

**Greetings, Kia Ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, Ni sa bula, Kamonaso, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Namestay, Ram-Ram, Salām, Sanibona, Olla. Nau Mai Haere Mai Ki Te Kura O Marawaewae. Ngā Mihi O Te Tau Hou Ki A Koutou**

Nau mai haere mai ki Te Kura Marawaewae. A HUGE warm welcome EVERYONE to 2018. What an amazing Day 1 we had yesterday, our best ever; so peaceful and calm with everyone raring to go. 2018 is the Year of Innovation and Imagination. We are going to be imagineers. This will inspire others and make our learning community and our entire community a better place. Our passion, energy and enthusiasm abounds and we keep our hearts open as to why we love kids, teaching and learning and our school so much.

I am available to meet and chat with parents and Whanau. To be sure that you can chat with me when convenient to you please make an appointment at the office and, if I don't see you out and about, I am outside the main office every afternoon after school. Please also chat with your child's teacher outside of learning and teaching time. We deal with issues at school so PLEASE do not deal with any child who is not your own. We can all work together to answer queries and questions and resolve issues should any arise.

**STAFFING 2018 - We especially welcome new staff, as well as returning staff, to our school.**

| Team   | Staff                                 | Position   | Teaching Space               |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| <b>NGA WHETU</b>   | Kelly Lonergan<br>/Rachel McGarva     | <b>Team Leader/Teacher</b><br>Term 3/4 NE roll<br>growth teacher | R.1 Ruma Tahī                |
| 3 teachers + 1 T3/4  | Michelle<br>Hatfield/Abbi Hurn        | Teacher  | R.2 Ruma Rua                 |
|  | Donna Price                           | Teacher  | R.3 Ruma Toru                |
| <b>IKA-ROA</b>   | Lynda Massey                          | <b>Team Leader/Teacher</b>                                       | R.4 Ruma Wha                 |
|  | Andre Hudson                          | Teacher  | R.5 Ruma Rima                |
| 3 teachers   | Kim Davis                             | Teacher  | R.6 Ruma Ono                 |
| <b>PAPATUANUKU</b>   | Chelsea Robertson                     | <b>Team Leader/Teacher</b>                                       | R.10 Ruma Tekau              |
|  | Elaine Cullen                         | Teacher  | R.11 Ruma Tekau ma tahi      |
|  | Walter Annear                         | Teacher  | R.9 Ruma Waru                |
| 5 Teachers   | Kim Carr TBC                          | Teacher  | R.8 Ruma Iwa                 |
|  | Grace Saathof                         | Teacher  | R.7 Ruma Whitu               |
| <b>WHARE MANAAKI</b>   | Camelia Tawhiti and<br>Julie Starrett | Supported inclusion &<br>integration. Teachers                   |                              |
| <b>RANGINUI</b>  | Kim Brett                             | <b>Team Leader/Teacher</b><br>'Whakato te Kakano'                | R.13 B Ruma Tekau ma<br>Toru |
|  | Simon Tuifao                          | Teacher Boys Class   | R.15 Ruma Tekau ma<br>rima   |
|  | Ricci Clark                           | Teacher 'Whakato te<br>Kakano'                                   | R.13 A Ruma Tekau ma<br>Toru |
| 6 Teachers   | Rachael Annear                        | Teacher 'Whakato te<br>Kakano'                                   | R.13 C Ruma Tekau ma<br>Toru |
|  | Emily Coull                           | Teacher  | R.12 Ruma Tekau ma Rua       |
|  | Shane Dean                            | Teacher  | R.14 Ruma Tekau maWha        |
| <b>Part time teachers</b> – Pam Faulkner, Judy Smyth, Christina Kelemete and Sharyn Jones.<br>Abbi Hurn releasing Michelle Hatfield for Reading Recovery Training in the mornings. |                                       |  |                              |

**PRINCIPAL:** Anne Mackintosh / Whaea Anne

**DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:** Kimberley Henderson-Ginns (SENCO) and Reuban Ginns

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Rachel Ratana

**RECEPTIONIST:** Susie Pankhurst

**SPORTS COORDINATOR:** Justin Johnson

**FINANCE MANAGER:** Devon Harland

**SUPPORT STAFF:** Sandra Williams, Bonnie Pearson (Aunty Barr), Anne Lee, Pam Stamp, Catriona Harding, Fiona Duncan, Gloria Balzer, Shona Davies, Correna Andrews, Paula Materman, Sharon McManus, Ann Digglemann, Cheryl Ratana, Kellie Collingwood, Michael Golem, and Brendon Dekker

