

We are MANA! Together achieving success as confident learners.

## Manaakitanga Angitu Ngākaunui Aroha

## **Principal's Comments:**

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome my whānau and I received at the pōwhiri on Monday. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by our students during the performances was very powerful to experience and showed that our children are very proud of our school.

As you already know I have come back home to Waitara with my family after working as a Principal in an International School in the United Arab Emirates. My family and I are extremely excited to be here and look forward to reconnecting with the wider community of Waitara and meeting new people.

This week I have spent time interacting with your children and the staff, getting to know what they enjoy about being at Waitara East. I have heard many positive stories and we will be further developing these conversations around school improvement in the coming weeks.

This upcoming term is an extremely busy time at Waitara East. We have already played other schools in 2 sports exchanges. Our ongoing professional development focus on Numeracy continues with Ms. Julia Tong from Cognition where this term she is in classrooms observing our teachers using strategies they have developed during training days. In September we see the Waitara East and Taranaki Crosscountry take place, the Life Education Program visiting the school and our Year 6 students will start their orientation process by visiting Manukorihi Intermediate.

Regards,

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## <u>Soccer</u>

LOST SCOOTER – MPG. Purple colour, second to last week of school has name and phone number engraved at bottom. Reward offered. Please see the office.

On Tuesday 25th of July our school soccer team travelled to Oakura school to play their semi final. Even though the weather on the day was fine the rain overnight made the pitch very muddy and conditions difficult. Our children showed superb commitment and sportsmanship during the game and pushed Oakura hard with strong defence and breakout attack. Unfortunately, the result didn't go our way and Oakura came out winners 8-2. A big thanks to all our supporters who travelled down and Mr. Steenson who coached the team to our first ever semifinal appearance.



