



# We are MANA!

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## Waitara East School Weekly Newsletter Thursday 17 May, 2018

### Principals Message

Kia Ora Whānau,

Firstly I would like to congratulate our Rippa Rugby Team who played for the first time in the New Plymouth Rippa Rugby Tournament last week. Our tamariki played 3 thrilling games and used this as time to play as a team to prepare for the Waitara schools tournament which will be held on Wednesday 23 May, 2018 on the bottom field at Waitara Central.

Secondly, I would like to report that I have seen some outstanding learning in classrooms over the last 2 days. I have personally observed every class learning in the school this week and am very proud of our tamariki and the effort and focus they showed towards their learning.

Lastly, this week we received some very sad news that Tory Brunning, a former student of Waitara East School, passed away after falling ill at a Rugby league game in Sydney. Tory is fondly remembered by many of our current staff members as a funny and caring student. We would like to offer our condolences to all his whanau at this difficult time.

Ngā Manaakitanga,

Perrie Topia  
**Principal**

Meet Annie Tokotaua-Patu.

**Why did you decide to apply to become a student leader?**

*Because I really wanted to become one and I enjoy helping children.*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

*Draw pictures and do front hand springs..*

**What is your favourite part of being a student at Waitara East School?**

*I like going on trips with our leaders.*

**What job would you like to do when you are an adult!**

*A hairdresser because I like playing with my hair.*



## Staff Member of the week:

Meet **Mr Rova** who teaches at Waitara East School

### Why did you decide to become a teacher.

*I just enjoy working with kids and seeing them develop their skills in the classroom and in sport.*

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

*Watching rugby on TV and Club Rugby on Saturdays.*

### What is your favourite food and why?

*Fresh fish in coconut cream, and taro. I just love the taste of them and they remind me of my home village.*

### Do you have any pets and what are their names?

*I don't have a pet but if I did have one it would be a cat with lots of fur and its name would be Fluffy!*



### Whanau parenting toolbox 0 – 12 years.

6 x 2 hour sessions will run on a Wednesday between school hours at the Knox church Rooms. Cost \$75.00 per person and \$110.00 per couple. There is a funding criteria available. Please ring Margaret at school if you are interested.

### A beautiful piece of writing by Mya Poto from Room 9.

#### Being perfect

Have you ever felt like you're not perfect for anyone? Like there's that one friend that's sooo pretty and skinny and you feel like you want to be that girl who is never mean to anyone? Some people might call you fat, or, you even might say to yourself that you're fat and ugly. You should NEVER think those things because you're beautiful just the way you are, and don't let people make you feel like you're fat because when you get used to it you will finally crack out of your shell and accept yourself for who you are.

You may start to feel like you want to change your body because you get called some hurtful things like fatty, ugly pig, huge fat girl and maybe get called other things from other people – but don't let those people not show who you really are, let them know who the real you is. Even if you're too scared to show it, then make them encourage you instead of calling you names.

If you feel like you want to be perfect then you can try to be perfect, but, I just want to let you know that you're perfect just the way you are and love yourself for who you are. Don't be afraid to be someone who loves themselves and is as gorgeous as they are. Never think that you are fat or unpretty. I want you to think that you are a star in the sky who is bright enough to show who they are, because you're beautiful just the way you are.

### Upcoming Event: 17 May – Interschool Sports

### 26 May – HOME AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISER – CAR BOOT/CRAFT SALE. 8.00 – 12 a.m.

Fee is \$5.00 for table/boot. There will be cake stall and sausage sizzle. Donations of baking would be greatly appreciated. Please phone Joan 0278859478/Lyn 0274047597

### Reminders

**Calling if absent** – text or ring 0212517857 for your child's absence.

**Sign in and out procedure** – in school office

**HYPNOTIST – ANDREW  
NEWTON**

**Evening at New Plymouth Club  
– Saturday 19 May 7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets \$20.00 – Phone  
0220827085**