



Term 4

13 December—School Picnic
14 December—last day @ 1.00pm

Term Dates for 2018

- Term 1: 30 January-13 April
- Term 2: 30 April-6 July
- Term 3: 23 July-28 September
- Term 4: 15 October-14 December

Dates to Note for 2018

- Term 1: 6 February—Waitangi Day
30 March—Good Friday
2 April—Easter Monday
3 April—Easter Tuesday
- Term 2: 1 June—Teacher only day
4 June—Queens Birthday
- Term 4: 22 October—Labour Day



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Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Namaste, Ni Hao, Alsalamu Alaykum,

Nau mai heare mai!

Wow! What a crazy busy but fantastic year it has been! This will be the last newsletter for 2017.

The team and I are extremely excited about next year, we will continue to build and strengthen teacher capabilities to improve the design of teaching and learning programmes that are engaging and fun! We will be focusing on improving in the areas of writing and mathematics in 2018. Although we have had lots of positive movement and shifts in learning for students this year, there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure that every child can confidently talk about their learning, and parents and teachers can see improvement. This is a challenge that we as a team are excited to take on!

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH FOR TEACHERS IN 2018: There is plenty of educational research out there that talks about how to improve educational outcomes for students. Building learning focused relationships with students and whanau, building teacher capabilities across the curriculum, taking time to observe in **each other's classrooms, providing opportunities for teachers to share effective practices** both within our school but also within our Community of Learning are just the tip of the iceberg. We have a real belief that learning needs to be visible for all teachers, students and whanau, and we will work to ensure that this is the case for our community in 2018.

We strongly encourage teachers and whanau to touch base regularly and be part of the ongoing learning conversations in order to continue to support our gorgeous young people to grow academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. We want to grow confident and active young citizens who will contribute positively to the local, national and global learning communities starting with our awesome little school on the hill! We look forward to working alongside our whanau.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER – WAKA EKE NOA: Over the break we will be developing a localised learning curriculum with a lens on play-based learning, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) and, of course, Well-Being. I believe that as a school, well-being is an area where we absolutely thrive, with our R.I.M.U values at the heart of everything we do! Our next step is introduce the G.R.O.W acronym around “This is how we learn at Hampton Hill School.” G=Grow confidence, R=Real world learning, O=Oral language, W=Whanau matters. The BoT will share the thinking behind this and explore this further as a community at a home school partnership Hui in 2018. So exciting!

2018 CLASSES: Every year we are inform children and whanau of classes at the end of the year. We know that when children feel comfortable and safe in their environment learning is improved.

Teachers and staff have spent approximately 25 hours in combined hours to get **the classes right. We consider individual student's social needs (friendships), emotional needs (teachers they may connect with) and of course their learning strengths and needs. It's a huge process that we take very seriously and work hard to get right.**

Most children have had two opportunities to meet with their new teacher and to interact with their new classmates last week. This is to support children to feel safe, happy and secure over the holidays and to start 2018 with confidence and to be ready for learning! Mr Jackson and Miss Kobuta are en route to join our team and will be available via email if you would like to touch base with them or **pop in the week before school starts. I'm sure they would love to meet you.**

I hope you all have a safe, restful and well-earned break. Enjoy your time together as a whanau! See you all at **9.00am on Tuesday 30th January 2018.**

Kelly Barker
Tumuaki

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