



## NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 1 2018

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Tena koutou nga matua nga whaea me nga whanau katoa

Welcome back to all of our students and a very special welcome to our new students who have enrolled this term - Isaac, Herbie, Isabella, Reama, Mauri and Iraia. We really do look forward to having you living in the school house right next door.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to the following students who have moved out of the district and will be attending other schools. Good luck, Raeora, Sheeandra, Lloyd, Hamish, Harmony, Pinea, Tamahou, Aja-Marie, Mane, Riley, and Kaydence. You were all wonderful students at our Kura and we wish you all the very best in your educational journey.

It is also with great sadness that we accepted the resignation of Catherine Bawden in the last week of term 1. Mrs Bawden is ready to move on to new things. We really appreciate the fact that she is happy to stay on until such time that we are able to get an equal replacement. That may I add will not be easy.

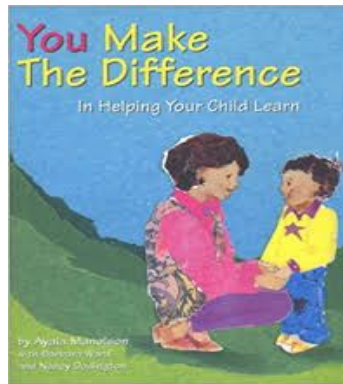
I would like to acknowledge the great work of our DP Moni Donaldson who has updated our website. Moni has spent many hours to produce a website that we can all be very proud of. Please click on [www.waima.school.nz](http://www.waima.school.nz) to view and to be continually updated with what your child is engaging in at Waima School.

During the holidays teaching staff spent two days at Ed TEch conference in Whangarei. This was extremely beneficial to all and staff came away with many ideas that can be implemented into the classroom programme. This is what they have to report about the two days of professional learning development.

Whaea Moni - It was good to see the EdTech conference was held in Whangarei for the first time. It was also good to see that the students in Room 3 are well on their 21st century learning journey and in many things the students are ahead of others in their digital savviness. This year I will be looking at learning through a virtual world as well as a more indepth focus on 'learning through inquiry'.

Mrs Bawden- Being part of two days professional development EdTech ( Google) in Whangarei was exciting. The future of techknowledge in our classrooms is evolving with scary speed. We hopefully, with time will be introducing some tools to assist our learning in the classroom.

Whaea Jo - The two days spent at the EdTech conference in Whangarei gave me a lot to think about in terms of how I can adapt my teaching practice to accommodate our 21st century learners. There is such a huge range of digital tools that can help to facilitate the learning, it is quite overwhelming. However, I am looking forward to researching further into how I can incorporate some of these into the classroom teaching and learning.



Mrs Bawden - Welcome back everyone to term 2. Lots of exciting projects ahead. Room 1 and 2 will continue with investigating Our Solar System. Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking home nightly a reader or a poem. Please read together to help support their work in the classroom. You are teachers too and your contribution is paramount to their progress.

Important dates for Term 2 are as follows

- Tuesday 8th May - Year 7 and 8 to Auckland for the NYLD on Wednesday
- Monday June 4th - Queens B day Holiday
- Week 9 25th-29th June Parent teacher student conferences - mid year reports issued.
- Technology days - Thursday Week 1,2,3,5,6

### **Room 3**

Welcome back to term 2. This term we are continuing with our Planet Earth and Beyond inquiry and looking at how the media influences our choices in life. Self and peer assessment is also going to be a focus for all students to ensure they know how they are progressing in their learning. It was good to hear how the holidays were for our students - there were a range of experiences by all.