



Welcome Bay School

**“Ma Te huruhuru, Ka rere Te manu”
Adorn the bird with feathers so that it can fly**

Kia ora Parents, whanau, and caregivers,

Firstly, welcome to everyone who is returning, or just about to join the team at Welcome Bay School for what is expected to be an awesome year of life and learning! The team at school hope that everyone has enjoyed their holiday and taken time to recharge the learning batteries as we embrace the routine that the school year brings.

Also, we know that there are families in our community who dealt with tragedy during the holiday season and to all who endured such trials, our thoughts and aroha are with you.

This being my first opportunity to communicate with you all formally, I would like to acknowledge how happy the House whanau are to be living the Bay of Plenty, and I am personally very excited about being a part of the Welcome Bay School team. I would also like to acknowledge the high quality teachers and support staff, and Board of Trustees that have been so welcoming and supportive. We have an amazing school and with your support as parents and whanau, it is our expectation that the children of Welcome Bay School will “fly” in their lives and learning this year.

It's going to be a fantastic year! I look forward to meeting you all and encourage you to support our school and your children's teacher as we move forward together in 2012.

Naku noa,

Mr Nik House - Principal

The Welcome Bay Learner

Kea Mountain Parrot ASK QUESTIONS Tuku Pāiā!

I understand my world through knowledge acquisition

Communication, Inquiring, Multi Literate



NZ Falcon Karearea Kia Kaha Show Courage

I set goals, reflect on them and persevere to achieve personal greatness

It is about risk taking, resilience, challenge and trust



These five birds represent the qualities and characteristics we believe will define success for our learners now and into the future. Please take the time to revisit these with your children and try to use these birds at home as a way to encourage your children in their lives and learning. If home and school are united our children will thrive.

Blue Heron Matuku Moawa Stand Proud Kia Maia

I know and am proud of who I am, where I come from, what I do and what I say.

It is about for us identity through Self Awareness, Self Worth and Self Management



Wood Pigeon Kereru Have a Heart Kia Mawawawu!

I am a caring and responsible citizen who recognises and appreciates differences. I contribute positively to my world.

Diversity, compassion, empathy, citizenship and service.



Albatross Turoa Seek Adventure Whāia te pae Tawhiti!

I make sense of information, experiences and ideas to be innovative

Lateral, creative, critical and somatic thinking



Sustainability

We have a school wide focus on Sustainability this year beginning with a focus on "What do I value?" - "What is important to me?" There will be various activities and discussions around this regarding understanding ourselves and our needs, setting learning goals and how we are going to meet our goals.

Sunhats

We care about our tamariki and want them to be sunsmart, so here is a reminder to bring your sunhat to school for term one. If you are new to our school, our cool school sunhats can be purchased from the office for \$11. We expect all sunhats to be worn at school by the end of week 2 ;)



Working Bee

We are planning to have a working bee for the school in the middle of the term, Friday 2nd March. A particular focus for this day will be to clean up the bush area at the corner of the school field behind the junior area. This area is currently out of bounds but would be a wonderful wilderness play area for our tamariki if tidied up. Please put this day on the calendar and come and lend a hand... many hands make light work! ;) More info to come.

Waitangi Day

Just a reminder that next Monday is Waitangi day therefore Monday is a public holiday and school will not be open.

Enjoy a safe and happy long weekend.

Schoolwide Behaviour Expectations

Welcome Bay School believes in maintaining excellence in every area of school life and learning. This includes the right of all students to a positive learning environment and a safe playground.

OUR BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

These expectations have been agreed upon as being the ones in our school that will be followed in all classes and during school activities.

1. We will be prepared for our day and work hard to complete quality work on time.
2. We will be kind and caring to all people at our school.
3. We look after our property and the property of others.
4. We will respect every individual in our school; their ideas, abilities, and differences.
5. We will always use good manners and listen carefully.

A behaviour agreement will be sent home shortly for every child and parent/caregiver to sign and return to school. It is expected that all of these agreements be returned to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in making our school a safe place to live and learn!

Whanau Fun

We would like to invite you, our school community, to a party by the pool at school!!! This will be a great time to meet your child's teacher and friends and enjoy some fun as a community! Bring along a picnic dinner, togs and towels, We will have some games organised, and the BBQ will be cooking.

When: Wednesday 15th February from 5pm

Where: Welcome Bay School, pool, courts, field

Why: To hang out together and have fun!

What to bring?: Picnic dinner, togs and towels, and a big Welcome bay smile!



Look forward to seeing you all there!

TERM DATES 2012

Term One	Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 5th April
Term Two	Monday 23rd April - Friday 29th June
Term Three	Monday 16th July - Friday 28th September
Term Four	Monday 15th October - Monday 17th December