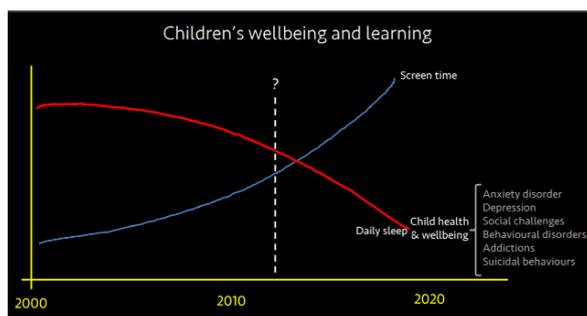


Term 2 Week 6, Thursday 7 June, 2018
Tena koutou e te whānau, he mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Principals Message

Kia ora all,



This week I attended a conversation and master class with [Pasi Sahlberg](#) at University of Auckland. Pasi is a Finnish educator, author and policy advisor in Finland who has studied education systems, policies, and advised education reforms around the world. Pasi discussed the importance of wellbeing of our children and the relationship between lack of sleep, increased screen time and physical and emotional

wellbeing.

I thought it was timely to remind parents of the importance of ensuring that your children get a minimum of 10 hours sleep a night and putting boundaries on screen time at home. It is a great idea to ensure that no phones or tablets are at the dinner table and not in the bedroom as the children are likely to stay awake with this stimulation. I encourage all parents to have a conversation around what boundaries you have in place around your own and your child's screen time at home and how many hours sleep you are all getting in relation to encouraging the best wellbeing for your family.

[Info on sleep and screen time](#)

With the increase in the number of families living in the inner city, there is also a growing number of cars to contend with. This is an opportune moment to remind you all to be vigilant around cars and crossing the road. Mike patrols the light crossing on Wellington Street daily both before and after school to ensure the safety of the children. Please encourage your children to use this crossing. The motorway onramps are particularly dangerous places. Take extra care when crossing these with your children. Encourage them to look and check for cars when they see the green signal, in case of drivers jumping red lights.

Parking is also getting more and more difficult around the school. Please be mindful of pedestrians, and do not park across the footpath or driveways.

We are excited to announce that Larissa will be stepping up as team leader in Whānau Wai. We are also advertising for a new teacher in Whānau Wai as Nardia is moving to teach in Japan early in term 3. Due to roll growth, we are advertising for new teachers in Whānau Ata and Whānau Rau and an extra teacher for our ESOL team.

Next week I am on leave until the end of the term. Bridget will be Acting Principal and Mabelle will be Acting Deputy Principal in my absence.

Whānau Rau Tahi is on the move again on Wednesday 27th June. The purpose of this move is to meet our unexpected roll growth and the growing capacity of Whānau Ata. Whānau Ata has grown to 62 students with more students expected to enrol. They have outgrown the building that they are in. As a response to this unexpected roll growth, it is now necessary for us to swap classroom / learning spaces with them and Whānau Rau Tahi. This lovely learning space in the blue building will accommodate roll of 45 new entrants and growth next term. The learning spaces include a lovely kitchen and art / technology area and two great decks for outdoor activities. This learning space will be ideal for the new entrant transition into school. We will be preparing our learners for this move and supporting their transition to their new space. We acknowledge that moving again is not ideal, however we have to utilise the space available to meet growth across the school and have determined that this is an excellent solution to meet our roll growth and the learning needs of our new entrants. If you wish to discuss this or any other matters with me I am available for a chat in the staffroom today at 2.00pm.

Work on reinstating the field and bike track has been held up by wet weather so play space is currently limited. It is fabulous to watch how our learners adapt so easily to playing in reduced space. We constantly remind our children of the school rules around walking past and between the buildings and keeping running to the top court. We also do not skate, bike or scooter around our buildings and parent support in reinforcing these safety rules is appreciated.

Whānau Wai is off to Camp Kawau in a couple of weeks. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the great work by our teachers planning for education outside the classroom activities and the support given to these from volunteer parents. I am sure it will be a great few days. Have a great week all, and I look forward to catching up early in term 3.

Sandy Principal MEd (1st Class Hons) , Advanced Dip Tching, Dip Tching

Schoolwide News

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Petelo, Zoe, Sudhendra

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 8 June	11.40am – 12.40pm Assembly
Thursday 14 June	9am – 3pm ICCS Ki-o-rahi (no save date)
Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 June	Whānau Wai Camp
Thursday 21 st June	9am – 3pm Whanau Rau Tahi – Trip to MOTAT
Friday 22 nd June	11.40am – 12.40pm Assembly
Wednesday 27 th June	8pm – 9.30pm Whanau Ata Hui
Wednesday 27th June	1PM School Closing 1pm due to Teachers Union Meeting
Thursday 28 th June	9am – 3pm ICCS Rugby League

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETING - SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY – Wednesday 27th June, 1pm

School will finish early at 1pm on Wednesday 27th June for teachers to attend their paid union meeting. Teachers will be discussing issues related to their collective agreements, including work load, teacher shortages in Auckland, pay and conditions. We apologise for the inconvenience. We appreciate that picking up your children early is inconvenient and acknowledge your support to our teachers as they exercise their right to attend their paid union meeting. Those students who cannot be picked up will be catered for with a modified programme by a skeleton staff who are non union members or learning assistants.

