



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Whanau, welcome to Term 3

I trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with your children and that all the winter illness that besieged our school at the end of last Term is over.

A warm welcome to the new students and families who have joined our school. I would like to welcome our **new Junior Hub Teacher Leslie Babbott** who joins Room 3 from Week 2. Mrs Joy Leigh is currently our Acting Deputy Principal and leaves on maternity leave towards the end of this Term. Ms Wendy Chittenden will take on the role of Acting Deputy Principal from Mrs Leigh until the return of Mrs Steel from refreshment leave in 2018.

Term 3, as with other Terms, is very busy and full of exciting opportunities for our students. The school Cross Country and Inter-School Cross Country in August, final ICAS examinations, speeches, hockey and more. **Please view our website, app and newsletter for the school event calendar.** I trust you will also be involved in the third cycle of Reporting to Parents, join in on the PTA meetings and assist with Gala organisation.

This Term's **Integrated Study Unit** is *Ancient Civilisations - Incas & Aztecs - Where did Popcorn, Chocolate and Chewing Gum come from?* We will be looking at different cultures in the world, their practices and customs and the influences they have had on our own culture. Theme Week will celebrate this study by a visit to the Omaha Marae, and some traditional Maori games.

On Thursday, 17th August, the third stage of our **Reporting to Parents** cycle takes place with the PPP's (Pupil Progress Presentations). Students will take parents through their learning journey, discussing the progress they have made with their learning goals. A notice with booking details will be sent out in Week 3.

Our **PTA is holding several important meetings** this Term:

- General Meeting on Thursday, 3rd August at 3pm in the staffroom
- Annual General Meeting on 18th September at 3pm in the staffroom

Please place these dates in your calendar and come along to find out more about past PTA's activities and future direction. Childcare will be available in the Information Centre.

There are several **fundraising activities** happening at our school. Please see the Gala notice to be involved and watch for messages from the Matakana Cookbook team - submit your favourite recipe at matakanacookbook.co.nz.

Reminders:

- **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. It is disruptive to the whole class when students come in late.
- 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. Also **do not park** in the **staff car park** or the **Kiss Drop & Drive** area.
- Please **clearly label** all uniform items.
- Please **inform the school office** if your:
 - **child is sick** (use the school app, email or 24 hour phone answering service).
 - **contact details** have changed.
 - child has a new **health issue** or **medical condition**.

This should be a busy and invigorating Term. We all look forward to inspiring your children and our community.

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Darrel Goosen
Principal