

Welcome to 2018!

Kia ora and a very warm welcome to the 2018 school year. It has been a fabulously hot holiday break and it was great to see staff and students arrive back at school with such positivity. The energy and enthusiasm among everyone was obvious from the moment we came together for our brief assembly this morning. I am really looking forward to the year ahead.

I extend a special welcome to our new students who have joined the Ngaere School community this year; only one new family with the rest of our 7 new enrolments being siblings of current students.

A special welcome back to Ms Kelly Whittaker who has returned from spending a year with her beautiful son Mack.

As most of you are aware we have ‘dropped’ a teacher for this year following a number of years ‘assured staffing’. We start the year with 135 students with 15 known enrolments throughout the year. An exciting position to be in!

We have made the decision to rename our teaching classes for the 2018 school year. This might take a bit of getting used to!

Year 1	Mahana – Sunshine Room	Mrs Penny Andrews
Year 1 & 2	Pukeko	Mrs Pauline James
Year 3 & 4	Piwakawaka	Miss Kathryn Duncan
Year 4 & 5	Whio	Ms Natarsha Hey
Year 6 & 7	Ngauruhoe	Miss Kelly Whittaker
Year 7 & 8	Ruapehu	Miss Emma Dravitzki

Reading Recovery: Mrs Liz O’Sullivan
 Release / Relieving Teachers: Mrs Maree Johnson, Mrs Donna Bridgeman, Mrs Barb Gibbins

Teacher Aides / Support staff; Mrs Lynn Longshaw, Mrs Carol Henderson, Mrs Sherri Matthews, Mrs Vicki Mason, Mrs Jenny Sulzberger
 Bill Mason - Caretaker



Our newest arrivals

Our School Values

Living and Learning with RESPECT

Relationships - *respecting self and others*

Empathy – *kindness, caring and looking after each other*

Sustainability – *protecting our environment for others to enjoy*

Perseverance – *always trying, and staying positive*

Excellence – *strive for excellence always in all we do*

Curiosity – *know more, ask questions, enjoy discovering*

Thinking – *critical problem solving, innovative, creative*

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6 Feb

Waitangi Day (no school)

Friday 9 Feb

School Picnic

Tuesday 13 Feb

School banking starts

5 March

Swimming Sports Y 4-8

7 March

Swimming Display Y 1-3

12 March

Taranaki Anniversary Day

16 March

PTA Twilight Gala

30 March

Good Friday

Office Hours

Our school office is 'manned' between 8.30am and 1pm Monday – Friday. Please advise Jenny, through a phone call, email or call in if you have had a change of circumstances or contact details.

School Newsletter

This year we want to make a concerted effort to cut back on our photocopying! School newsletters will be emailed or available to be viewed / downloaded from our school website unless you specify you require a paper copy. Newsletters will usually be available on a Wednesday afternoon. A paper copy of each newsletter will be displayed at school.

School Pool

The pool was widely used over the holidays and a huge thank you to those families who kept an eye on it for us, especially with the cleaning. No firm decision has been made yet as to when the pool will be closed. If you are not using the pool, please return the key for your \$10 refund. The lock will be changed at the end of this swimming season.

Children are swimming each day. Parents will NOT be rung if a child forgets their togs! If you are able to assist with class swimming, please talk to your child's teacher.

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher in Week 3. More information in next week's newsletter.

School Picnic

This year's school picnic will be next Friday, 9th February at Lake Rotokare. We will meet at the lake at 10am (children do not need to come to school first unless they require a ride). There will be an opportunity for all children to walk around the lake as well as play a few games and enjoy a picnic with their family. It is a family event so everyone welcome! If wet the picnic will be cancelled!

PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting for the 2018 year is on Wednesday 7th Feb at 7pm in the staffroom. At this meeting the discussion will be largely around the organisation for the Twilight Gala and harvesting the potatoes. All are warmly invited to attend.

Scholastic Books

Book orders due back at school 2nd March.

Reminders:

- The area out the front of the school is for drop off / pick up only. **Please do not park.** It is a good idea to consider the timing of the pick up of your child. Waiting until 3.10pm is often a much better option!
- School uniform – blue polo shirt, shorts, skirts and skorts are the accepted items of summer school wear. School issue Ngaere hats are to be worn when outside – no caps.
- No nail polish, makeup or fancy hair pieces.

Do you want to learn to dance?

Hiphop, Jazz and Beginners Ballet dance classes available in Eltham. Please contact Natalie 027 4310741 or facebook Vivid Rhythm dance for times, prices and more information.

MusiqHub has **Guitar** and **Electronic Music** lesson spaces available for your child. Electronic Music uses fun instruments like synthesisers, drum machines and ipads for making music. Its a hit with kids into technology

At MusiqHub we regard musicality as a form of intelligence enriching everybodys live. Our NZ written curriculum delivers this perfectly on primary school level, and we offer many exciting extras like *free online lessons, cool band backing tracks & more!*

Contact Peter Heard on 027 431 3544 or email

peter.heard@musiqhub.co.nz

These music lessons are during school time (currently on a Tuesday) at school.

Keyboard and piano lessons also available.

See Megan for more details