



Te Puna i Keteriki

# Moerewa School

## TE KARERE O TE KURA

7 February 2017

Kia ora whanau,

We welcome the start of our new school year, along with those new to the Moerewa School whanau.

At our powhiri this morning we spoke about new beginnings, change and the opportunities they bring. We have staff changes, we have changes in our timetable, we have changes in how we manage recycling and rubbish in our school.



### **Firstly, Staff Changes:**

We bid farewell to Whaea Renee, our teacher in Room 8 last year. We also say farewell to Whaea Jo, our pouwhirinaki (teacher aide) in Room 16. Both resigned over the break having moved on to jobs elsewhere and we wish them the very best.

We also have had a shift around for some teachers in the school. Our classroom teachers are now:

#### ***Whanau Kopunui***

Team Leader and Room 9 teacher (Years 3-5) - Whaea Anita Jones

Senior class (Years 5-8) - Whaea Margie Mathews

Junior class (Years 1&2) - Whaea Te Marino Martin-Kawiti

#### ***Whanau Matariki***

Team Leader & Room 5 teacher (New Entrants) - Whaea Lily Toeke

Senior class (Years 4-7) - Whaea Hon Tautari

Junior class (Years 2-4) - Nga Whaea Josie Hunt & Sophie Brown

#### ***Nga Whanau Marama & Ra***

Team Leader & Room 17 teacher (Years 8-10) - Whaea Aggie

Senior class (Years 4-7) - Whaea Raewyn Davis

Junior class (Years 2-4) - Whaea Karen Williams



So if you have questions or concerns, please direct these firstly to your child's teacher.

If after a time you feel your concerns have not been addressed, talk with your child's team leader. They are often in a situation where they may be able to shed light on the concerns and sometimes provide a different perspective. This is because they also often interact with your child on a daily basis. It is also their role to support your child's teacher in their professional development. If you have tried all this and still have concerns, please contact the office and request an appointment with either Whaea Veronica or myself.

### **Timetable:**

We have also slightly modified our timetable lengthening our morning learning block and shortening our afternoon one. We have done this as we know this will benefit our children.

Our day still begins with whole school assembly at 8:50 am, although now there will be a bell at 8:45am to direct children and staff to the hall.

Morning tea starts at 10:50am and finishes at 11:10am.

Lunch starts at 12:50pm and finishes at 1:40pm (the bell will go at 1:35pm)

The bell signaling the end of our day will be at 2:50pm.

### **Recycling:**

Finally, we are going to try very hard this year to teach our children the value of recycling and not throwing their rubbish on the ground where it will end up in our drains, our creeks, our rivers and eventually our oceans.

We will teach your child what can and cannot be recycled. Our goal is to link in with our local recycling centre and become a ZERO RUBBISH school.

This will mean any rubbish your child brings to school, will come home with them in the afternoon.

This is **not** about shifting the rubbish from our place to yours.

It is about helping us all make better decisions about waste.



We used to think that rubbish was something we throw away.

For the sake of the environment we must learn, there is no **away!**

Away is simply somewhere else, and papatuanuku deserves better.

Nga mihi whanau,

Matua Jason