

Kōrero

Kia ora Talofa ع السلام Guten Tag Bonjour
你好 Namaste Halo Ciao Kamusta

BERHAMPORE SCHOOL – TE WHĀNAU O TE RITO O TE HARAKEKE SINCE 1915 – EVER ONWARDS

From the Principal's Desk

I want to start by thanking everyone for such a fantastic year! I can't count the number of children and adults who have blown me away with their attitude, teamwork and perserverance.

We have so many parents who support the school in a myriad of ways and every little bit helps. Just one of those heros I'd like to mention is Neil Beckett. He, along with a multitude of other parents, have made massive changes to the physcial landscpae of the school, please read his tribute in this Kōrero edition and [more about BS3G here](#).

The hard working management team and Board of Trustees have secured some development areas for our school next year;

- Oral language; developing and extending children's oral language through professional development with Dr Jannie Van Hees from Auckland University
- Te Reo Māori; developing Te Reo instruction across the school for both staff and students
- PB4L; an MOE funded initiative to undertake a school wide inquiry into positive ways of improving an aspect of children's behaviour
- Digital Curriculum; unpacking the new curriculum area and its implications for the school IT suite and teaching programmes.

If you're not already a member of our Facebook page, please follow us so you can keep up to date with what's happening at school.

I'd especially like to thank our wonderful staff. The work they put in because they truly care for the wellbeing and education of your children cannot be underestimated.

I wish you all a safe and relaxed break in good company. For those of you who do celebrate Christmas; Meri Kirihimete.

Ngā mihi nui, Mark

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2018 Term Dates

Term 1	31 Jan - 13 Apr
Term 2	30 Apr - 6 July
Term 3	23 July - 28 Sep
Term 4	15 Oct - 14 Dec

IMPORTANT: Don't forget Berhampore School will be zoned in the near future - exact date to be confirmed.
If you have a child starting in 2018 then fill out an enrollment form!

Room 5 - Te Reo Māori & Science

Room 5 have been learning a new sentence in Te Reo Māori to say what we are doing.



Kei te huna ahau (I am hiding)



Kei te rere ahau (I am flying)



We have also been dipping our fingers into some science experiments



Thank you Parent Volunteers

It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a community to support a school. We are truly blessed with the support we get here at Berhampore School. Here are just a few parents we want to say **THANK YOU** to. They have volunteered their time, resources and/or energy in a substantial way this year. Your contribution is recognised and very much appreciated. We are lucky that there are **so many other names** that could go on this list! Thank you to everyone who has helped out throughout the year by coming on school trips, cheering kids on from the sidelines at weekend sports or Athletics day, helped out at one or two Knacks, brought your family to a Knack, baked something, helped out in the classroom...the list goes on.



We fondly farewell those parents whose youngest child is leaving us this year. Your contributions over the years have been numerous. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Ruth Fraser

Oversees the Whānau Army parent fundraising group who work extremely hard to bring in money to help us provide resources and experiences for our kids. Ruth is the driving force behind all these activities, her contributions are simply overwhelming.

She's a bit of a legend.



Our amazing, hardworking Whānau Army members

Jo Davy, Alisa Chislom, Kim Baker, Polly Bradford, Ally Clark, Angie Stainer, Elspeth White

Regular Knack Volunteers

Elaine Whelan, Juliane Sellars, Zlatka Smart, Jim Locke, Simon Ward, Jason Timmins, Kerryn Pollock, Shelley Mercer, Deidre Marshall, Claire Dixon, Riki Singleton, Sophie McNie, Dhilum Nightingale, Stu King, Wendy Aldred, Kieran Hughes, Karen Lalor, Toni Fraser, Jo Grove, Katarina Makarios, Jeremy Leslie, Fran Renton, Sam Huggard, Kate Garland, Constanze Schwind, Jule Hartung, Daniela Graham, Julian Graham, Sarah Millar, Linda Moore, Steph Craike, Susie Jones, Marie Dinh, Heather Day

Justine Fletcher

Manages the stalls and stallholders at each Knack

Angie Stainer

Been the go-to person for our food needs at all Whānau Army events, including the annual Food Fair



Adam Day

Runs the maths enrichment group

Montessori Board group members or working bee

Pharu Clark, Tina Morrison, Ailsa Chisholm, Helen Stipkovits

Jade Henderson & the IRD

Donated ipads to the Junior school & Tuatara Room

Neil Beckett

Organised and ran the monthly volunteer group BS3G who helped keep our gardens and grounds beautiful.

