



# Te Mata School Newsletter

NEWSLETTER #1 - WK2, TERM 1 2018



## Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Welcome!

We were thrilled to greet our happy smiling students and whanau last week on their return to school for 2018. As I walked around the classrooms the children were quiet, engaged and obviously please to be back. Children are the heart of every school so to have them return has brought our school back to life again after the holidays.

This year we have a few changes to our rooms with teachers moving classes and age groups. We also have the demise of National Standard reporting so children will now be reported against National Curriculum level.

Over the year we look forwards to working in collaboration with yourselves for your child's learning and achievements.

Best wishes,

Fiona Gott - Principal

Collaborative learning challenge with Mrs Regnier and Mrs Walker

## THIS WEEK'S TOP NEWS

**School Pool** It has been awesome to see so many families using the school pool over the holiday. Especially as we have had some amazingly hot days. Having your child in the pool increases their confidence and ability to engage in swimming lessons when they return to school.

However it is important for Health and Safety reasons that Pool key holders follow the school pool rules about supervision and safety in the pool area. Our hoist was broken in the holidays and means that Max can no longer swim until it is replaced. We need to work together and be responsible if we wish this amazing facility to be used in school holidays.

**Emergency Contact Details** If your emergency contact details have changed over the holiday please let Celeste know or your child's teacher. It is vitally important that we have a current number to contact you on if needed.

**School website and Facebook page** We are in the process of upgrading our school website which will go live in the next few weeks. This will have links to important information and classroom blogs for you to look at the amazing learning that children are taking part in. Our Facebook page will also have important dates and pictures on. Like us on facebook to receive information.

**Raglan Taxi Bus** You would have all received confirmation of your travel arrangements for Term 1, last week. Could you please sign your contracts and return to school this week. Invoices will be emailed out in the next 7 days. Please note that this bus is full, all new students will have to go on a waiting list until a space becomes available.

**Arrival times in the morning** Please remember that students are not to arrive at school earlier than 8.15am if they are being dropped off at school by whanau.

**Out of Zone families** Our school role is full and we are currently holding a quarterly ballot for any out of zone children wanting to attend Te Mata. You can check out our website for more information and to submit a 'Expression of Interest' form should you wish your child to be considered for enrolment.

**Absences/Bus Change** Don't forget to let us know if your child will be absent, you can also report all absences via our website at [www.temataraglan.school.nz](http://www.temataraglan.school.nz) and hit the ABSENCES button in the top right hand corner. Any bus changes we would appreciate by 2.30pm.

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