**PROPERTY STAFF:** Sean Briscoe, Sheree Robinson, Pam Stamp & Paula Materman (Cleaners)

**OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Tipene Pearson (Chairperson), Desiree Burborough (Finance), Tony Fish (Health and Safety), Correna Andrews (Property), Reuban Ginns (Staff Rep./Property) and Anne Mackintosh (Principal)

### Uniform Standards 2018

We expect full school uniform this year, clean and well presented. Shoes must be black Roman sandals or plain black shoes. No fluffy boots, stilettos, etc! Outrageous hairstyles, including coloured hair, mohawks etc. are not permitted. Plain black shorts or skirts only please in summer. Uniforms can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, 94 Elizabeth Street, in the city. Shop Hours are Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm. Payment options are cash, eftpos, credit card and NZ Uniforms are also now offering: NZU Finance Card • A minimum purchase of \$199 is required to apply for finance • Two forms of ID must be presented along with proof of address • Finance term and conditions apply • Interest free period for 6 months • Application fee is payable Work and Income Parent/Caregivers receive quote for School Uniforms from our NZ Uniform Shop and apply to WINZ for assistance. Once approved, WINZ will issue the client with either a “Notice of Credit” or a Payment Card. Parent/Caregivers can return to store within three days to purchase garments as quoted. Please note: Card can only be loaded to the NZ Uniform branch where uniform is purchased.

*GVS Enrolment Zone* This was initiated in 2016. Unless there is a ballot and a child can win a place, we can only take children from within our zone. Please see our website, link on the front page, for all details. Please note that particularly Years 3-6 are overcrowded.

This year we are determined to lift student attendance to 95%. Achievement = Attendance so it is vital that your children is at school every day and on time. Students absent due to illness must have a medical certificate supplied after 3 or more days absence.

*Classes will not be formally set for 4 weeks. This time gives us the opportunity to see that we have matched student to student and student to teacher in the most profitable combination for effective learning and teaching. A great deal of thought goes into drawing up our classes and always with the best of intentions. We like to see how the classes jell and work together before finally setting them.*

Sunhats are **COMPULSORY** in Term 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a sunhat to wear to school, school hats can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Help us to look after our school. If you see anything that causes concern please advise us immediately or, if it is out of school, ring the police.

Walking School Bus:

At the end of each school day, students who are being picked up by parents are to sit under the top quad big sunshade until their parents arrive in the school to collect them. Those students, who are walking home, including those on bikes, must immediately join their walking group and leave the school together. The Chadwick Road walking group meets under the sunshade outside the Whare Manaaki and the Mansels Road walking group meet next to Room 14 on the quad. PLEASE NOTE: All children who are not personally picked up by parents will leave the school in the walking groups. Please do not sit in cars and expect your children to come to you. Walk into school. We will not allow children to leave the school on their own. THIS IS FOR THEIR SAFETY!

*Road Patrols: Teachers and/or patrols are on duty 8.25- 8.45am and 2.45-3.00pm at Greerton Road. There is a teacher only at the Chadwick Road crossing. Please ensure that you, as great role models, and your children cross during these times. Please do not park in our staff carpark, or walk through it, as we have many vehicles, taxis etc. coming to pick up our Treasures, our special needs students as well as support staff leaving. PLEASE NOTE - All children not picked up in the school by their parents must leave the school in walking groups to ensure their safety at crossings etc.*

2018 School Stationery Packs are available for purchase at the school office. Please ensure your child/children have the correct stationery by Wednesday 7th February.

We are looking forward to an even more highly successful, enjoyable year.

### **What's happening? Important Dates:**

- **Friday 2 February**  
Celebration Assemblies start 2.00 p.m all whanau invited.
- **Tuesday 6 February**  
Waitangi Day Holiday – School Closed.
- **Wednesday 7 February**  
School Whakatau to welcome new staff, students and whanau at 9.00 a.m.
- **Monday 19 February**  
Board of Trustees Meeting 6.00 p.m.
- **Wednesday 28 February**  
GVS Community Hui from 5.00 p.m. Meet the Staff, staggered Team presentations so all can attend, picnic/BBQ etc.
- **Wednesday 7 March**  
School Swimming Sports at the Greerton Pools. Postponement date Friday 9 March.
- **Easter break Friday 30 March, Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 April (5 days including the weekend)**
- **Friday 13 April Last day of Term 1. We start Term 2 on Monday 30 April**

### **School Dates:**

**Term 1**  
30/01/2018- 13/04/2018  
**Term 2**  
30/04/2018-06/07/2018  
**Term 3**  
23/07/2018-28/09/2018  
**Term 4**  
15/10/2018-13/12/2018

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