BS3G Members

Blair Rutherford and family, Duncan Forsyth, Jason Timmins, Marie Dinh, Tuan Ding, Mark Potter, David Shanks, Claire Beckett



Ian Walton

Does repairs in the hall when needed

Thank you Parent Volunteers - sports

General

Sadie Coe - sports events, photography, School Cheerleader

Gazley family - donated drink bottles and first aid kits for the netball teams

Ailsa Chisolm, Sarah Chambers, Alan Chambers - between them organised and paid for our new Berhampore School sports t-shirts

Touch Rugby, Minipolo and Futsol

Marie Dinh, Karen O'Leary, James Suntinger & Charles Hautapu-Prime - organised and encouraged the touch rugby team

Sarah Chambers, Celeste and Evie - Minipolo coaches and managers

Marie Dinh & Kieran Hughes - organised and encouraged the Futsol team

Netball

Karen Lalor - umpired the Tuatara netball games throughout the season

Neil Beckett - managed the Tuatara Netball Team

Jemma Mulholland - managed the Tui Netball Team

Ruth Fraser, Dominic Kebbell, Fiona Coughlan - organised and encouraged the Junior netball children



While we're talking sports, congratulations to our Minipolo team who recently came third in their grade!

Special Olympics



On Tuesday we went to Newtown Park to watch the Special Olympics. We saw lots of races. They could run very fast. We clapped the people running. We had lots of fun.

By Dawson Mitchell



Thank you Neil Beckett

You might wonder who helps the school be tidy and very green. Well one of these people, Neil Beckett has also added many awesome features to Berhampore school. Neil's daughter, Fay is leaving Berhampore School this year along with Neil, which means we need to acknowledge all Neil's great work because he's been very busy at Berhampore for the last six years.

In the school's playground Neil has organised the levelling and redone the bark chips twice which was a lot of work. He also transformed the little courts hoop.



Neil has participated in clearing the forest and making it safe for kids to walk and run around in. He has repaired and painted the roof of the fort in the forest. He has also painted over all of the graffiti and made it look clean. Neil has planted many plants all over the school and in our forest. He has also planted fruit trees and lots of native plants.

After a posting of a video about a buddy bench on the Berhampore facebook account, Neil was inspired to make one for the school.

He has also had a hand in making scooter racks and in organising for our picnic tables to be delivered and painted by members of our parent community. His latest project has been our amazing Berhampore School sandpit, which has proven to be so popular that children can be found in it from the moment Nira opens it to the moment he closes it.



Neil is modest about all the hard work he has put into our School. He would be quick to point out that he's worked as part of a team and so he has! BUT he's been an inspiration in making projects happen, such as the installation of the popular basketball hoop and the school fundraiser where members of the community bought water tanks. We, as a school, are hugely indebted to Neil. THANK YOU from us!

Written by Violet Boniface, Amelia Gibbons & Colette de vere Green



ESOL at Berhampore

It's been a busy and wonderful two terms. As part of our language program in developing vocabulary and fluency in English, we have had a lot of fun, hands on experiences. We've been to the Wellington Museum, parks, playgrounds and the fire station. We've also made giant bubbles, cooked, played games and had many interesting conversations in between. Here are some of our memories from 2017.

Fun at Central Park

We went to Tanera park and we drove a long time to get there. We walked from a different way. I liked how the bright, green trees were covering the sun. It was like an amazing forest. We ran up the stairs and we ran straight to the flying fox. I like how the flying fox flicks up when you get to the end. When I was little, I couldn't reach the string when I got the end of the ramp because it was too short. We played on the see-saw and the swing and the balance swing. Then we drove back to fun school.

