

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone for the 2012 school year. It is wonderful to see our children returning to school, a special welcome to children and families starting at Maori Hill School for the first time. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and was able to make the most of the lovely summer weather we have enjoyed in the south. We are all looking forward to another exciting year with many rich learning activities and opportunities planned for the children. As you are now aware some of our planned staffing changes have not worked out as expected. Adjustments were made in the best interests of children and staff. I am sure parents will be supportive to those involved. We have had 9 new enrolments to give a starting roll of 217 children. I have been very impressed over the past two days with how well the children have settled into their new classes and how smooth the start of the year has been. We are all looking forward to another busy and successful year.

Regards  
Alistair Campbell  
Principal

**What's on Next Week?**

Monday	Waitangi Day – school closed
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Senior Swimming
Thursday	Family picnic
Friday	School Assembly 2.30pm

**Welcome**

A special welcome to the following new pupils who joined Maori Hill School this week.

- ★ Jonah Coleman      ★ Ella Jarvie
- ★ Felix Roux          ★ Ella Richardson
- ★ Benedict Kyle      ★ Sebastian Kyle
- ★ Thomas Miller      ★ Max Colloty
- ★ Bronson Hudson

**Classroom News**

**Room 1- Mrs Wiparata**

It sounds like everyone really got to enjoy their holiday activities. We are creating some holiday art for our walls and writing some holiday recounts of what we got up to. We have a lovely small class to start our year, and everyone has done a great job of getting ready to settle into their school days. We have made our placemats so we're all ready to get into learning. We're reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and are on the lookout for a swan plant if anyone has any spares growing in their garden. Have a lovely long Waitangi weekend everyone!

**Room 2 – Mrs Ferguson**

Kia ora from Room 2. We are busy doing housework in Room 2! We love it as we are getting organised to start next week. Look out for our eyewitness accounts these will be displayed on our classroom wall. Room 2 is busy learning about why Monday is a holiday. We know it was 172 years ago! We know that a very special treaty was signed on that day, which is now called Waitangi Day.

**Room 3 – Miss Selbie**

Hello from Room 3  
We are very excited to be back at school and enjoyed our first day yesterday. Ella is new to our school and she has already made lots of friends. The children have already had so much fun drawing pictures, catching up with their friends and playing in the new tree hut. Here are some photos of us working hard in Room 3.



**Room 8 – Mr Belworthy**

Welcome to Room 8 for 2012. All of the children have had a great holiday and have been excited about returning to school for the New Year. It has been interesting hearing what the children have done and where they have been during the break. A special welcome to Felix and Sebastian who are new to Maori Hill School.

**Room 9 – Mrs Weatherly**

We have had a great start to 2012. All the children have been having lots of fun for the past two days where we have been learning about our classroom routines, making up our Expectations chart for the classroom. Please return stationery packs back to school as soon as possible as we are very excited to start using our new books. Swimming will be starting next Wednesday so don't forget those togs. Enjoy the long weekend and I will see your smiling faces on Tuesday.

**Room 7 – Mrs Ashton**

Room 7 had a great first day moving in to our classroom and learning about our classroom routines. We had a guided tour of the classroom and we

did some quizzes about each other and about our class. We are all looking forward to swimming and the school picnic next week. Have a lovely term everyone!

#### **Room 4 – Miss West**

Bonjour from Room 4

We are enjoying our short week. We are all settling in well and looking forward to swimming next Wednesday. There have been some amazing stories from our holidays which has been shared in news. We have done some fun activities already including making an everything book. We are looking forward to our Kiwi Kids past, present and future topic. Have fun in the long weekend. Your fantastic reporters: Bella and Lucy

#### **Room 5 – Mrs Young**

Welcome back everyone!

By the sounds of it everyone has had a fantastic break filled with lots of amazing experiences and adventures. I have really enjoyed listening to the children as they have retold and shared their holiday stories. Over the next few days the children will be handed many notices about the various activities that are beginning next week. Can you please check with your child to make sure that these come out of bags and are returned to school by the date specified? Stationary will also be coming home over the long weekend, could you make sure that it is ALL labelled and returned to school on Tuesday. It is optional whether you choose to cover the books. Have a safe and happy long weekend.

#### **Room 6 – Mrs Kilpatrick**

Wow! Room 6 are off to an awesome start. We are happy, focussed and ready to learn! All of us are looking forward to carrying out all our extra 'responsibilities'. We have enjoyed all the holiday photos our class have brought along. Everyone has really enjoyed our fabulous summer.

#### **Sports**

The forms have been handed out for children wishing to play Flipper Ball and Touch Rugby. They need to be returned to Mr Belworthy by tomorrow, Friday 3 February. The Touch Rugby competition starts on Thursday 16 February and the first Flipper Ball games start on Sunday 12 February. Tee Ball games start on Saturday 11 February with the same teams as the competition for Term 4 last year.

#### **Reminder**

School will be closed on Monday 6th February of celebrate Waitangi Day. School will start again on Tuesday 7 February.

#### **Hillbillies**

The charges for Hillbillies have been reviewed and will be \$6 for the first hour and then \$3 per half hour thereafter. The increase will take place on February 27 2012.

#### **Family Picnic**

Please join us Thursday 9th February 5.00 – 6.30 at school for a family picnic tea. Enjoy a free sausage from the school BBQ or bring your own picnic tea, takeaways, fish and chips etc. Meet staff, parents and children, join in games or just chat to friends.

#### **Headlice**

Headlice is an ongoing problem, please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat when necessary.

#### **Sausage Sizzle**

Sausage sizzle will start from next Tuesday 7 February. There is an increase in pricing for this year due to increased costs of bread, sausages etc. Individual sausages will now be \$2.00, however if you order for the term the price will be \$1.50 per sausage. You can give your sausage order to Karen in the office.

### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

*\$13.50 per child for Term 1*

*Please fill in the slip below if you wish your child to receive a BBQ sausage each Tuesday.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm No. \_\_\_\_

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Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please put your child's name and room number on the outside of an envelope with the money inside.*

Please have your orders in before 9am with the correct money.

#### **PTA News**

PTA meeting - Tuesday 7 February, 7pm in staffroom. All welcome, especially new parents

#### **Community News**

- ✚ Wakari / Halfway Bush Playgroup are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 – 12pm. All welcome. \$2 per family, morning tea provided. Halfway Bush School. Entrance from Balmain Street walkway opposite Colinsay Street Halfway Bush. Contact Kirsty 4763355 or 0272265194
- ✚ Piano Tuition - Experienced piano teacher is taking on new students. Skill level: Beginner, Intermediate. All enquiries phone Maud Schroeder on 466-7548 or 022-153-7258 or email maudschroeder@aol.com



#### **at Maori Hill School**

MusiqHub *Guitar* [formerly 4Front School of Guitar] is looking forward to welcoming new students in 2012.

The lessons feature:

- small group learning [max of 4 per group]
- exclusive access to MusiqHub online lessons
- quality sequential teaching manuals with CD
- end of year concert backed by a live band
- tuition from MusiqHub registered tutors

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