



# KAIPAKI NEWS

*'Bringing Learning to Life'*

WEEK 1  
TERM 1  
2021

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear Parents, Carers and Whānau,

Happy New School Year!

We hope you had a wonderful summer break.

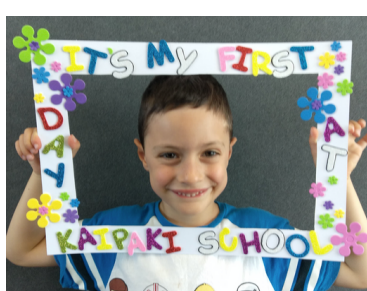
There have been many stories shared of water biscuiting, dolphin spotting, sandcastle building and exploring New Zealand during the holidays. Whatever the summer held for you, we hope you found time to relax and recharge with all those who are special to you.

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students, and their families, who have joined the Kaipaki Whanau this year:

Elliot Davies, Saoirse Donaldson, Henry Gibb, Heidi Higgins, Rockie Kamo, Max Lawry, Liam Osborne, Cooper Salvatierra Woods, Keith Wood, Bayley De Luca Oliveira and Nelly Young.

We look forward to learning with you and making many special school day memories together.

On Tuesday we began our school year with a Mihi Whakatau. Matua Sharez and Whaea Dana led this special occasion for us. What a beautiful way to start our year of learning together!



# A SPECIAL WELCOME TO....



## **Mrs Alana Thompson!**

We are so excited to have you join the Kaipaki Team. Ruma Mahuri are very lucky to have you as their teacher!

Alana joins us after many years teaching at Leamington School. We look forward to a special year making memories with you, Alana!

Kia ora e te whanau

Ko Jayde ahau. I am a qualified early childhood teacher and currently doing my graduate diploma in Primary Teaching. I feel privileged to be a student here at Kaipaki and feel so welcome by all the teachers whanau and tamariki. I will be joining Kaipaki School for 2 weeks in February and then every Wednesday till June, where I will be enjoying a 5 week practicum!

Most of my time will be spent in Ruma Mahuri but I'm sure I'll see you around. My husband and I live on a farm in Karapiro and I have a 3 year old son who is the light of my life. I look forward to learning with and alongside you all.

Aroha nui.







## SCHOOL CAMP

There are only 4 more sleeps until we head away for our whole school camp in Ngaruawahia Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th February. Hopefully yesterday a camp equipment list made its way home to you, with information about this exciting event. Please feel free to talk with any of us if you have any wonderings about this year's adventure. **Please note: Friday 12th February is a Teacher Only Day - a great time for weary campers to catch up on sleep and share all their camp stories with you.**

## MEET THE TEACHER

On **Tuesday 16th February** we will be holding individualised discussions for families and teachers. We hope that these conversations will provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's classroom teacher to share information and establish learning goals for the year. **Bookings can be made through the School Interviews website - [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the unique code 23m8m.**

## EXCITING PROPERTY UPDATES

Our school is looking so incredible! It is so exciting to finally see our new community bike track taking shape. Over the holidays there have been many people hard at work in the sweltering temperatures making our long-held dreams a reality. Special thanks to Daniel Gibb, Nick Pemberton, Shaun Brighthouse, and Ben Peters for all their expertise and hard work. We really appreciate you!

Once our set of bike helmets arrive we will begin in earnest to settle the dirt on our new track. We estimate that in about a month to six weeks we will have ironed out any issues and will be ready to lay the lime layer which will act like cement, making the track durable and decreasing the associated maintenance particularly over the winter months. This is the point where many hands will be required to help spread the lime layer. Watch this space for Working Bee announcements later on this term.



# EXCITING PROPERTY UPDATES CONTINUED...

We also had some new sand delivered and the safety bark on both playgrounds topped up over the summer break. We were so grateful to Darin Armstrong, Shaun Brighthouse and Daniel Gibb for bringing this project together. You may also have noticed a steady stream of contractors vehicles making their way through the school gates over the holidays. Work began in the original school building the day after school finished last year, and everyone worked hard to have this learning space ready for Ruma Peka to begin their 2021 learning adventure on Day 1. The insertion of some glass doors and opening of the space where the old coal ranges once resided have really lightened up the space and created some new options. Thanks to everyone involved from ASAP Contracting, Whitmarsh Architects, and our Board of Trustees.

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Maintaining communication with our families is really important to us.

Some useful information to remember:

- Our school office is manned from 9.00am-2:30pm Mon-Fri.
- Facebook and Skool Loop are a useful way of keeping track of the wider aspects of school life. We update this regularly and send notifications of important/urgent matters.
- Emails are another way we keep in touch, with newsletters e-mailed every 2 weeks (usually!) on Thursday/Friday this year. Please inform us of any changes in email address so we make sure they arrive in your inbox.
- We have a dedicated school bus website:  
<https://kaipaki.easybus.nz>



## TERM DATES

**Waitangi Day** - Monday 8th February

**School Camp** - Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th February

**Teacher Only Day** - Friday 12th February

**Meet The Teacher** - Tuesday 16th February (1:30-6:30pm)

**Weetbix Tryathlon** - Sunday February 21st

**Swimming** - Weeks 4 & 5 (Junior/senior week to be confirmed)

**Rural Schools Swimming** - Monday 15th March

**Easter** - Good Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April  
(please note the Tuesday is a holiday for schools).

**Last Day of Term 1** - Thursday 15th April (Teacher Only Day on Friday 16th).

### School Assemblies (2pm)

Friday 26th February, Friday 12th March

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### Staff Contact Details

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Carolyn Garvitch (Ruma Tiwai) - 022 042 2309

Julian Coutts (Sports Teacher) - 027 239 1236

