



## Carew Peel Forest School Notice 27 July 2017

Welcome back to school for term 3.

We hope you had a wonderful time during the holiday break relaxing from the school routine and enjoying having the children home with you, and keeping busy and warm! The two severe weather events certainly made conditions challenging.

### **Welcome to the following new students:**

**Rafael ...**, a new 5 year old who has joined the Piwakawakas, Angus Robin (Y3, Pukeko) and Blake Morrisy (Y5, Kerri who have come from Laghmor School. Their enrolments bring our roll to 85 students.

### **We also welcome two new staff members:**

- Anita Den Baars has been appointed to a part-time position sharing Korimako class with Lesley, and teaching on Mondays. Anita will also be covering the classroom release days for both Lesley and Amy. Having a third person involved in the Y4-6 learning hub will mean that there is more continuity for the children. Anita was teaching at Mt Hutt College until the end of last year, when she left to have a baby. She lives locally and farms with her partner near Ruapuna.
- Hato Paparua has been engaged to take Kapa Haka in our school. Hato will be with us on Wednesday afternoons and work with the classes in each learning hub. He also works at Winchester Rural School. Our last ERO visit acknowledged the progress in the students' knowledge and use of te reo and tikanga Maori, but identified the need for us to develop a process to show how well students are progressing as they move through the school. We are pleased that Hato will be able to support us in the further development of this process.
- Hato is well skilled and qualified in the arts area, and is available to tutor private lessons for students in guitar, piano and musical theory. Hato is available to come to school earlier on Wednesdays to take lessons if any one is interested. Please email me if you your interest, and I suggest you pop along next Wednesday to meet him and observe him with the children. I have asked Hato to email me details of costs etc.

We are delighted to have both Anita and Hato on board and look forward to working them both and sharing their skills, talents and passions with our learners.

Sadly, Amy Waldie is now in her last term teaching in Kereru with baby due at the end of the term. We were hopeful of making an appointment for Amy's Y5/6 teaching position for the start of term 4, but unfortunately we felt we did not receive enough applicants to make a permanent appointment. We have decided to re-advertise the position later this term with a starting date of term 1, 2018. We are pleased that Mrs Desiree McCaskill, from Geraldine, has agreed to step into this teaching position for the 9 weeks of term 4.

We have restricted play on the school grass areas for the week. After three reasonable days they were starting to dry out, however today's predicted rainfall will reverse that. If your child enjoys engaging in games on the field we would like his/her to bring some spare play clothing next week to save school uniforms and our carpets getting dirty from mud.

Our Y5/6 children are looking forward to their **Winter camp** based at Lake Tekapo on the 10th and 11th August. They have some exciting learning activities ahead of them: visiting Tekapo A power station; skating, tubing and soaking; astronomy talks and stargazing; staying over at Lakefront Lodge backpackers; and skiing at Roundhill. One thing for sure that we are very happy about - there will be no shortage of snow and we have ordered up bluebird days! The children's camp info packs were sent home on Monday. A reminder that we require all return forms back on Thursday next week. Thank you once again to the parent volunteers who have offered transport and supervise the children. I expect to have parent paperwork sent home with the children today.

With new student arrivals I have needed to work on some **bus changes** in consultation with our drivers and bus committee. This affects only a few families. Tomorrow Bec and I will be revising all the lists and we will phone families involved, and we will email a new list to all families. These changes will start on Monday 31st July.

**Regards**

**Kay and the CPF team**