

**What's happening Term 4**

Monday 18 December 2pm  
Monday 18 December 6-8.30am  
Tuesday 19 December 9.15am

Farewell Assembly  
Year 6 Leavers' Dinner  
Tabloid Sports and picnic morning tea

**School finishes for 2017 on Wednesday 20 December at 2pm**  
**School starts for 2018 on Wednesday 7 February at 8.55am**

Nga mihi  
Regards  
Irene Unasa

**At the Beach**

I had fun at the beach and I went in the water.

*Moli*

I went in the water and I had fun at the beach and we went back to school.

*Juan*

I went to the beach and I went in the water.

*Fusi*

We went to the beach and I got a life guide sticker.

*Tefenua*

I went to the beach and I fell in the waves.

*Brooklyn*

**PRINCIPALS AWARDS  
RECIPIENTS**



**Porirua East School**

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**NEWSLETTER**

**Week 9 - Term 4 - Friday 15th December**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**Monday 18th December**

**Parents are welcome to attend!**



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Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Porirua East School

**Attendance**

Our school target is 95%+ as is our individual student target. This allows for 10 days absent over the year. Our Ministry advises us that this is a reasonable number of days to have away within a year. Kathy and I are concerned about the number of times we are **not** notified of a child's absence. When this happens we have to record a '?' in our system.

**Please notify us by 10am if your child is going to be away from school. The school cell phone number is 0211406576.**

**Our 2017 school target** 95%+  
**Our 2017 actual** 87%

We have not reached our 95% target this year. Improving school attendance will be a MAJOR target for us in 2018. If you have any suggestions please let us know

**New Entrants**

If you have a 5 year old starting school in the first term next year would you let us know. See Kathy in the office and she will give you an enrolment pack. It helps with our planning to know who will be starting school during the first term. Mrs Angus appreciates knowing who will be in her class.

**School Wi-Fi**

Kathy has organised a 'guest' log in for our WiFi for parents to use on the school grounds. If you are interested contact her and she will give you the password.

**Award's Night**

What a wonderful evening we had last Wednesday. This was our opportunity to thank you for the support you have given us over the year and to share the children's achievements with you. Our choir sang beautifully, our children loved performing their class items for you and the teachers and I enjoyed sharing our top achievements with proud families and whanau. Our Year 6 students showed us what we strive for at Porirua East School. Confident, capable children who have pride in themselves, their families and their school.

**Year 6 Leavers' Dinner**

The staff and I are looking forward to celebrating with our Year 6 students and their families on Monday night. We always farewell our Year 6 students with confidence as we know that they are well prepared for their new schools and will continue to achieve with pride, success and excellence.

**Tabloid Sports and picnic** **Tuesday 9.15am-10.30am**

It is a tradition at Porirua East School that the Year 6 students organise our end of year Tabloid Sports. So it is always a surprise to find out what they have in store for us. The sports start at 9.15am. We will have a morning tea at 10.30am. Families are very welcome to come and join us for the sports and a picnic morning tea outside in the shade.

**New Teachers for 2018**

Last Saturday Mrs Mahupuku-Kelly, Mr Morris and I interviewed for two teaching positions for next year. We are very happy to inform you that we have appointed two new teachers. Miss Hopkins will be teaching a Year 4/5 class in Room 2 and Mrs Windley will be teaching a Year 1/2 class in Room 11. Miss Hopkins comes to us from Epuni School in Lower Hutt and Mrs Windley was teaching at Porirua School this year. We welcomed Miss Hopkins and Mrs Windley at our powhiri yesterday.

**Farewell Assembly** **Monday 11am**

We will be saying nga mihi and haere ra to Mrs Maddever and Ms Russell at the end of this year. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Scott as a classroom teacher. The whole school will say haere ra at a special farewell assembly on Monday at 11am. Parents are very welcome to attend.

**Mrs Scott 2018**

Although Mrs Scott has resigned her position as a classroom teacher she will be back with us next year as the Classroom Release Teacher. That means she will be working two days a week. Mrs Scott will be releasing each teacher for 1 & ½ hours per week. During this time she will be working in Room 9 and focussing on music, singing and Te Reo Maori.

**2018 Classes and school organisation**

Responsibility	Staff Member	Room Number
Principal	Irene Unasa	Principal's Office
Deputy Principal	Ruth Mahupuku-Kelly	Deputy Principal's Office
NE/Year 1	Christine Angus	Room 12
Year 1	Georgina Windley	Room 11
Year 2/3	Edwandie Kruger	Room 10
Year 4/5	Rosie Hopkins	Room 2
Year 3/4	Ruth Mahupuku-Kelly	Room 1
Year 5/6	Andrew Morris	Room 3
Reading Recovery	Janet Cus	Reading Recovery Office
C/Release	Ruth Scott	Room 9
Office Manager	Kathy Rapson	Main Office
Teacher Aide/ Librarian	Hilda Bloomfield	
Teacher Aide	Kieley Dunlop	Room 10
Teacher Aide	Elsie Maladina	Room 11
Caretaker	Ray Kingi	
Cleaner	Marie Samson	
Cleaning Company	Custodian Services	

Next Tuesday the children will be spending the afternoon with their new teacher in their new class. Miss Hopkins and Mrs Windley are able to come in that afternoon to meet their children.

**Christmas and New Year Greetings**

On behalf of all the staff at Porirua East School I would like to wish our families and whanau a happy Christmas and New Year. We will look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 7 February. The school will be open for new enrolments as from Wednesday 31 January.

**Children's writing**

I hope you enjoy reading some writing from the junior school about their trip to the beach.