



Term 1 Week 6, Thursday 15, 2018

Tena koutou e te whānau, he mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Principals Message

Tēnā koutou te whānau

Dear families Freemans Bay Primary,

Kua hinga te totara nui a te Waonui a Tane. This week has been extremely sad with the passing of our kaumatua, Ross Gregory. Ross passed away 10th March 2018 at age 78 years. He is loved by us all and will be forever in our hearts.

Haere atu rā e te matua ki tua o te ārai, ki te rua o Matariki. Takahia atu ra e koe te ara anu mātao i takahia ai e Maui. Takoto koe ki ō kōiwi ki Rangihaukaha, ki Te Rarawa. E moe, e moe, moe i te moengaroa.

Recently we received notice from Janis of her resignation, effective end of term one. Janis arrived from UK in 2005 to take a position as a teacher in Whānau Rau. Over her time at Freemans Bay School Janis has been a teacher, team leader, Assistant Principal and Deputy Principal and as DP has often acted up as principal in my absence. Janis and her husband Ted have sold their home in Helensville and are moving to a new home which they have had built in Taupo. Janis is going to enjoy retirement and being close to her family and grandchildren in Taupo. We will miss Janis but know we will keep in touch.

A reminder to all that Easter is coming up and school will be closed on Friday 30th March through to Tuesday 3rd April. We come back to school on Wednesday 4th April.

At 9.30am on Wednesday 4th April, we will have a special celebration to open our new building. We invite you all to attend and ask that you and the children dress up in national costumes or in special clothes to recognise the wonderful diversity of our school community. The children will go to class as normal at 9.00am and then everyone will assemble outside the new building at 9.30am for the

ceremony. This will be followed by the opportunity for all to have a look around the building and a celebratory morning tea for the adults, put on by parent group, in our staff lounge.

Our big event of shifting into our new buildings is on track for the week back at school from 4th April and we are very excited about this! The move will involve moving Whānau Rau Tahi from the hall to the bottom of the older two story block and Whānau Rau Rua from the bottom floor to the top of this building. Whānau Puna will go into the bottom of the new building and Whānau Wai to the top of the new build.

On April 6th at 10.30am we will be taking part in the opening of our Kāhui Ako o Waitematā at Orakei Marae. This event will mark the beginning of our Kāhui Ako where 12 schools will work together to ensure all learners access successful educational pathways in our inner city schools, English medium or Māori medium curriculum streams. Parents are most welcome to attend this celebration. It is an opportunity for you to participate in an authentic marae experience.

This week Bridget is representing Freemans Bay School in Singapore at the Microsoft Ambassador Teachers International conference. She will be sharing ideas about our future focused curriculum and learning from others how we can improve our e-learning programmes.

A reminder that school closes early Tuesday 20th March at 1pm for NZEI teacher union meeting. Children must go home at 1pm or to after school care arrangements.

The last day of the term will be Friday 13th April and term two commences Monday 30th April. Please keep away from the school in the school holidays as removal of our old buildings will be the major work onsite as well as upgrading and painting the older two story block.

Kindest regards Nāku noa, nā

Sandra Jenkins, MEd (1st Class Hons) , Advanced Dip Tching, Dip Tching

Schoolwide News

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Aquarius, Maria, Zane, Kamal, Luqmaan, Jordan

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 20 March, 1pm	Teacher Union Meeting, Early school closure, 1pm
Tuesday, 20 March, 9-11am	Mainly Music (Parents and Pre-Schoolers)
Wednesday, 28 March 10 – 2.45	Wai 1, 2, 3 trip (Pink Cycle Lane)
Wednesday, 28 March, 6 – 9pm	BOT Meeting
Friday, 30 March	Good Friday, School Closed
Monday, 2 April	Easter Monday, School Closed
Tuesday, 3 April	Easter Tuesday, School Closed
Wednesday, 4 April, 9.30am	Opening of New Building, FBS
Friday, 6 April, 10.30am	Launch of Kāhui Ako, Orakei Marae
Friday, 13 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday, 30 April	First day of Term 2

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS - SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY

Tuesday 20 March 1.00pm

School will be closed early at 1pm on Tuesday 20 March for teachers to attend their paid union meeting. We apologise for the inconvenience. Children must be picked up, go home or attend after school care at 1pm. Fernandos and Youthtown will be operating from the earlier time, please contact them the usual way to book your child's slot.



The Freemans Bay School Parent Group are eager to hear from those interested in helping make our school a better place.

The Parent Group is a group of volunteers designed to help build community, raise funds and create opportunities for people to connect with each other.

We plan and run a range of events throughout the year from bake sales to school dances. The time commitment involved with each event differs, though any involvement, no matter how little, would be greatly appreciated.

Please register your interest via the [Parent Group Registration link](#) or contact Parent Group Coordinator Hamish Hopkinson hamish@hopkinson.co.nz



We offer group or individual tuition on keyboard, piano, ukulele, drum kit and singing. We also have available other instruments such as flute and violin if any students are interested. These are for Year 3-6 students.

We have one student keen to learn violin and we are looking for others to join him to get a group together to start these lessons.

Please **enroll** online at www.lewiseady.co.nz

Guitar lessons with John

We also have a large group who learn guitar from John Faulding at school on Thursdays. You can enroll with him via email. johnfaulding@gmail.com

Any questions, please contact me, Margaret Whittaker, margaretw@freemansbay.school.nz

Community Notices

Free English Study

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Make an appointment with Lei to discuss your options.

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ST MARY'S COLLEGE – NOW ENROLLING FOR 2019

Enrolments are open for Year 7 students and a small number of places for girls in other Levels.

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions.

**CLOSING DATE FOR 2019 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018**

For more information see our website
www.stmaryak.school.nz

LOCAL OFFICE LOOK FOR SOMEONE FOR A PART-TIME/FULL-TIME ROLE

Pascoes The Jewellers Head Office is located in Union Street. We currently have a part-time vacancy in our stock room, helping to sort and price ticket stock. Hours would be 8am – 3pm (however there is flexibility depending on the applicant). It is a small and friendly office and would suit someone who is looking for a job locally to fit in school hours. If you are interested please email a cover letter and CV to reception@jpl.net.nz