

# BACK to SCHOOL

Teena koutou katoa, Welcome to all our families,

It is fantastic to be back in action for 2022. We hope you have all had a restful break over the summer, enjoying the gorgeous weather, family and fun with friends. We are all feeling refreshed and ready for 2022. We are excited about our learning spaces and our curriculum for this year. You will find out more about this through classroom newsletters and websites over the coming weeks and months. We are very excited to welcome two new staff members to Te Pahu School this year.

Mr Luke Willis begins his journey as our new Deputy Principal and year 7 & 8 teacher. Luke comes to us with a wealth of experience and a ton of enthusiasm. Welcome aboard Mr Willis!

Mrs Toni Densem also joins our team. Toni is in Ruma Piwakawaka teaching Year 2 & 3 learners this year. Toni also has a wealth of experience at many levels and is excited about joining the Te Pahu Team! Nau mai, Haere mai!

Mr Jono Gemmell is also joining our team for 2022. Mr Gemmell will be teaching in our STEAM Room on Fridays. He will be introducing our learners to the arts through music. A big welcome to Mr Gemmell.

A big thank you to everyone for a smooth transition back into school for our learners. We are still experiencing uncertain times in New Zealand. Thank you for your patience and understanding in following our school protocols. This helps with keeping all of us as safe as possible while in school.

School communication this year– we have made some changes to our student management system and how we communicate with our families. This year our major way of communicating notices, messages, student learning.... Is through HERO. Please go to your app store, find the Hero app. Download this onto your device. We have set up your account using the email you provided when you enrolled your child. Use this email to request a password. A link will be emailed to this email address. Follow the steps from there. You will find all newsletters and messages on the community feed area of the Hero App. If you have any problems, please contact the school office for support.

We will also use Skool Loop while we transition into HERO and emails will be used for communication when needed.

This year we have five classrooms

Toutouwai– Year 1– Ms Rachel Carson– Assistant Principal

Piwakawaka– Year 2 & 3– Mrs Toni Densem

Tui– Year 3 & 4– Miss Emma Jackways

Ruru– Year 5 & 6– Mr Thomas McVie

Kookako– Year 7 & 8– Mr Luke Willis– Deputy Principal

We also welcome back this year, Liz Amoore– Part time teacher, Jo Parkinson–Teacher Aide, Deborah Walker– Librarian, Debbie Broadhead– Office Administrator and Kim McVinnie– Office Administrator.

Helping keep our grounds looking fantastic and our pool up and running for swimming– Mr Richard Homan. A huge thank you to Richard for looking after the pool throughout the summer for our wider community to enjoy.

We are hoping to continue with our Hui-a-Whaanau in week 3 of this term. We are planning for this to be either face to face or digitally. We will have more information for you early next week regarding these. Please remember in these uncertain times that well made plans can easily be disrupted so please have patience with us and hope that we can continue to run smoothly.

Thanks once again for your continued support and understanding

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Meegan and the team