



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Whanau, welcome to Term 2

I trust you had an enjoyable time with your children over the school holidays. The weather certainly played its part and all the students look well rested and ready for an exciting Term ahead.

A special warm welcome to the new students and families who have joined our school. I also welcome Mrs Jo Forsyth as the new teacher in the Junior Hub. Mrs Forsyth joins us for the rest of the year in Room 2 and we trust she will have a wonderful time at our school. Mrs Steel will be departing on a year's refreshment leave at the end of Week 5 and Mrs Leigh will be taking on the DP role in our school from Week 6, before departing on maternity leave sometime in Term 3.

Term 2 is full of activities - sporting events including Rippa Rugby, Netball and Soccer Inter-School tournaments, ICAS examinations, the EcoHero Show and there's an opportunity for a bit of socialising with the students' PTA Disco and parents/caregivers Social Auction Evening in June. We trust that you will get involved, come along and enjoy the events with all of us.

In Week 8 the second stage of **Reporting to Parents** cycle takes place with the Parent Interviews & Mid-Year Reports on June 21st and June 22nd. A notice with information on how to book your appointment will be sent home early in June.

This Term the **Integrated Study Unit** continues '*Forces - Floating and Sinking*'. If one marble sinks, why does a ship full of marbles float? This Unit has a major Science and Technology focus.

Matakana School is delighted to be part of the **Matakana Cookbook project** which will be a beautiful keepsake for your family and friends. The project is well under-way and your recipes are most welcome now. Please submit your recipe, and encourage family and friends to submit a recipe, at <https://matakanacookbook.co.nz/submit/>. Remember to nominate your school house colour. We look forward to announcing the winning house at assembly this Friday - a special treat is in store for the winning house and a special prize for one student from each house.

The 2017 edition of the **Matakana School Business Directory** is enclosed and a special thank you to the businesses who have advertised in this directory. Funds raised from this project will benefit our ArtsHub.

I am pleased to announce an additional Principal Sponsor of Matakana School - the Brick Bay Group. We thank Brick Bay for their support of our school and look forward to presenting students with the Creative Kid Award, which for Term 2 is a Matakana Cinema voucher for one child and adult!

Reminders:

- Please remember **school starts at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm**. Kindly allow your child plenty of time in the morning to unpack their bag and settle into the classroom.
- Please **do not park in the Bus Bay** at any time as this causes a real safety concern for our community when buses block Matakana Road and is a danger to children getting off buses.
- Please advise the school office as a matter of urgency if your **contact details** - phone numbers, email address, emergency contacts, have changed.
- Please inform the school office if your child has a **health issue** or if their **medical condition** has changed.

I am looking forward to a fantastic Term and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for all your support.

Ka kite ano,
Darrel Goosen
Principal

