

# Welcome Bay School

“Ma Te huruhuru, Ka rere Te manu”

Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly

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Dear Parents and School Community. Kia ora te Whanau.

**PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY THOUGHT:** If people did not do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.  
Ludwig Wittgenstein

Welcome Phate and Myles. It is great to have as part of our Welcome Bay Whanau. We look forward to working with you and your family.

## More from our ERO report...

### How well are Maori students learning – engaging, progressing and achieving?

The school's overall achievement information shows that as a group, Maori students, and in particular Maori boys, are not achieving as well as other students in the school. Data shows that these students arrive at school with achievement levels lower than non-Maori, but make accelerated progress and the gap between them and other student's narrows as they move through the school.

- The targeted approach to raising the achievement of Maori students includes:
- Indepth identification of needs, strengths and interests
- Detailed planning of an appropriate intervention including specific teaching strategies to raise achievement
- Close monitoring of individual students' progress
- Ongoing review of the effectiveness of interventions

There are opportunities for students to engage in cultural activities such as kapa haka and to learn te reo Maori. The recent introduction of whole school experiences to strengthen understanding of tikanga in the local context includes establishing meaningful links with Te Whetu.

Goals reflecting the principles of Ka Hikitia are interwoven into the school's strategic plan and are strongly focused on enhancing Maori students learning. The full realization of these goals is likely to be enhanced by increasing ways that aspects of te ao Maori (the Maori world) are integrated into classroom teaching practice across all year levels.

## Attendance...

Attendance at school is vital for children to achieve. We analyse our attendance data regularly. Last term it was evident that Mondays and Fridays have lower attendance rates than other school days. It is vital that children are at school every day of the week! We also see a drop off in attendance on wet days. Children still need to attend school when it is raining. We also see poorer attendance in the junior school. Often parents tell us that they don't think days off are important when their children are young. Learning in the early years is crucial! Regular attendance in the early years allows children to progress at expected rates and sets children into good routines.

### Term 1

Mondays 92%  
Tuesdays 94%  
Wednesdays 95%  
Thursdays 95%  
Fridays 92%

### Term 2

Mondays 91%  
Tuesdays 92%  
Wednesdays 93%  
Thursdays 91%  
Fridays 90%

Children also need to be at school on time. Lateness makes it difficult for children to settle into the school day.

**A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55 AM.**

**DONATED BOOKS:** A HUGE THANKS to our families who have donated books for our school community book exchange library. We are grateful for the donations and we have approx 250 for our book exchange library. In term 3 the book exchange library will take effect. We would appreciate more donated books if you have any spare books at home. Some NZ / Maori cultural books will be reference only so that they are always available in the whanau room for all to read.

**HELP WANTED:** On Monday evening it was decided at the Whanau Hui it would be neat to have a wananga for creating poi for the Kapa Haka children to use. Whaea Kate Atutahi is willing to take lead in taking the children and gathering the necessary resources but will need some extra help. If you are able to help her please contact Matua Beeg at school. You do not need to know how to make poi as Kate can show you; all you need is a desire to help our tamariki.



**WHANAU ROOM:** The creation of our Whanau Room is underway anybody wishing to help clean and put together please come forward and get stuck in! We also need materials (for poi) and resources to make it more homely (like Nanny's lounge). Therefore, if anyone has wool (thick), strong plastic/rubbish bags (for poi outer layer), pillow stuffing etc it would be gratefully received. We also require whāriki (mats), a CD player, tablecloths, pillows/large cushions etc to make the room more inviting. Any offerings can be left with Matua Beeg or placed in the Whanau Room (old library) – Kia ora.

**BAND PRACTICE:** Thanks to the children who auditioned to be in the band. There will be no more auditions. Practice will be at lunchtime on Friday in the whanau room. Congratulations to the following:

**Drummer:** Bree Shilling, **Guitarists:** Jazzmyn Wiki and Max Came, Blake Thomas, **Keyboardist:** Atua Matua Wirihana, **Bass Guitarist:** Anaru Palmer, **Singers:** Jessica Wiesse, Ebony Thomas, Temara Lee Rameka, Raven Bridger, Irakewa Tokona, Charm Harvey, Jua Taitua, Rawinia Kepa, Skyla Brown, Oceania Brown.

## Upcoming Events...

July	12 <sup>th</sup>	Rewards Day
	15 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2
August	1 <sup>st</sup>	Term 3 Starts

## Sports News...

**NETBALL / POITARAWHITI / NETIPAORO: Year 5 Welcome Bay Winners** On Saturday the girls played an amazing game in very cold and windy conditions against, Omanu Mini Magic. The girls came away with a close 4 - 2 win. Players of the day went to Paea Dalton and Lily Jones, kia maia girls. This weekend they play Pyes Pa Shooting Stars on Court 16 at 9 am. Girls please be at the courts by 8.30am.

**Year 6 Team Team Welcome Bay Wahoos** The Year 6 team came out on top with another outstanding win, 21-12 against Matua on Saturday. The girls showed fantastic defending and attacking skills in challenging weather conditions. Kia maia girls, you really worked well as a team! The players of the day went to Jazzmyn Wiki and Aaliyah Tipene who both played exceptionally. Kia kaha all the best for another great game this weekend.

**HOCKEY:** Yr 3/4 Welcome Bay Sprinters: Last week we played Papamoa Cheetahs and it was another great game! The children played really well and all the parents were very proud of them. We won 6 - nil. Fantastic result and the players of the day were Bella-Jane Bentley and Jarrad Fletcher - awesome effort from the whole team! This Saturday we are playing 2 games - the first at 9.20am against Papamoa Sporties and the second at 11.10am against St Thomas Moore Silver Ferns at the Blake Park Hockey Grounds. Good Luck Sprinters!

**INDOOR SOCCER FINAL:** The evening was pressure filled with anticipation and the expectation of another win, as Welcome Bay had not yet lost a game. Within two minutes Greerton Village scored a great opening goal, stunning our team. Minutes later, Jake Wilby slipped one passed the goalie, however it was disallowed. Late in the first half Sam Skilton finally scored an equaliser. The children rallied in the second half and Sam scored two more. Matthew Rolleston struck two more into the net and soon the team hit overdrive! Final score 8 – 1, the biggest score of the tournament!!

The team showed their supportive whanau just how much they have grown individually and as a team, whanau and teachers are very proud! Well done Salina, Tiakina, Maia, Lennex, Jake, Sam Guest, Sam Skilton and Matthew - Whāia te iti kahurangi – Pursue that which is precious!

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## Community News...

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT SELLING YOUR HOUSE?** With every referral received that I list and sell exclusively, I will give Welcome Bay Primary School \$500 cash\*!! For more information please call Peter Foley at First National Real Estate, 021 0241 9121, 578 6027, [pete@olivecrest.co.nz](mailto:pete@olivecrest.co.nz)

**Children's Dance Class commencing Term 3 for ages 7 to 12 years. Latin American, Rock & Roll, Ballroom.** Enquire: Sonia Hodson, Supreme Dance Centre 543 2377 or 027 322 1786, Email: [soniahodson@ihug.co.nz](mailto:soniahodson@ihug.co.nz)