



# Forest Lake School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

A very busy start to our term where we have welcomed many new whānau into our school. We look forward to sharing this period of your child's life with you. We hope that together we can attain the aspirations you have for your child, gain the maximum benefits and profit from the rewarding experiences during the time your child will spend at Forest Lake Primary School.

We already have had a minor blip with Covid-19 and I want to thank our school community for working with us to keep everyone safe. Remember now, it is your responsibility as parents to use the QR Codes to scan in if you are coming on site to drop children off or collect at the classrooms. At all other times we ask that you sign in at the office.

I have reviewed student attendance for the first three weeks and we are currently sitting at 82%. This is very low so we need to work together to get our students to school every day. Our target for attendance is 94% so we have a way to go.

This year our professional development is focusing on developing a localised curriculum. We are very fortunate to be working with Alex Hotere-Barnes, Anne Robertson and Mark Osborne who will set the foundation for this work on Monday 1st March - our first Teacher Only Day.

Other professional development is focused on meeting new Ministry of Education guidelines where te reo Maori and tikanga Maori are incorporated into everyday life of our place of learning.

Our school website is currently being updated. If you are looking for calendar events there is a button at the bottom of the frontpage that will take you to a calendar for the year. You can also click on the link at the top of the page news and events. We are working to make our website more reflective of our school as we are very proud of what we do here.

Our Board of Trustees has approved our School Charter for this year. Very shortly this will be added to our website.

We are reviewing the "Home Learning Policy" this term. What we currently have is out of date. Whaea Vanessa will send out information on our School App as to how you can review this. The board will be addressing this at our next hui.

Last night we had parking wardens outside the school. If you were asked to move, please remember that that request was made in the safety of all children. It is a timely reminder not to park illegally outside the school at any time.

With this newsletter, you will also have received a copy of the school handbook and a fridge magnet with our 2021 term dates.

Have a great week everyone. Remember no school on Monday for students.

Whaea Chris

# Rumaki Teina

Nau mai ki te akomanga auaha o Kauri 3! E ako ana ngā teina o te Whānau Rumaki e pā ana ki te pepeha o te kura. Kei te tūhurahura kei te rāwekeweke i ngā taputapu me ngā rawa toi hei whakaatu i te rere o te wai me te hanga o te marae. Kei tawhiti!



*Ko Waikato te awa*

*Ko Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu te maunga*

*Ko Tainui te waka*

*Ko Ngāti Māhanga te iwi*



Pukumahi ana ngā tamariki ki te mahi Pāngarau, te Reo Matatini me te Hākinakina. Ia rā ka pātai atu a Whaea Moana ki ngā tamariki "E pēwhea ana koutou?". Ka āta whakaaro ngā tamariki kātahi ka rarangi mai ki muri i te pikitia e whakaatu ana i tō rātou

kare-ā-roto.

# Auraki Teina (Junior General)

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 welcome Whaea Kath and Whaea Clare in Matai 4 and Whaea Laura in Matai 5. If you have the opportunity, please come and introduce yourself.

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

- **Digital Learning - Gaining our Ipad licences**
  - **Health & PE - Parachute Games (Building relationships)**
  - **Maths - Statistics**
  - **KiwiCan - Positive Relationships**
  - **Inquiry - Fruit & Vegetables and Gardening tools**
- Plus lots more when we discover what the students have interests in.**




The students have been getting to know their new classrooms, new teachers, discovering some new classroom equipment and learning how to take care of the ipads, how to use the ipads responsibly as a learning tool and how to stay safe on the ipad.




# Auraki Waenga (Middle General)

Auraki Waenga staff started the year by introducing ourselves to our students in the form of a Pepeha. Our goal is that each of our students will be able to learn and share their own Pepeha this year.

Ko Whaea Jaimee tōku ingoa  
Ko ngapae maunga o Hakarimata te maunga  
Ko Waikato te awa  
Ko Tongariro tōku waka  
Ko Ngaruawahia tōku kainga  
Ko Lesley Thorpe tōku māmā  
Ko Garry Thorpe tōku pāpā



Ko Shari Te Huia tōku ingoa.  
Ko Wharepuhunga te maunga  
Ko Puniu te awa  
Ko Raukawa te iwi  
Ko Tainui te waka  
Ko Nathan tōku hoa tane  
Tokotoru aku tamariki



Ko Karioi tōku maunga  
Ko Whaingaroa tōku moana  
Ko Roto Ngāhere tōku kura  
Ko David tōku pāpā  
Ko Stephanie tōku māmā  
Ko Kalani taku tamāhine  
Ko Katinka Gardiner-Maybee tōku ingoa