By Zeina



Making Big Bubbles



Visiting the Wellington Museum



The Next Generation of Fire Fighters



Room 9 - Summer Poems

Summer

The sand is a snake, slithering through my feet.
Heat is a waterfall, pouring on top of me.
The sun is angry, heating me up in a pan.
Cicadas are coming out, clapping thunder-storms all around me.
Acorns are falling, landing with an earthquake.
The rainy days are gone, whacked away by a cricket bat.
The season of summer has come to our planet.
By Jasper



The sand is lava on my toes. I rip off my clothes with the sun in my face.

I jump into the ice cold water with a sigh of relief I'm free from sun. A shower of heat hits my face. The sadness of my ice block melting.

By Persephone



Summer is a party celebrating the sun.
It is my early morning dress. Nature's voice telling you a happy story. A start of a rainbow. A gift of warmth. A seed sprouting. A smile. The most exciting part of a story. It is a bullet of warmth coming our way.

By Charlie

Summer is a lava pool Because the sun is hot as the desert.

By Angus

Summer!!!
Summer is lava underneath my feet.
The sun BlinDiNG me.
As i suffer in the hotness.
It's like a lava bath.
By Turner

Summer is nice holidays and trips.

Summer is like a volcano.

Summer is cool to go to a picnic at the beach and you can swim in the seas.

Summer is good to go to the swimming pool.

By Imad



Summer is hot lava under my feet, because we're using too much pollution and it is making a hole in our atmosphere. It is getting too hot for us and the animals. Ice block disappearing in hot acid.

By Fionn

Senior Team - End of Year Trip

Our end of year Senior trip to Mount Kaukau was a big success! We took the train to Boxhill Station and enjoyed the many tunnels. The students and adults enjoyed the challenging hike up to the top of Mount Kaukau to take in the breathtaking view over Wellington. Half of us saw clouds at the top and the other half had a great view! After our rewarding hike we got to cool down in the Khandallah summer pool and play on the playground. Because of the heatwave, the pool wasn't nearly as cold as it could have been. Perfect end to a hot summers day!

Thank you to all the wonderful parent help from all the classes that joined us on the trip to help keep us safe and happy! Room 9, Room 10 and all the Year 5s and 6s (Room 11, 12 and Montessori)



Whānau Army Wrap Up for 2017

Kristmas Knack

The sun shone, the wind blew (but not too much) and the crowds came - with the help of some great volunteers this Kristmas Knack was a record breaking effort raising around \$5,900 and bringing the grand total for 2017 to just over \$20,000.

We're especially proud of the effort that went into all the school stalls on the day, in particular - the bake stall, Whānau Army craft stall, plant stall, hot food and Kidszone - we know a lot of volunteer time, planning and resources goes into these stalls and this shows in the great result.

Thanks to all the volunteers, the baristas, sausages sizzlers, and our set up and pack up helpers. You rock! Check out more photos on the next page.

What a great result for 2017! A huge thank you to all the parents, caregivers, staff, extended family members, Berhampore Primary School students and others from the community who have helped out at the many fundraisers this year. Whether you donated time, money, or materials for an event or you came along to support - your contribution big or small makes a massive difference to what we can achieve.

The fundraising you contributed to let us tick off everything on the 2017 fundraising goal list, and we start 2018 with some funds in the pot. For those of our volunteers with Year 6 student or other students who are moving on next year we'd like to say thank you for all your past help and support. Special mention to both Angie Stainer and Jo Grove, committee members who have volunteered their time, energy, ideas and resources at many WA events over their time at Berhampore, you will be sorely missed! We hope to see some of you back at future events as punters.

Don't forget - if you're not already on it we have a 'willing to help' email list for keen volunteers so you get emails on what's coming up and how you can help. If you'd like to go on the list then let us know whanauarmy@gmail.com. Watch this space early in 2018 for more information on events, dates and how to get involved.

Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year. Many thanks from those who have been involved on the committee this year;

Anastasia, Justine F., Ally, Elspeth, Jo D., Jo G., Ailsa, Kylie, Angie, Kim, Polly, Sarah, Elaine, Justine J-S, and Ruth.



