

**Porirua East School**

**Pride Excellence Success**

**Learning and achieving though respecting and valuing who we are now, where we have come from and who we can become**

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Friends of Porirua East School

**Start of school**

Welcome to the 2019 school year. It was wonderful to see how quickly our children settled into their new classrooms this morning and how happy they were to be back at school and happy parents as well.

**2019 School Organisation**

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Room Number</b>
Principal	Irene Unasa	Principal's Office
Deputy Principal	Ruth Mahupuku-Kelly	Deputy Principal's Office
NE/Year 1	Christine Angus	Room 12
Year 1/2	Georgina Windley	Room 11
Year 2	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/Library
Office Manager	Tracey Hill	Main Office
Teacher Aide/Librarian	Hilda Bloomfield	
Teacher Aide	Kieley Dunlop	Room 1 & 12
Caretaker	Ray Kingi	
Cleaner	Marie Samson	
Cleaning Company	Custodian Services	

**Porirua East School Values**

Last year our Board reviewed the school charter and added school values. These are the values that the Board and Staff feel are important to us and what we believe at Porirua East School:

**Manaakitanga**-Respect for ourselves, each other and our environment by being honest, trustworthy and reliable

**Whanaungatanga**-fostering strong and positive relationships by being friendly, inclusive and caring.

We are now going to include Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga awards in our Friday Karakia and our School assemblies.

We will be working together with the children to explore what Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga mean for us at school and out of school and ensuring that what we 'say' is what we 'do'

### ***Kapa Haka***

This year we are fortunate to be able to employ the services of Todd Parata to take a Kapa Haka group. This group will be chosen from the Years 4, 5 & 6 children. Todd will come to school every Tuesday 9-10.30am starting Tuesday 12 February.

### ***Stationery***

Thank you parents for ensuring the children have their stationery. This enables them to participate in all the learning activities that the teachers have planned. Stationery packs are available from the school office.

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| • Room 12        | \$20 (this includes a Book Bag) |
| • Room 11        | \$15                            |
| • Room 10        | \$15                            |
| • Rooms 1, 2 & 3 | \$20                            |

### ***SunSmart/Managing in the heat***

Our SunSmart policy states that, in Terms 1&4, we do not plan outside activities after 11am and all children and adults wear a sunhat when outside. There are shade sails over the junior playground. But we will need to take extra measures to ensure our children and staff are safe in this very hot weather. We are asking that all children have a named water bottle at school. The teachers and children will take regular water 'breaks'. All senior lunchtime sports will be in the hall. The library will be open over the lunchtime period. We have discussed ways in which we can keep our classrooms as cool as possible. There may be some times when we judge it to be too hot to be outside. We will do 'Hot Day Procedures' which are very similar to Wet Day procedures. Be assured parents we are being pro-active about keeping your children safe and comfortable at school in this hot weather.

### ***School Uniform Requirements***

Guidelines:

- Only black 'bottoms' are to be worn
- If a child needs to wear extra under the school uniform t/shirt then it must either be black or green
- Uniform sunhats only
- Shorts are to be knee length
- No nail polish please
- All long hair is to be tied back and off the face
- Jewellery-small studs in ears only, no pendants and/or bracelets
- Footwear-sensible shoes that allow the children to participate safely and comfortably in all classroom and school activities (no jandals)

Would you particularly note the length of shorts. We are asking that shorts be at least knee length.

### ***Healthy Eating***

At Porirua East School we promote, and teach about, healthy eating. Our School Health Nurse suggests that sandwiches or something equally healthy and easy to prepare are great options. Add a small 'treat' for morning tea and a piece of fruit and you have a healthy lunch. Get the children to help you prepare their school lunches. They are

very capable and can do this. We are encouraging the children to reduce the number of 'packets' they bring to just one. Packaged snacks are usually highly processed foods and very high in sugar. No 'lunch packs' please. Porirua East is a 'water-only' school

### **School Attendance**

Improving school attendance will be one of our major goals this year. We work hard to ensure that school is a safe and happy place for our children. The teachers make sure that the teaching and learning programmes they plan are fun and challenging. All children are valued, cared for and respected at school. If your child is sick or not able to attend school please either ring and leave a message or send a text. We will contact you if we have not been notified by 9.30am.

### **Some reminders**

- We ask parents not to collect their children from school between 2.30-3pm. This can be very disruptive as the teachers and children get ready for the end of the day. We appreciate that there will be occasions when this is unavoidable. If you know you will have to collect your child between these times would you ring Tracey in the office and let her know. I will then sign the release form.
- Earrings-our safety rule regarding earrings is small 'studs' not sleepers. Sleepers can easily get caught and pulled. We would not like to see a child with a ripped ear lobe.

### **Mana Music Centre**

Mana Music Centre runs on Saturday mornings at Maraeroa School. They teach guitar, ukulele, violin, flute, recorder, clarinet and saxophone. Enrolment day is this Saturday. Lessons are \$15 a term. For more information go to:

<http://manamusiccentre.org.nz/#!/main>

### **What's happening Term 1**

Monday 11 February	Rooms 1&2 visit Te Papa
Friday 15 February 2.15pm	School Assembly
Wednesday 27 February	Rooms 1, 2 & 3 visit Government House and Parliament
Friday 1 March	Rugby Skills for the whole school School Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 8 March	Rugby skills for the whole school
Tuesday 12 March	Pataka Visit for Rooms 11, 12 & 1
Wednesday 13 March	Pataka Visit for Rooms 10 & 2
Thursday 14 March	Pataka Visit for Room 3
Friday 15 March 2.15pm	School Assembly
Wednesday 20 March	Wellington Visit for Rooms 10, 11 & 12
Friday 22 March	Rugby Skills for whole school
Monday 25 March 10am-12pm	Chamber Music Visit Rooms 2&3
Friday 29 March	Rugby skills for whole school School Assembly 2.15pm
Tuesday 2 April 2.15-7pm	Student/Parent Meetings

Wednesday 3 April 3.15-5pm

Student/Parent Meetings

Friday 5 April

Rugby skills for whole school

Thursday 11 April 2.15pm

School Assembly

Friday 12 April

Wheels/Mufti day

School finishes for Term 1 at 2pm

Nga mihi

Regards

Irene Unasa