Ko Mauao tōku maunga  
Tauranga tōku moana/Ko wairoa tōku awa  
Ko Takitimu tōku waka  
Ko Tamatea-arikini te tangata  
Ko Ngati Ranginui tōku iwi  
Ko Ngati Kahu tōku hapū  
Ko Kahu tapu tōku marae  
Ko Soonhi Kim tōku ingoa



Mā te hono a wairua ki ngā tangata o tēnei whenua:

Ko Karioi te maunga  
Ko Mangoakahu te wai  
Ko Waitetuna tōku kainga  
Ko Donna taku hoa rangatira  
Ko Putiputi taku tamāhine  
Ko Rotongahere tōku kura  
Ko Natalie tōku ingoa  
He tauiri āhau nō Aotearoa



As Pepeha is all about self identity we have begun this unit by exploring Te whare tapa whā; Taha Tinana/Physical wellbeing, Taha Wairua/Spiritual wellbeing, Taha Hinengaro/Emotional and mental wellbeing, and Taha Whānau/Family wellbeing. This week we have been learning about Taha Hinengaro. Below are some pictures of our students role playing some of the different emotions we feel and how they look in a freeze frame.



# Rumaki Tuakana

Ko te maataamua o te whakaaro ko te tuku whakawhetai ki te wāhi ngaro koia i tau ai ngā manaakitanga ki runga i a tātou. Ka rere tonu ngā whakaaro ki te Kiingi Māori e noho nei ki tōna ahurewa tapu. Rire, rire, hau, paimaarire. Kei ngā mate o tēnei marae o tēnā taumata hoki atu koutou ki te huinga o te kahurangi, haere, haere, okioki atu rā. Ki a tātou ngā kanohi ora tēnā tātou. Nei rā ngā mihi maioha e rere nei!



Nau mai ki te akomanga auaha o Kauri 2! I ngā wiki timatanga nei ko te whāinga nui ko te whakawhanaungatanga me te hoki ki ngā wāriu o te kura. Kua whakapau kaha ngā tauira tuakana o Kauri 2 i roto i ngā mahi toi me te waiata kia whakatairanga i tō rātou tuakiritanga.



Kua timata ngā mahi whakarite wātaka ako, te Pāngarau, te hākinakina me ngā Wānanga Reo. He nui rawa ngā mahi kei mua i te aroaro, ā, ko tā ngā tuakana o te Whānau Rumaki ināiane he kawea ake te mānuka!

# Auraki Tuakana (Senior General)

Welcome to Auraki Tuakana,

We hope you were able to take a break over the summer and are well-rested and ready for the new school year. We would like to introduce ourselves:

Kia ora, Ko Bruce Gordon tōkū ingoa

I was born in Hamilton and moved around the country before coming back to Hamilton. I was educated at Hastings Boys 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 ensure I stay fit and active.

Kia ora, Ko John Talsma tōkū ingoa

I am looking forward to being here at Forest Lake from the beginning of the year and establishing some strong positive relationships with our students. I believe it is important that students learn to discipline their thinking as well as their emotions at this age as it sets them up for greater success in their later years. I have been teaching for almost 20 years at this level. I enjoy participating in a range of sports and have played football at a reasonably high level for many years. I am now a keen cyclist and swim regularly. I have 2 adult children and one amazing wife. I look forward to working with all of you.

Kia ora, Ko Mitchell Crow tōkū ingoa. I am super excited to begin my 1st year of teaching EVER! I am super enthusiastic about seeing the students grow, both in learning ability and personal growth. I have a passion for reading and seeing students enjoy and want to read both in and outside the classroom.

We're excited about the opportunity to get to know you and work with you to meet the needs of your child. You are most welcome to make contact with us as below. (see bottom of page)

This term we will focus on the following curriculum areas:

**Topic:** Children will be doing inquiry-based learning on a unit entitled Garden to Table.

**Maths:** A focus on basic facts, numeracy addition and subtraction.

**Reading:** Learning reading skills and strategies such as predicting and self-monitoring.

**Writing:** Learning about text structure.

**Physical Education:** Target Skills and Games.

**E-learning:** We are using Chromebooks in our learning and recommend students have their own personal Chromebook. Students have been working on gaining their 'Digital License'. We are anticipating that students will have completed their licenses and will be able to begin using their Chromebooks beginning Week 4. 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. Invitations for you to join Seesaw were sent home last week.

