



# KAURI FLATS

*Unrelenting curiosity for learning*



**Friday 18 May 2018**

## **Welcome**

Kia ora parents! Well, we finally managed to move albeit with a two-day delay due to 'lack of planting in the swales'. This was a frustrating time for all involved but unfortunately completely out of the school's hands, so once again, thank you for your patience during this time.

Now we are in the Bases things have stepped up even more and our expectations of the students and their learning is even higher. While everything is new, this is no excuse to slow things down, it ensures we are able to step up and continue to rebuild and redesign the curriculum to ensure our students are prepared for the world of the future.

The Walters Road closure is a pain (although it is nice from a safety perspective not having cars race along the main road). This is Auckland Council work that cannot wait as it drains most of the land between Takanini and Papakura for new housing developments. The road is expected to be closed for the term - currently work is on track and we are hopefully of an early completion. This work is nothing to do with the school. After this a walkway between the school and park will be laid as well as a safe crossing.

Even though the road is closed the school entrance and exit remains the same.

Throughout the year we will be working with international experts to continue to develop the school's learning and teaching. We are lucky to be receiving the expertise of Mark Osborne and also being one of only a handful of schools across the world involved in the School's that Deliver Network.

This term will also see us develop our Student Management System to communicate more with our parents and reporting. This way we are able to report on TREC and celebrate your child/ren's learning more than just through formal reports. Our students will also have access to this and will be able to upload their learning which will be shared with you. Towards the end of the term you will receive a login and password followed by an information question/answer session.

Over the coming weeks we will also be sending home an online survey as well as hardcopy survey around reporting and what you feel is most important for you to see. This way our reporting to parents holds more relevance and you see exactly what you want to see. We are hoping for as much input as possible into this so we can redesign our reporting to suit our communities/students' needs.

The official school opening will be held on Friday 14 December. This may seem a little strange, but we would like to make this a special full day event involving our community with food stalls, games and performances. We cannot guarantee the weather between now and then hence the December ceremony. It also means our

students/community can be involved in the planning. The school was blessed by our iwi and Mana Whenua prior to the school moving in.

The School number has also changed - 2224780. The school mobile number is still accessible but calling the main number ensures you are able to report an absence and be put through to the right person you would like to speak with.

Matt Williams  
Principal

### **Board of Trustees**

Congratulations to the members of our school community who were elected as the Kauri Flats Board of Trustees (information attached). It was great to have so many votes and a shame everyone couldn't be elected. The new Board take office today for a period of one year before the school begins its triennial Board cycle.

### **Term 2 Important Dates:**

**Queen's Birthday:** Monday 4 June (*Public Holiday*)

**Staff Only Day:** Friday 22 June (*School's that Deliver Professional Learning – international researchers working in school – School Closed*)

### **Parking and Speed Limit**

Although we have moved school the same expectation of everyone is still asked. The speed limit has not changed and in fact will be reduced even more. Although a straight road is appealing to 'go a little faster' the limit is there to protect your children from getting injured. The same can be said for parking. Although we are growing as a school, there is still ample parking between the temporary school and Kauri Tree (before the concrete pad – crossing). Directly outside the school is not a waiting zone, this is merely to drop off and leave, cars are not expected to wait in this zone – Drop and Go.



Poor parking to be as close to the school entrance as possible and speeding has almost resulted in more than one accident involving children, please do the right thing.

Thank you all in advance for considering the safety of the students at Kauri Flats School.

### **General Reminders:**

**Name it:** We make every effort to ensure our students' belongings are kept safe. To help us to do this, please make sure all items of clothing, lunch boxes etc. are named. Currently we have seven unnamed near new polar fleece jerseys in lost property.

**Uniform:** It's great to see so many students wearing the correct uniform. If for any reason any item of incorrect uniform is worn (*e.g.*

*track pants, black jeans, the wrong school jumpers, incorrect shoes)*  
please ensure you write a short note/email to your child's teacher.

**Updated information:** Please be reminded that any updated personal information (phone number, address etc.) should be changed at the school office. This is so we can update our student management system.

**Absence:** Should your child be absent from school, please ensure the office is notified by 8:45am.

**Lateness:** If your child arrives at school after 8:30am. Please ensure they report to the office to receive a late pass.

**Medication:** No medication should be kept in children's bags. Please leave this with the office so we can keep it safe and administer during the day.

**Lunches:** Please be aware that we are a water/milk only school and only one treat item is allowed. It's great to see so many healthy lunches – thank you all for being on to it.

**Cell Phones:** If for any reason a cell phone is brought into school, this is to be left at the office where it will be locked away and looked after until the end of the day.

**Early Pick up:** Please report to the office for early release of any students. You will receive a pass to give to your child's teacher. No pass, no release. If the adult collecting your child is not on our database we must have notification from the parent/caregiver of the child or your child will not be released.

### Around the School – learning in progress!

Attached are a few pictures of the school and the learning spaces (Bases).