Youthtown is UNABLE to pick children up early. If your child regularly goes to Youthtown and you are booking in for this day, you may leave your children in our care for the extra 2 hours. Please let us know in advance so we know who to expect. Fernandos can accommodate children from 1pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

At our May Board of Trustees meeting, the Board ratified our 2018 school charter. The Board is responsible for the governance of Freemans Bay School, setting the direction and meeting the relevant legal and statutory requirements. This specifically includes the responsibility for implementing the Charter, setting and reviewing goals, implementing policies and assessing performance in relation to these. The Principal, as Chief Executive, is charged with the responsibility of achieving these objectives through effective day to day management of the school's staff and resources. Our updated charter has been uploaded on our school website and can be

viewed [here](#). The board has also agreed to utilise a web portal to capture its policy and procedures and this should be available to the school community by the beginning of next term. The next BOT meeting is Wednesday 27th June at 6pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

Sometimes parents like to have their child celebrate a birthday with their class at school. We ask that you please inform your child's teacher at least one week in advance of the birthday. When bringing celebrations to school please keep it simple i.e. cupcakes, cake etc. (Please provide a knife and napkins for serving). We do have to be careful of sharing food due to many students having food allergies. We do not give out lollies or sweets at school.

Thank you.

CAMP GEAR NEEDED

The Whānau Wai Year 5 - 6 camp is coming up in Week 8. We are looking for donations of camp gear for students. We would love sleeping bags, waterproof jackets, sports shoes, rash shirts and aqua shoes.

Any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver clean, named items to the school office.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further please contact, Nardia Nardiay@freemansbay.school.nz



Your child can learn to play music at school with Lewis Eady. Instruments include guitar, piano & more. Enrol online anytime at www.lewiseady.co.nz These lessons are suitable for students who are Year 3-6.

The Yummy Fruit Company

School Sticker Promotion



It's yummy sticker time again and we need your help. All you have to do is shop at your local New World, Pak 'n Save or participating Four Square stores and purchase Yummy apples. They can either be in bags with cut-out labels (One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers) or as individual apples with Yummy stickers. Yummy nectarines or other stone fruit stickers are also accepted.

Then you can either:

- Add stickers to your child's classroom sticker collection sheet
- Get a copy of a sticker collection sheet (from the office), place the Yummy stickers on them and then post in the Yummy box at the school office.

At the end of the promotion we will collect and collate all of the sheets and our stickers will be used to purchase sports gear from DG Sport. The more you collect, the more sports gear we get so get going and start collecting your Yummy labels and stickers now!

The promotion ends Friday 21 September

COMMUNITY NOTICES



NOTICE FROM AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

Sunday 8 July, 2018 – Bus services in Auckland Central Suburbs are changing. Please view your new timetables at <https://at.govt.nz/timetables>

Year 6 Students' Invitation

OPEN MORNING:
Tuesday 7 August - Visitors meet in the Kowhai Intermediate School hall at 9:30 am.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:
Wednesday 8 August 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the school hall

If you would like a meeting with the Principal, Associate Principal or Deputy Principal please phone 846 7534 or email:
Louise Broad - principal@kowhai.school.nz
Barbara Cloonan - ap@kowhai.school.nz
Tom Mackintosh - dp@kowhai.school.nz

Out of Zone enrolments close on Wednesday 5 September 2018

KOWHAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
2019 ENROLMENT INFORMATION



**Ponsonby
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School**



Ponsonby Intermediate School

Term 2

Tuesday 15th May - Open Morning

9:15am – 12:00pm for Year 6 students and parents/ caregivers. Students will be invited to come to Ponsonby Intermediate School at 9:15am from their school with their parents/ caregivers. This is a chance to see the school in action.

Tuesday 12th June - Open Morning

Wednesday 13th June - Open Morning

Term 3

Tuesday 31st July - Open Morning

Wednesday 15th August - Open Evening

The school will be open for viewing with programmes operating from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. A meeting with parents and teachers will take place in the hall at 6:45pm to answer any queries and to take enrolments.

Tuesday 21st August - Final Open Morning

For more information: www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz



Tales By Twilight

Leys Institute Library

Pop on your Pyjamas and join us at Leys for evening storytime. Bring along a torch if you have one and snuggle up in the library for stories and music.

Each evening will conclude with milk and cookies.

When: Friday 29th June 6:30pm Matariki

Friday 27th July 6:30pm Monsters

Friday 31st August 6:30pm Teddy Bear (don't forget to bring along your teddy bear).

Find out more: phone 09 377 0209 or visit
aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/
[Leysinstitute.library](https://www.facebook.com/Leysinstitute.library)

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