Here are some portraits that the students have been working on:



johtnt@forestlake.school.nz, or mitchellc@forestlake.school.nz.

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

Ngā mihi,

Auraki Tuakana Kaiako.

# Extra-curricular Sports

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau whānui o Roto Ngahere. Nau mai whakatau mai ki ngā whānau hōu kua tau mai ki waenganui i te whānau o Roto Ngahere. Ko te tūmanako ka mīharo katoa te whai wāhi o tō/ōu tamariki ki ngā tīma hākinakina o te kura nei.

Welcome back to all the whānau of Forest Lake School and a warm welcome to all the new whānau who have joined the Forest Lake community. We hope that your child/ren have an awesome time participating in the extra-curricular sports that we offer.

Unfortunately with the urgency of getting registrations in on time and having sports fees due so early in the term, we were only able to create one sports team for this term. All registrations for Touch, Basketball and Futsal were due in the second week back at school. If you have any feedback on how we can collect student interest earlier to give whānau the time to be able to make payment dates, please can you pass this feedback on to Whaea Calah by visiting her in her classroom (Kauri block—second door from the Ngahere fenceline, or through email [calahr@forestlake.school.nz](mailto:calahr@forestlake.school.nz)

Last week on Friday sports notices for Volleyball were sent home with students who showed interest. If you would like your child/ren to participate in Volleyball as an extra-curricular sport the please collect a notice at the office or email Whaea Calah. **Unfortunately this sport is only available to year 5-8 students.**

We have one basketball team for this term and that is our year 5&6 Forest Lake Ballers. Check them out warming up for their first game.

Also ngā mihi nui to Tamatea Campbell an ex student of Forest Lake who has risen to the challenge of coaching this team with support from his whānau.



Congratulations to The Forest Lake Teina (Year 1/2 Basketball) team and the Forest Lake Ballers (Year 5/6 Basketball) team. FLS Teina finished 2nd in their competition in Term 4, while the Ballers finished 1st in their competition in Term 4. It was an awesome effort by both teams, and they have a lot to be proud of because of their efforts.

# Teacher Only Day

On Monday, 1st of March all staff will be involved in Professional Development meaning that the school will be closed for all students on this day. We ask that you make alternative arrangements for this day. School will resume the following day on Tuesday, 2 March.

# Stationery Sales

A huge thank you to those that have purchased their stationery in the past three weeks. It is great to see that the majority of students now have their stationery. For those that have yet to purchase theirs, please be aware that the special prices have now finished. If you have an existing stationery form, those prices will no longer be valid. Please see the office for the new form.

# School Photos

Class photos will be taken on Wednesday, 10 March. Pre-paid envelopes will be sent out tomorrow (Thursday, 25 March) and must be dropped back at the school office by Tuesday, 9 March with payment. **PLEASE NOTE THAT EFT-POS AND SCHOOL AP ACCOUNTS CANNOT BE USED AS A FORM OF PAYMENT.**

# Immunisation Records

We are currently updating our Immunisation register here at school. Students that we have no records or incomplete records for will come home with a letter asking for them to be dropped in to the office, or alternatively a form can be signed which will allow our Public Health Nurse to access these records. If you know you have not provided the school a, please bring them in to the office and we can take a copy, or ask for a form giving the Public Health Nurse permission to access them. It is vital that school's hold current immunisation details in case of an outbreak. If you have chosen not to immunize your child, please can you put this in writing as we need to hold this on record too.

# Fun Zone

We may well have the next Wright Brothers amongst us! Have a go at designing your own vehicle, then look at the next page and see just how you would promote your design, is it one-of-a-kind, or will it be affordable so that all can buy it? Have fun with it. Once you have completed it, send your pages back to the school office for a chance for your design to be featured on our Facebook page for all to see your ingenuity.



## INVENT A VEHICLE

Richard Pearse, a farmer from Temuka, designed and built a plane that some say was the first to fly. Now it's your turn to be an inventor!

In the space below, design a completely new vehicle that could change the world. Colour it in and label all the features. Scattered around the page are vehicles from Aotearoa's past to help inspire you.



Explain the features in more detail. How do they work?

Is it powered by  
fuel, electricity  
or the sun? Or  
something else?

Is your vehicle affordable? Or is it designed to be one-of-a-kind?

Will your vehicle  
be difficult to  
operate? Or will it  
steer itself?

How will your invention change the world?

Where will it be used?  
On land? In the sky?  
On the water? Or  
somewhere else?

