



## Welcome To Our Owairoa "FAMILY"



### TERM DATES FOR 2017

The term dates for 2017 have been set and approved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Term One  
Tuesday 7th February ~ Thursday 13th April  
Term Two  
Monday 1st May ~ Friday 7th July  
Term Three  
Monday 24th July ~ Friday 29th September  
Term Four  
Monday 16th October ~ Wednesday 20th December

The school will be closed for:

Monday 6th February - Waitangi Day  
Friday 14th April - Good Friday  
Monday 5th June - Queen's Birthday  
Friday 20th October - Gala Day Holiday  
Monday 23rd October - Labour Day



## FAREWELL TO STAFF

I wish to personally acknowledge all staff leaving Owairoa at the end of the year.

*Staff leaving include:*

Mrs Margaret Horvarth (Teacher - Retirement)  
Mrs Janine Pieterse (Teacher - End of Contract)  
Mrs Gail Russell (Teacher - End of Contract)  
Mrs Laura Turton (Teacher - Relocating)  
Mrs Kerry Forse (Teacher - Promotion)  
Mrs Wynn Croft (Teacher - Retirement)  
Mrs Jannay Grove (Teacher - End of Contract)  
Mrs Chris Przybylski (Teacher Aide - Relocating)  
Mr Glenn Burgess (Teacher - End of Contract)  
Mrs Ayumi Utley (Teacher Aide - End of Contract)  
Miss Ling Hung (Mandarin Language Assistant - Returning to Taiwan)

To our Year 6 Students leaving Owairoa on Tuesday, we wish you every success and happiness as you venture on the "Pathway to the Future". We trust that you have gained the necessary skills in the formative years of your education and make the most of the windows of opportunity that open up for you.



# SUCCESS



## Homestay Families Wanted

Families must be First-Language English Speakers

Learn about another culture while supplementing your income



### Owairoa Primary School

is looking for families interested in hosting International Visitors from 1-12 weeks

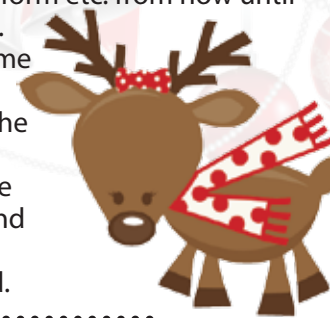
Contact Michelle 538 0060 ext 216 [homestay@owairoa.school.nz](mailto:homestay@owairoa.school.nz)



## SCHOOL RESOURCE AMNESTY

We are currently stocktaking our school resources in preparation for a quick return to study in the New Year.

Unfortunately we always have a few resources not returned to school and these resources are expensive to replace. We are having an amnesty of all resources e.g. library books, instructional reading books, school journals, sports uniform etc. from now until the end of the year. Please check at home under the bed, down the back of the sofa, and in your cupboards to locate school resources and return to school, no questions asked.



## COMING EVENTS DECEMBER

- ✓ 13th Rm 4A, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16 Concert at 1.45pm
- ✓ 13th Board of Trustees Meeting at 7.00pm
- ✓ 15th Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 Concert at 1.45pm
- ✓ 20th Final Day Term 4  
Students dismissed at 12.30pm

## JANUARY

- ✓ 31st School Office reopens

## FEBRUARY

- ✓ 2nd Teacher Only Day
- ✓ 3rd Teacher Only Day
- ✓ 6th Waitangi Day
- ✓ 7th Term One starts First Day for Students



## FINAL DAY OF TERM

The final day for Term Four will be on Tuesday 20th December, finishing at 12.30pm. Students will need to be collected at this time and will have lunch at home on that day. The whole school will assemble at 12.30pm on the courts outside Rooms 20-22 (weather permitting) and will be dismissed from there.

## FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL



### FIRST DAY BACK 2017

Term One 2017 starts back for all students on Tuesday 7th February. The bell will ring at 9.00am at which time all students will assemble in class group as follows:  
Year 1 classes in 2017 assemble outside Rooms 1-4  
Year 2 classes in 2017 assemble outside Room 16  
Year 3 & 4 classes in 2017 assemble outside Rooms 32-35  
Year 5 & 6 classes in 2017 assemble outside Rooms 20-22  
If raining, all students will assemble in the hall. If this situation occurs, we ask that parents do not enter the hall for safety reasons, to protect from overcrowding. Class placements will be confirmed on our second Teacher Only Day, Friday 3rd February. Class lists will be displayed from 3pm, in the windows of Years 1 and 2, 2017 Room 4  
Years 3-6, 2017 Room 16

We will also put the class list on the school website on Friday 3rd February. [www.owairoa.school.nz](http://www.owairoa.school.nz)

## Christmas Greetings

With the festive season nearly upon us, on behalf of the Students, Staff and Board of Trustees, I wish to thank our many parents who have given positive support to the school, given their time and energy freely to help us, supported the school financially with your school contribution and above all for your support for the learning of the fine students in our care. I wish you all a happy festive season with your family and friends and a safe holiday break. We look forward to renewing our acquaintances in the new year.



With kind regards  
Alan McIntyre  
Principal