Kristmas Knack 2017



Board of Trustees Update

After much consideration the Board has recommended the new classroom will be located at the eastern end of adventure play area between the pool and Room 1. We are awaiting confirmation that this site is viable. The Board agreed this location subject to the Ministry of Education agreeing to build new play structures in other areas of the school. The Ministry has provided such assurances. If this goes ahead new play areas will be developed between the staffroom and Pīwakawaka, and the bark area outside rooms 10 & 11.

In deciding the location of a new classroom the Board considered:

- the budget
- the ability to add extra classrooms in the future
- site access
- the impact on the school during construction
- how to retain as much play space as possible.

The Board considered many other locations in the school, however, they were ruled out due to not meeting the aforementioned considerations.

The Ministry of Education will begin exploratory ground works this month. We expect the new classroom to be finished in the middle of next year.

The Board wishes Berhampore school staff and students a safe and happy summer break.

Staff Graduations

Congratulations to three of our staff members who graduated from the ELA programme this term. They have worked hard all year developing their skills teaching the English language to our students who are learning English as their second language. Take a bow Colette de Vere, Christine Kelly and Francie de Gregorio!



After successfully completing a teaching degree, teachers in New Zealand then engage in a two year induction and mentoring programme. Throughout this time they meet regularly with their mentor teacher and together decide on areas for professional development. Thuy Pham has recently completed this stage in her teaching career and has graduated to a fully registered teacher.

Congratulations Thuy!



Junior Team - End of Year Trip

On Wednesday we went to a water park near Raumati beach. First we went on the double decker bus and it took us an hour to get there. Then I went into the water park and that was really fun. Next I went into the playground. Finally we had a lolly scramble and I got seven lollies. I was so happy and I want go there again and again.
By Elsie



On Wednesday Rooms 4,5,6,7,8 and Piwakawaka went on a double decker bus. At 11 o'clock we went on a train ride that was seven long at Raumati Marine Gardens. There was curly blue and yellow slide. A water pad and a spin fin and I had fun. On the bus ride back, I was a bit tired after a long day.
By Eden



Room 11 - Hinatore Lab

This term, Room 11 was lucky enough to get to visit the Hinatore Lab at Te Papa 3 times. The lab is designed as a space for children to interact with technology in meaningful and educational contexts. The students were tasked with creating something that could be used to teach people about an environmental problem or concern. The Room 11 students used the technology to create stop motion animation/movies, green screen movies, 3D printed items, art, puppets, robot fashion shows and much, much more! All the students really enjoyed their time in the Hinatore Lab and a huge thanks to Te Papa for subsidizing two of the visits for us.



End of Year Leavers Ceremony

Once again we farewelled an amazing bunch of Year 6 students. It's such a privilege to be able to look back over their time at Berhampore School and see how they've grown and matured into the phenomenal young people they are. We are grateful for the time we've been able to spend with them here at Berhampore. As Mark said on the night, you're always from Berhampore. Thanks leavers for all you've contributed to our school.



Abdi Hassan

Winner of the Bennett & Hurley Best All Round Boy



Ella Strang

Winner of the Bennett & Hurley Best All Round Girl



Eleanor Powley

Winner of the Wirihana cup for best presentation for girls



Ezra Wells

Winner of the Wirihana cup for best presentation for boys



Hana Hautapu

Winner of the Gordon cup for most improved reader



Violet Boniface

Winner of the Citizenship award

Community Notices



Sushi Lunches starts the first week of term. Place your order for THURSDAYS via the Kindo Shop on your school website (or via www.ezlunch.co.nz)

Please note our final day for deliveries this year is Thursday 14th December.



BERHAMPORE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Do you have a child aged between 0-3? Are you looking for a supportive, fun playgroup experience? Join Fatima & Youmna in the school hall, meet other parents and support your child's early play, language development and learning.

When: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Where: School hall, 105 Britomart Street

Cost: \$0



Wednesday 20th
December 2017

4pm till 6pm

Centennial
Community Centre
493 Adelaide Road
Berhampore



Visit our school website to register now.



PUBLIC MEETING

Newtown Post Shop and Kiwibank closure protest

Monday 18th December 2017

4.30pm - 5.30pm

Newtown Community Centre (Theatre)

We have made contact with Kiwibank and NZ Post representatives to have an open discussion about the recent announced closure of our local Kiwibank/NZ Post outlet.

