

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

Nau mai, haere mai Berhampore School community! I'd especially like to welcome our new students and their families, as well as a new teacher Aine Keating, class sharing in Room 4 and a returning teaching assistant Tracey Alefosio, working with various classes.

Due to our increasing roll we also have new syndicates in our school;
Pohutukawa Years 0 - 2 (Piwakawaka, Rooms 4, 5, & 6) Leader: Anastasia
Manuka Years 2 - 4 (Rooms 7, 8, and 9) Leader: Colette
Kahikatea Years 4 - 6 (Rooms 10, 11 and 12) Leader: Jeannette
Kowhai Montessori (Years 1 – 6) Leader: Dimitra

Speaking of new, I'm excited to update you on our new classroom. The MoE has done preliminary investigations of a site and considered the possibility of a second location. The first option is placing the building on the area currently used for the Adventure playground. The other option is on the court area by Stanley Street. Ease of access and space for two rooms are the main criteria to be considered. I am putting up a display in the hallway by the staffroom with the options shown. Please have a look and offer any thoughts you may have on the location.

You may have noticed the outside of our hall is looking truly refreshed. This is with thanks from Ash Pama, a director at Vicinity Limited and a former pupil who funded the painting. Also Jimmy Dang of Allstar Painters who provided the paint. What a generous gift.

This year our staff are taking part in a year long inquiry into oral language in our classrooms and deepening each others learning through quality oral interactions. We are supported by Janine van Hees from the University of Auckland.

It's great to see so many kids at school with sunhats and lots of stories of water safe practices this summer. We're looking forward to an amazing, safe year.

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 this year then fill out an enrollment form!

Room 6 - Forest & Water play

Room 6 spent some time down the path exploring the forest. There are lots of different spaces down there. We had a great time! We've also started our fun lunchtime swims.



Pohutukawa Syndicate - Fitness

The Pohutukawa syndicate have begun doing circuits for their morning fitness. They are having fun moving their bodies through skipping, ball skills, relays and different exercises.



Whānau Army Update

Welcome back everyone! We had our first committee meeting this week and are ready to get to work organising some fun events to help raise funds for classroom resources, school trips and other bits and pieces staff have asked for (more on our fundraising goals for 2018 in the next Kōrero).

For those who like to get dates locked in to their calendar early, here are the Knack craft market dates for the year. If you're new to Berhampore School, don't fret there will be more information out soon about what Knack is and the different ways you can get involved.



Knack dates

Term 1: Autumn Knack Saturday 7 April 9:30-1:30pm

Term 2: Midwinter Knack Saturday 16 June 9:30-1:30pm

Term 3: Spring Knack Saturday 15 September 9:30-1:30

Term 4: Kristmas Knack, Friday 23 November 6-8pm and Saturday 24 November 9:30-2:30

Finally, as many of you know we had a couple of committee members leave last year so if you're keen to get more involved this year we'd love to have you. Keep an eye out on notices for our next meeting and come along, we're very informal. If food is your thing - we've got a gap this year for a foodie/kitchen guru who would like to help us with ideas for the Knack food stalls and/or Food Fair.

You don't have to come to meetings to get more involved. There are loads of discreet jobs ahead of events - everything from putting up posters, to shopping for supplies, chasing down raffle prizes... or other ways you can support events. So if you've got ideas or want to know what kind of help is needed email us whanauarmy@gmail.com. We also run a volunteer email list where we send out a bit more information during the year for those who are keen to help when and where they can. Again email us if you'd like to be added to the list or let your child's teacher know and they'll pass your details on. We generally have a lot of fun helping each other organise the events together and volunteering is a great way to get to know some of the other parents at school.

Board of Trustees Update

The Board of Trustees welcomes everyone back to school. We look forward to an exciting year ahead. There are lots of things happening in the school this year, including the building of a new classroom. We'll keep you informed as more information comes to hand.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

**MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
7PM IN THE STAFFROOM
ALL WELCOME**

Kōrero Māori - kupu hou

What we've been learning at Berhampore School

Ko wai tō ingoa? What is your name?

Ko _____ tōku ingoa My name is _____

Ko _____ ahau I am _____

Try it yourself and ask your tamariki (children)

Phrases to use in summer

Kei hea tō ...? Where is your...?

Tikina Fetch

Kei hea tō pōtae? Where is your hat?

Tīkina tō pōtae Fetch your hat

Kei hea tō pani ārai? Where is your sunscreen?

Tīkina tō pani ārai Fetch your sunscreen

Try your own...Kei hea tō _____?

Try your own...Tīkina tō _____?

Speaking Māori
is awesome

Our School Environment - have your say

We have been lucky to have wonderful turnouts at our Community Meetings over the last 2 years. Now we're keen to invite all interested parents to come to a meeting on Sunday 18th February at 10am. We would like to discuss future actions that we, as the School Community, can take.

Last year's consultation with the community resulted in more rubbish bins being provided; kids getting involved in removing rubbish and recycling paper and plastic by using litter grabbers. The sandpit was designed, built and installed by a willing and able team and the picnic tables painted by parents and kids. We also had quite a few members of staff trained in how to show the beehives to students and Elspeth created a vege and butterfly garden. We know there are plenty more projects that we could get stuck into, though any major project will obviously have to be approved by Mark and the management team.

The Berhampore School Gardens and Grounds Group usually meets every 3rd Sunday of the month from 10am until 12pm. We are looking for new members and wanting to entice our regular members to continue with the good work. We would like to invite everyone to an informal chat in the staffroom with hot drinks, cake and cookies provided. We thought this



could be followed by a wander around the school so that we can prioritise work that we could do.

All members of the community are most welcome, you do not need to have child at the school, the more the merrier! It is your opportunity to have your say about future projects and we hope to see you on Sunday 18th.

Thanks, Colette and Kylie (Enviro leaders of Berhampore School)

Office Requests

- Absences – please let the office know at all times, as we follow up on all absent children not at school. It's important we know your child/ren are safe!

Call 389 9391 answerphone, **text 0277587120** or **email**.

- Boxes of tissues from every child
- First aid plasters & fabric dressings
- Fixomull stretch
- Saline
- Small Icepacks*

*Icepacks can be made with small zip lock bags, ¼ cup of very salty water, remove air, lock shut for freezing. Salt/saline water helps them from freezing too hard and kids using them as ice blocks!!

Room 4 - Learning through play

Room 4 spend part of their morning investigating their interests. These experiences give the class a hands on way of learning about the world around them, help to develop relationships and build strong literacy and numeracy foundations.



Using paper, a hole punch and cellotape to build a “ding bell” (and develop fine motor skills at the same time)



Building farms, houses, museums and sports stadiums



Using thinking tools to organise our knowledge about different topics



Learning about what babies need to be safe and happy



Investigating height and length. Seeing if we can make towers that are bigger than us