



# *Taupo Primary School Newsletter*

## *Wednesday 1 February 2017*

*Nau mai hoki mai e ngā whānau kite tau hou*

*Welcome to the New Year to all our Families*

*Dear Whanau/families and our community*

A special welcome to all our new student and their families. We look forward to working together with you all to teach your child. We love our school and I am sure you will too. We aim for the very best outcomes for our students and enjoy the support of our families to help us achieve this. There is a special “welcome” to Taupo Primary School Powhiri for new comers to our school to be held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 9.15am, in the school hall.

Welcome also to our new staff members. Karen Turdeich who is teaching in Room 14 and is the fixed term leader of Tuakana Tauhara team, Kelly Shallow who will teach in Room 6 with Trevor Harvey as Reading Recovery Release, Lea Anne Hemopo who will teach Year 3 and 4 in Room 12 and Clare O’Connor who will teach Year 3 in Room 13. Next week we will introduce our new Teacher Aides.



Kelly Shallow



Lea Anne Hemopo



Clare O’Connor



Karen Turdeich

Special congratulations to Callie-anne Dumble who was successful in her application for the Deputy Principal’s job at Hilltop. Well done, we are delighted that you have achieved such a strong forward step in your career.

Congratulations to Kirsty Tatere who is the Acting Associate Principal. Kirsty taught in Room 2 last year and has experience in leadership in previous schools.

## ***2017 Goals***

The strategic aims are being finalised; they all focus on improving achievement especially in literacy and numeracy. Our biggest challenge this year is to improve reading especially in Year 2, 3 and 4. The strategic aims will be published fully when the Charter is completed.

Other goals for the year include:

- Planning and implementing programmes in Innovative Learning Environments
- Enhancing and nurturing students and teachers capability using digital tools
- Continuing to build the schools cultural capability and responsiveness to diversity and the Treaty of Waitangi

## ***Projects for 2017***

- \* The replacement classroom space in at the far end of the field by C Block
- \* The development of the senior school playground
- \* A behaviour project supporting at risk students, using fresh approaches to situations we want to change
- \* Two more fully digital classrooms

## ***Shady School Policy***

In Terms One and Four students **must wear the regulation school sunhat**. Students not wearing a sunhat or wearing non regulation hats will be required to stay in one spot - in the shade. Please support us to keep your child healthy and free of melanoma. Also a reminder, the complete school uniform is compulsory. Teachers are required to send home a note should your child not be wearing regulation uniform.

## ***Code of Conduct***

The staff and I have reviewed the Code of Conduct for staff at Taupo Primary School. We have realised that the Code should also apply to volunteers. If you are a regular volunteer in our school either the teacher will share the Code with you or you can request a copy from the office.

## ***Social Media***

The Code of Conduct requires staff to refrain from using social media for negative comments about the school. We ask our parents and community to respect this request also. We will always make time to listen to concerns and do our very best to even them out. Come and see us to talk about good things and ways we can improve. We appreciate our community's care and passion for the school.

Nga Mihi  
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