Representatives are:

Geoff Waller, Kiwibank General Manager - Retail Distribution

Paul Hodgson, NZ Post General Manager - Corporate Advisory & Government Relations

Angela Blair, Kiwibank, Regional Manager - Wellington/Horowhena

Craig Barker, Kiwibank, Head of Specialist Distribution (Notetaker)

For further information: newtownwellington@gmail.com (Newtown Residents Assoc)



Instep Dance Studio- Based in Island Bay and Houghton Bay, we offer ballet, jazz and contemporary dance classes for ages 3yrs to adult. Experienced, qualified & registered teachers. FREE trials available. To book for Term 1 2018 or for inquiries contact Lesley: instepdance@hotmail.com 021 202 7750. Please visit our website for more info: instepdancestudio.co.nz



Is your Year 6 child enrolled at SWIS for 2018?

Please visit their [website](http://www.swis.school.nz) for an enrolment pack or visit their school office and let them know your child is coming!

Community Notices - School holidays



Artrageous Kids holiday programme bookings for 5-14 year olds are open, with pre-Christmas craft and gift-giving sessions from Dec 18-22, all at Ponake Dojo in Mt Cook. Our action-packed January classes are also taking bookings and run from Jan 9 to Feb 2, with the younger kids' (5-12 year olds) sessions being at Ponake Dojo and the older children's (10-14 year olds) held at Wellington High School.

We focus on extending children's creativity through many different media. Our aim is to draw out your child's creative expression to develop confidence and self esteem and also to have heaps of fun. We provide new activities every day, however if your child is focused on exploring one medium they can work in that medium every day. BE QUICK AND BOOK TODAY: DON'T MISS OUT!

www.artrageouskids.co.nz/holidayprog.html for more information, or email admin@artrageouskids.co.nz

Pre-Xmas Kids' Workshops: Dec 18, 19, 20 8.45am to 12noon

Sustainability-themed workshops for kids aged 5 to 12 while you get Xmas errands done. Build a garden out of wooden pallets, upcycle found materials for Xmas decorations and cards, and take a walking tour of green Wellington. \$28 per session, bookings essential:

sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events

Wilderkids: Jan 15 to 26 8.30am to 3.30pm

A school holiday programme which gets kids exploring nature in Wellington Town Belt. Build a hut, make weed pesto, forage for food and bugs – and plenty more fun! \$56 per day, bookings essential. \$10 places available for Community Services Card holders, please see sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events for more info.



Kia ora, another year is about to pass us by and we at Pride Lands are looking forward to a good break and we hope you are too.

What you can expect in 2018

Kai Cubs Cooking Programme:

Even though we do cooking and baking sessions as part of our activities, Pride Lands will be

running cooking & baking sessions everyday (for individual groups) during the term and school holidays. Cubs will be dressed in aprons and will be taught how to prepare a variety of good healthy meals including vegetarian, vegan and traditional meals as part of the service. From time to time, special guest may be invited to come and teach our cubs the joys of cooking good healthy meals for the family.

Shuttles designated for extra curricular activities only: All Pride Lands centres will be designated a shuttle service to take cubs to their extra curricular activities (and back if needed) during After School care and Fun Holidays. Parents/Guardians will be required to clearly state online/via e-mail where and when their cubs need to be and the names and contact number of people that we can communicate with and sign them in/out. Shuttle bookings will be limited to first come first served basis.

Pride Lands is a social development programme designed to bring out the best positive nature of our young people. What we do as a pride, we do passionately. Please let us know if you need us to do more in your community. Thank you for your support in 2017 and we kindly ask that you place our Summer Fun Holidays in your community newspaper.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and have a pleasant sunny day.

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT OTARI SCHOOL AND BERHAMPORE SCHOOL

Dates: Dec 18th 2017 – Jan 26th 2018 from 7.00am-7pm daily.

Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session ; Weekly: \$238 per cub/week or \$448 for two or more siblings/week. Discounts Available: Wild Card (15%).

Interactive Activities and Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided. One-on-One Care: Provide for cub(s) if needed for extra support.

SHUTTLE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U or

