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*Ngā mihi ki a Koutou
Nau mai hoki mai, welcome back.*

Eric and I were both humbled by the amazing powhiri on Monday. We're both excited and ready for what 2017 will bring. Thanks to the whanau who came along to support our new tamariki also. So far this term, we have welcomed 17 new students to our kura, 12 of them are from new whanau to our kura. We extend a huge welcome to you and hope you enjoy your time here at Waitara East.

Classes have already started swimming for the year, we're trying to make the most of the warm weather that we have! Please make sure your children have their togs and towels at school everyday. Your children will have brought home a stationery list on Monday. Please buy the stationery from school (at cost price) so your child has the correct books. Also a reminder, children aren't to bring lollies or fizzy drinks to school, water is the preferred drink of choice at school.

On Thursday 26 January we had a Teacher Only Day where our teachers planned how they are going to improve their mathematics and writing programmes. These are areas that can be challenging to teach and difficult to assess consistently so we are going to work hard to make our programmes even better for the students. We have a Teacher Only Day on Monday 27 March where the focus is upon teacher inquiry. I am sure the results will speak for themselves. I look forward to seeing and hearing of the progress the students make.

From time to time you will have concerns, so I encourage you to talk to your child's teacher first. Teachers are available in classes from 8.30 am but they may not be able to attend to you immediately so if you do have a larger issue to discuss then it is advisable to make an appointment through them or the school office. If you are still not happy with the outcome then I am more than willing to help. Eric Shaw is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays but I'm available everyday before or after school.

The year is full of promise with lots of wonderful events planned and some fantastic learning opportunities for your child. Have an awesome 2017 everyone!

*Nga mihi nui,
Luke Mattock
Deputy Principal*

Other notices:

WAITARA BEATS RUGBY LEAGUE MUSTER 2017

Grades U7's, U8's, U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's, U17's Premiers to meet at Waitara Swimming Pools on Sunday 12 February, 2017 at 10 a.m. Honey for the Bears!!

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL

As you may be aware the game this season will be 6 aside. To introduce the game to schools Netball Taranaki are running a session at the Waitara Courts on **Saturday 25 February 10.00 a.m.—12.30 p.m.** We need to have a coach, umpire and 8 players to participate. I will be playing tennis so it will depend if parents/whanau are available as to whether we participate or not. The first 8 players to return their slips that were given out yesterday will be selected. The form is to be returned to the office.



Americarnival

Free Family Buses - Saturday 25th February

Free buses to the Americarnival will run from Uruti to New Plymouth and return.

Free Family day 10:00am-3:00pm.

American cars on display throughout the New Plymouth CBD, FREE children's activities at Puke Ariki, craft stalls on Currie Street & Huatoki Plaza, music and much more!

Note: At 11am & 2pm the Chevy Vega Nitro Funny car of Karl Boniface will fire up - located opposite Crowded House Bar & Eatery.

Seat bookings are essential as limited seats are available

How to book:

Contact Kate prior to the 21st February to book your seat

Email – registration@americarna.com

Phone – 06 758 5273 (Busing Russell offices)

Timetable Saturday 25th February 2017

URUTI - NEW PLYMOUTH - URUTI

Town	Depart/Arrive Location	Arrival Time	Depart Time
Uruti	Uruti Hall		9:15am
Mimi	Mimi School	9:25am	9:32am
Urenui	Car Park cnr Whakapaki Street & SH3 (Next to Uneek Accessories)	9:37am	9:45am
Waitara	McLean Street outside Central School	10:00am	10:07am
Bell Block	Bus stop outside Bell Block School- Bell Block Crt	10:17am	10:25am
New Plymouth	CBD	10:40am	

3:00pm - Your return bus will depart from the drop off location unless otherwise advised by the bus driver on the day

DON'T FORGET

**MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY IS
WAITANGI DAY**

**School as normal on
Tuesday.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

9 February

Senior School BBQ 5—7 p.m.

11 February

Working bee at Owae 9—1 p.m.

As more events come up we will inform you.