Koutou Kātoa

Welcome to the 2020 school year.

I'm hoping that you have all taken up our Board of Trustees generosity and will be attending the first Community Night of the year tonight at Waterworld. The purpose of the evening is have fun and meet your children's teachers. Don't forget to bring the yellow card for entry.

We have had a great start to the year. I would like to welcome our new families to our kura and let you know that I'm available if you wish to raise anything with me.

Welcome to our new staff Linda Simon in Matai 5, Daniel Marietta in Kauri 3 and Paula White, our Learning Support Coordinator.

Our main form of communication is the School App. Please see instructions for joining this, in this newsletter. Moment in time updates on your students learning is through Seesaw and the Dojo portal is a good message board to access your child's teacher. See the classroom teachers for sign up to these programmes. Facebook is still used but we would like to have a celebration focus on this platform.

**Attendance** is a focus again this year. Last year we raised our overall attendance to 89% of students meeting the Ministry of Education expectation of 90%. We would like to increase this again this year.

Most parents implement this policy correctly but as a reminder please:

- Remember to call the office and leave a message on the attendance line if your child is away and when they return to school we require a note.
- If your child is away for more than three days for medical reasons we require a medical certificate.
- If you are travelling away then I need a letter requesting student leave so we can add this to the Ministry of Education attendance database so students aren't removed from our roll.
- Lessons start at 8.55am and students arriving after this time miss this important set up for the days learning. School finishes at 2.45pm daily.

Nau te raurau, naku te raurau ka ora ai te iwi!

Whaea Chris

# BOAT

We are currently reviewing some of our school policies, and would like to invite you to have your say. To do so go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz), hit the search for your school button at the top of the page and start typing Forest Lake School and click on it when you see the name appear. The username and password is: forestlake The policy we would like your feedback on is **Nag 1: Curriculum - Recognition of Cultural Diversity**. To find this, click on the current review tab at the top of the page. Click on the blue title, read through the policy then hit the green speech bubble towards the top of the page to submit your feedback. If you want to have your say, could you please do so before Friday, 13 March.

**Our first Board meeting for the year is Monday, 24th February at 5.30pm. All welcome.**

# School News

A big thank you to all who have purchased stationery from the school to date this year. It is fantastic to see the majority of the students have their gear and are well underway in their class programme. For those that still need to purchase theirs, just a reminder that the special prices finish this Friday, 21st February.

We offer a lunch ordering system for students on Fridays. To place an order log on to [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz) (sign up for an account if you didn't use the system last year). Don't forget to top up your wallet using credit card or debit card before you place your order. Pick a delivery date (only Fridays are available), then complete your order. Don't forget to either hit the submit order or top up wallet button to complete your order or you will be wondering why your child didn't receive anything for lunch. Also when sending lunch to school with your children, please do not send anything (e.g. pies) that requires heating up as there are no facilities to do this. We ask that students only bring bottled water to school, preferably in a reusable bottle.

We are a sunsafe school, to align with this policy each student must be wearing their school bucket hat will outside in Terms 1 and 4. Hats are available for \$15 at the school office for those that do not have one.

Handed out with this newsletter you should have received a school handbook for parents and a fridge magnet with this years term dates on.

## Manu Taki 2020

Congratulations to the following Senior School students who have been selected as Manu Taki (Student Leaders) for the year: Lewis Mayo, Baali Kamboj, Aria Morgan, Kana Wilson, Pakigeorge Pokaia, Bowen Croucher, Peyton Goodwright, Oceanna Tuaupiki, Freya Douglas, Lewis Mayo, Ngataua Turner-Black.

# Cohort Entry

The board has considered all the feedback received from the Consultation on Cohort Entry. We have decided to implement an Informal Cohort entry. What does this mean for parents? We are encouraging you to start your child, once they are 5 years old, at the start of a term or at the following dates which are mid points in each term. Your child must be 5 years old to be enrolled and attending school.

Term	Start of term date	Mid-term date	End of term date
1	3/02/2020	9/03/2020	9/04/2020
2	28/04/2020	2/06/2020 (Tuesday)	3/07/2020
3	20/07/2020	24/08/2020	25/09/2020
4	12/10/2020	16/11/2020	15/12/2020

If you prefer you can still enroll your child to start on their fifth birthday.

# Extra-curricular Sports

Nau mai hoki mai ki ngā whānau o Rotongahere, otirā, nau mai haere mai ki ngā whānau hou o tō mātou nei kura.

Welcome back to all the whānau of Forest Lake School and a special welcome to the new families. We look forward to another wonderful Tūmeke sports year.

We have confirmed five basketball teams this term.

- The year 5 and 6 Forest Lake Ballers and Flyers played their first game last week on Friday.
- All other year groups start this week with the Forest Lakers and Forest Lake Warriors playing tonight.

We have confirmed one Futsal team for this term.

- The Forest Lake Ākonga also played their first game last week on Friday.

We have confirmed three touch teams this term.

- If you have a spare moment on a Thursday afternoon starting this week then pop over to Swarbrick park. We have our Forest Lake Tūmeke, Forest Lake Runners and Forest Lake Taniwha all playing.



Keep an eye out on facebook for our Tūmeke player of the day winners. Also keep an eye out for alerts on the school app as game times will be sent through the app as soon as they are release by organisations. To get these games times once you have downloaded the app choose to signup for alerts for your child's chosen sport. See app instructions with this newsletter on how to do that.





# *Calendar*

## **Term 1**

**24 February** - BOT Meeting

**26 February** - School ID Photos

**11 March** - School Photos

**24-25 March** - Dingle Games (Run by KiwiCan)

**30 March** - BOT Meeting

**9 April** - Last day of Term 1

# Have you got the Forest Lake App?

The school uses an app as its main form of communication with the school community. Some of the highlights of the app are:



**Absences** - send absences through the app

**Alerts** - receive alerts to topics of your choice (e.g. sports game times, fundraising, discos etc)

**Contacts** - enables you to contact the office or your child's class teacher via email.

**Calendar** - view the school calendar of events

**Links** - access various links relating to the school and learning

**Newsletters** - Download and read school newsletters

## *Instructions on accessing the App*

If you have an Apple or Android device you can download the app by:

- Open your App store on your device and type in SchoolApp NZ in the search bar
- Download the free App and open it. Search for Forest Lake School
- Once it opens select parent and follow the on-screen prompts
- To sign up for alerts on the main page press the three parallel lines at the top left hand of the screen and press alert subscriptions. Select as many alerts as you wish to receive by pressing the circle next to them.

