



*Long Bay Primary School*  
*WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION*

Kia ora everyone

Welcome to the 2018 school year at Long Bay Primary. It is wonderful to see all of our returning families, and to hear from the students about their summer holidays. A big welcome to new students and their family members to our school.

A focus shared at assembly today was for the students to play with someone new next week. It is always a pleasure to see new friendships developing at the beginning of the year as students work with new children and others they may not have had the chance to know so well in the past.

In addition to our new students, I'd like to formally welcome our new teachers; Lisa Leggett, Kate Porter, Kristie Daniels, Mark Wallace and Shelley Findlay. We are enjoying getting to know them and looking forward to hearing their ideas.

Our community is growing and we have welcomed 26 new students to Long Bay this year. In 2018 we have six teaching/learning teams, named after New Zealand native trees. We continue with our composite class structure which caters for the range of learning levels within classes and allows for growth across the school.

The structure of the school learning teams this year is as follows:

**Kowhai Team**, Year 0-1: Helen Fairclough (team leader), with Tarina MacKay and Shelley Findlay

**Rimu Team**, Year 1-2: Tracey Hardey (team leader), with Shani Simmons, Jitka Bloomfield and Fenneke Gingell.

**Manuka Team**, Year 2-3: Dianne Mayall (team leader), with Adele Montgomery, Kate Porter and Katherine Aitken.

**Nikau team**, Year 3-4, Lisa Leggett (team leader), with Andre Hueber and Steve Anderson.

**Totara Team**, Year 4-5: Ellis Walker Bell (team leader), with Diane Edgoose and John Keoghan

**Kauri Team**, Year 5-6: Miranda Kelly (team leader), with Aaron Joyce, Mark Wallace and Kristie Daniels.

The rest of our wonderful teaching team are also returning:

Nikki Douglas - drama and PE specialisation, as well as sport lead teacher

Ann Grayson – dance specialisation and leadership release

Anne Kelly – Reading Recovery and learning support teacher

Victoria Koopen – te reo specialisation and release

Briar Porter is returning to Long Bay this year. Briar, Ali Weavers and Claire Dowson will be providing release for teachers.

Our senior management team comprises Jo Patrick (Associate Principals) and Julie Butler (Associate Principal and Special Education Needs Co-ordinator) and myself.

Our school is also part of the Oneroa Community of Learners, and our CoL Within School lead teachers are Katherine Aitken and Diane Edgoose.

Our wonderful support staff remain with us in 2018; Betty Knoppert, Trish Judd, Christiane Checksfield, Sabine Berkman, Lucy Backus, Ruth Swift, Debby Snape and Lisa Dunlop continue with learning support; Sandy Tickner, Sandra Nicholls and Lorna Corrie make up our admin team. John Underwood continues with his role as property manager and Carolyn, Nick and Mary also return with their music tuition programmes.

**Parent Teacher Association.** Our PTA play an important role in both fundraising and organizing community events. There is a PTA section in each newsletter and the community is invited to the PTA meetings. New members are always welcome.

### **Property Developments**

You may have noticed the progress made during the summer break with the renovation of Pod 2 into a new classroom. We are delighted with the result – new Room 6, and the walk through to the back of the school and the children’s bathrooms (which have also been renovated).

We also have new class numbers and new shade sails, and Mr Underwood has been busy with smaller projects throughout the school.

Over summer there have also been a number of meetings regarding the new classroom block (double storey, 3 classes up, 3 down). Work has just started preparing for the foundations. The new block will be built behind the main class block, on the south side where there is currently a grassed area and bank (near room 17). The build is now expected to be completed by the end of August 2018. Safety for students during the build will be a priority and the area will be fully cordoned off. The development of the new field by our hall is steadily coming closer to the required level. The developers will also match the gradient of our bank to the area alongside. This will mean that the fence will be moved at some stage. We will keep you updated.

### **Goal Setting Conferences**

The goal setting conferences provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teacher and discuss the initial learning goals. Within each school day your child is expected to be an active participant and is encouraged to be reflective about their learning, so our students are all encouraged to attend the goal setting conference with their parents.

The conferences this year will be held on Wednesday February 28. They start at 1:10 p.m. and continue until 7:20 p.m. To enable all families to make a time to meet, the usual class instruction finishes at 12:30 on the 28 February. Can you please make arrangements for your child to be collected from school at 12:30 p.m. After School care will begin as usual from 3 p.m. Please contact the school if you are unable to make alternative arrangements for your child from 12:30, as we will have supervision available until 3 p.m. The Okura bus will run at 12:30 p.m. The Torbay bus will run at 3 p.m.

**Term One dates** to note in your diary: Term One 5/2/18 – 13/4/18

Week 2 (next week)

13 Feb: Year 6 students to the Millennium pool for swimming/water safety session

16 Feb: school newsletter (will be fortnightly from then)

19 Feb: Football Kidz visiting all classes (football skills sessions)

22 Feb: Waterwise starts for year 6 students who are participating

Feb 26 – 2 March: Years 1 & 2 swimming week

26 Feb: Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 pm (all welcome)

28 Feb: Goal setting conferences. Students home at 12:30 p.m.

5 – 15 March: Year 3-5 Swimming intensive

16 March: Y4-6 Swimming sports

Our specialisation programme and school clubs have begun and we have another wonderful term planned. I look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks (and hope to see many of you at the goal setting evening on 28 February).

*Linda*

Linda Barton, Principal