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Manaakitanga Angitu Ngākaunui Aroha

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Doing My Best

*Caring about Our
Environment*

Respecting Others

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

5 February, 2016.

Tēnā rā koutou ki ngā hau e whā, greetings to everybody,

A warm welcome back to all our Whānau and our new Whānau who have joined us this year. We have had over 16 new enrolments this year.

*The start of 2016 has seen the end of the private bus run which was provided by Tranzit. Waitara East School has sought funding from various places to help in the funding of a **Mini-van** to transport our children to school. Currently staff are picking children up and bringing them to school who have no transport so a big thank you to them. Next Tuesday we will begin the Mini-van run. Letters have gone home today to those parents who have returned the permission slip for the run. There is a cost which will need to be paid by the end of next week. There is a maximum number that we can take and that is 33 passengers. If you missed the letter sent home on Wednesday please ring the office for more information.*

Next Wednesday (10th February) we have our annual BBQ at the beach (Waitara West / Marine Park). This is where the school supply a free BBQ- sausage sizzle, meat pattie, bread, sauce, and water. We do not supply cups so whānau need to bring drink bottles. We have also invited Waitara Central School, Police Education Officers, and other Agencies that work within the schools to come along and meet and greet.

This week we have had Anna and Tony the police education officers training our Year 6 children to be road patrollers. Those children have until Friday to confirm if they want to be road patrollers for 2016. Each term Anna and Tony will be doing something special with the group to reward them for all their hard work.

***Lynton our Caretaker** has been working extremely hard cleaning and filling the pool and now checking the quality of the water. Each class will swim 3-5 times each week so can all children brings togs, towel, and a plastic bag please. This is an expectation, that all children will participate in swimming instructions. If children regularly do not participate in daily swimming lesson they may not partake in swimming sports on Thursday 10th March at the Waitara East Pools. If your child is unable to swim because of an illness please write a note to the classroom teacher. Thank you.*

With all the sun of recent we are also encouraging all children to wear sun hats. From Tuesday 9th February all children will need a sun hat that shades the face.

Now, for the sad news, Bevan Mātene (Deputy Principal / Room 1's Teacher) has been offered a position at New Plymouth Boys High School which he has accepted. We will be having a farewell for him on Thursday 25th February- 2.15-2.45p.m.

**A very big welcome to our new Teachers—Stuart Steenson, Room 2—
Year 4 class and Sarah Reddish, Room 12—Year 3-4 (Senior Syndicate).**

Scooters/Skateboards are allowed to be ridden on the netball court in term 1 and term 4. To save arguments we ask that children are only allowed to ride their own scooter or skate boards with a helmet. The first 5 weeks of school all classes are focusing on MANA-relationships with each other and expectations within our school. You will see teachers practicing lining up, walking around the school, talking positively to each other, identifying what behaviours we will see in the different areas of the school, and much more. All children will be receiving MANA tickets as positive rewards for making the right choices, please ask your child what MANA means and if they have received any MANA tickets and why.

Kenpo 5.0 has started up for 2016 in the school hall on Tuesday nights starting at 5.30p.m. if your children are interested please contact the school office for more details. A huge thank you to our support staff who have been extremely busy making resources and helping set up the library, classrooms... they are doing a fantastic job! Have a safe and wonderful Waitangi Weekend

The Term Dates have been set and also we will be having a Teacher Only Day this Term.

Term 1 **Monday 1st February to Friday 15th April,**
School Closed: Waitangi Day (Observed) Monday 8th February
Taranaki Anniversary Monday 14th March
Good Friday 25th March Easter Monday 28th / Tuesday 29th March
Teacher Only Day Wednesday 30th March

Term 2 **Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July**
School Closed: Queen's Birthday Monday 6th June

Term 3 **Monday 25th July to Friday 23rd September**

Term 4 **Monday 10th October to Friday 16th October**
School Closed: Labour Day Monday 24th October

Graham Sands.
