

# Monday 1 February 2016

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau of Sherenden and Districts School,

The 2016 schooling year has begun and I am excited to be part of the Sherenden School learning community. I trust you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. It was pleasing to see the students run into school in an enthusiastic and positive manner.

I would also like to welcome Ms. Tracy Perry, who will be teaching the juniors this year. She brings a wealth of teaching experience and knowledge with her. I am sure the students at Sherenden will benefit from working alongside her this year. The teachers have adapted well to their new surroundings and have established colour and engaging teaching spaces. Our Inquiry Focus for this term is “Quest”, students will be learning about the challenge and discovery when embarking on a journey. The value we will be learning about is “Respect”. We want students to understand what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like at Sherenden School and also practice this value in the wider community. We are also currently awaiting the new hockey turf to be laid over the course of this week. These are wonderful resources to have at our school and I am sure this will certainly support our PE and sports programmes this year.

I look forward to meeting all of you over the next couple of weeks. We have scheduled our community evening for Thursday, 11 February from 5:00pm—6:30pm. I look forward to meeting all of you at our community evening.

Regards  
Shanthan Naidu  
Principal

## NETBALL

Just a reminder that our Hawke’s Bay Netball Junior “ ANZ Future Ferns Year 1 & 2” Competition starts on Thursday 18 February and entries close 11 February at 5.00 pm.

## WAITANGI DAY

There is no school on Monday, 8 February due to the observance of Waitangi Day.

## MEET THE TEACHERS/STAFF

An invitation is extended to you all to our ‘Meet the Teachers and Staff’ function to be held on Thursday, 11 February from 5.00—6.30pm in the Senior Classroom. We look forward to having you with us to welcome new staff, and you, our parents and friends of the school.

## WEETBIX KIDS TRIATHLON

This is scheduled for Thursday, 18 February. Please inform the office if your child is attending this event.

## HATS/COVERED SHOES

Please ensure your child brings a hat to school everyday. Hats are compulsory during Terms 1 and 4. We would like students to come to school in covered shoes, due to the ongoing construction that is taking place around the school.

## WAIWHARE SPORTS DAY

The Waiwhare Sports day has been scheduled for Saturday, 12 March.



First day back at school - teachers and students enjoying working in the new learning spaces. After briefly talking with the students this morning, they like the new carpets, lighting and general space in the rooms.

IMPORTANT DATES	
<b>2 February</b>	BOT Meeting— 5pm
<b>8 February</b>	No School on Monday— Waitangi Weekend
<b>11 February</b>	Community Evening— 5pm—6:30pm
<b>18 February</b>	Weetbix Kids Triathlon
<b>12 March</b>	Waiwhare Sports Day

Term dates - 2016	
<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 1st Feb - Friday 15th April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 10th October—Friday 16th December