



# Kaeo Primary School



*Learn, Love, Contribute, Grow*

*Aim High—Stand Tall - Taraia nga taumata E tu teitei*

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**Term 1**

**Week 1**

Hello,

Hello everyone and welcome to another year at Kaeo School. It is wonderful to be back and especially to see our children returning to school so happily today.

2012 will be a busy year. We have again set some challenging goals for learning and achievement and as always we will do our very best to ensure that every child is given the very best opportunity to fulfil their potential and to encourage them to display quality in all that they do. Last year's achievement data is noted on the back of this newsletter – in short, things are going positively and very pleasing progress is being made. Well done everyone!

This year's 'event' in Term 3 is our Art Exhibition which is always an awesome occasion and a great way of showcasing our children's talents. On the sporting front we expect to be challenging hard, and with some success, during the Northland Rippa Rugby tournament and we have high hopes for another successful year in Netball, Cross Country, Swimming and Soccer. Kapahaka will again be a focus later in the year.

Along with all these things we will continue to help develop our children's capability to be positive, kind, and happy members of our school and our wider community. It is clear that the ongoing success and progress of our school is a reflection of the strong and positive relationships built between the children and their teachers and the school and the wider community - this will again be a key focus for us all.

You can see that we have big plans! Please support us and our children by ensuring that regular attendance is maintained throughout the year.

I have no doubt that 2012 will be another successful, learning filled and enjoyable year!

Kind Regards,

Paul Barker

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.' " - Mary Anne Radmacher.

## Welcome

A big welcome to Miss Pip Reading who began her teaching career today in Room 3. We are delighted to have attracted such a high quality beginning teacher to our school and we are sure that she will enjoy working with the children in her care this year. Nicola Phillips, our former RTLB, returns from maternity leave to a role that includes helping Pip as she develops her skills – and this is great news for our school too.



Neesha, Miss Reading, and Jamaya sharing their first day in Room 3.

## Hats

As part of our commitment to the SunSmart programme, and to protecting our children from the marvellous but dangerous Northland sun, we ask that during Terms 1 and 4 children always wear a hat when outside. Children new to our school are asked to have a school hat which can be purchased from the school office. For those children returning to Kaeo School most will have their hats here at school and some at home. It would be appreciated if everyone could have a school hat by next Tuesday – then it will be up to us to make sure that they wear them! Only Kaeo Primary Hats are permitted please.

## School Donations

It seems that every year there are stories in the newspapers and television about the rising cost of beginning the new school year and in particular the cost of school fees. We are conscious that this is the case and accordingly there will not be a request for a school donation this year.

## Stationery

It would be appreciated if school stationery could be purchased as soon as possible to ensure that learning can get underway quickly. Of course you can if you wish purchase the necessary items from shops but we encourage you to do so through school as we consider the quality of the items we provide to be much higher and ultimately more cost effective than those available at some, initially, cheaper outlets.