

Principals Message

Dear families/ whānau of Freemans Bay Primary, Tena Koutou te Whānau,



We were delighted to open our new learning spaces last week. Thank you to Tama, our Board Chair, for leading the ceremony and to the Board of Trustees, parent group and parents who supported this special event. This was followed by a huge week of moving Whānau Rau, Whānau Puna and Whānau Wai into their new learning spaces. It is a testament to our teachers organisation and dedication that the learners were settled quickly into their new areas across the school.

You will notice that the new school design, learning zones, at Freemans Bay School is different from when you went to school. The Ministry of Education has a building design policy of creating more flexible learning spaces. Research and trials have shown that 3 classroom spaces provides the teachers and learners with the optimum range. The learning zones provide a range of different options which include art, cooking, science, technology and performance spaces. It also gives students the opportunity to work in a quiet space alone when they need to concentrate on work, collaborative spaces for working online or in small group projects and larger spaces for assemblies.

We have been able to incorporate design ideas I observed in schools in Denmark and Sweden, which include lots of nooks and crannies for the learners to use when doing their work. The new learning zone also includes opportunities for movement such as climbing stairs, coming down the slide, going into the cave under the stairwell or into the treehouse. The slide of course has provided lots of excitement. Providing movement opportunities helps to keep brains activated for learning. We know that the learners and teachers will all enjoy the range of design elements in our wonderful new learning zones.

A reminder that there will be work going on at school in the holidays. In particular the removal of the prefab classrooms and making good the field. Because of this, we highly recommend not coming into the school

grounds over the holiday period. Youthtown will be operating from our staffroom area, well away from construction works.

Have a great holiday with your lovely children and we look forward to seeing you all back to school on Monday 30th April.

Kindest regards, Ngā mihi *Sandy*

Schoolwide News

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Zihan, Tawhao, Daynah, Kanato, Mito, Abdul Samee, John Paul, Jai Sai

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 13 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday, 30 April	First day of Term 2
Thursday, 10 May	ICCS Swimming
Tuesday, 15 May	Whānau Ata Hui

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOLCALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Farewell to Janis

This Friday at our assembly we will be farewelling Janis who has been employed at Freemans Bay School since 2005. Malcolm Milnes, the Principal at that time, appointed Janis from the UK. Janis has been employed as a teacher in Whānau Rau, team leader, AP and DP. The assembly will be at 11.45am and will be held under the covered courtyard if dry. Alternatively, it will be in the Whānau Rau area if we have wet weather (as the hall is out of action).

New Teacher

Karen Russell has been appointed to teach in Whānau Ata. Karen will commence her role on 21st May. She is an experienced junior teacher. We look forward to welcoming Karen to our teaching team next term.

English Pathway Classes My Learning Journey Term 1 Reflections

On Thursday, parents of the English pathway classes will be sent instructions on how to access their children's term 1 learning reflections in their My Learning Journey on One Note. Early next term there will also be a parent workshop on how to access this information. Please take the time to share your child's reflections with them. It would be wonderful if you could add your own comments to the reflections.



Freemans Bay

Term 2 After School Activities



Bookings open 9am, Friday 13th

Taekwondo		5- 8 year olds
<p>Training in Taekwondo helps children to develop a sense of self-esteem and confidence in themselves. Classes are run in a disciplined manner and children are taught never to misuse the skills they learn.</p> <p>The physical training helps with co-ordination, suppleness, and concentration. Fun and participation is encouraged while the basic skills of taekwondo are taught.</p>		<p>Start date: Monday 14 May, Week 3 End date: Monday 18 June, Week 8 Cost: \$33 for 6 weeks Time: 3:15pm - 4:00pm Location: School Hall</p>
30 Spaces	<p>To register and pay visit: https://fbstaekwondo58t22018.eventbrite.co.nz Password: FBS2018T2TAE1</p>	

Netball Skills Clinic		8 - 11 year olds
<p>The aim for this series of lessons is to build the skills for children to play netball. Skills include passing and shooting as well as learning how to defend. This engaging 6 week course is run by the Auckland Netball Association.</p>		<p>Start date: Tuesday 15 May, Week 3 End date: Tuesday 26 June, Week 9 (Please note there will be no class on 19 June, Week 8, due to Yr 5/6 camp.) Cost: \$53 for 6 weeks Time: 3:15pm - 4:00pm Location: School Courts</p>
24 Spaces	<p>To register and pay visit: https://fbsnetballt22018.eventbrite.co.nz Password: FBS2018T2NET</p>	

Tennis		6 - 8 year olds
<p>The aim for this series of lessons is to build the skills for children to successfully rally back and forth. Children will learn to hit forehands, backhands and serves in a games-based environment.</p>		<p>Start date: Wednesday 16 May, Week 3 End date: Wednesday 20 June, Week 8 Cost: \$33 for 6 weeks Time: 3:15pm - 4:00pm Location: School Courts</p>
20 Spaces	<p>To register and pay visit: https://fbstennist22018.eventbrite.co.nz Password: FBS2018T2TEN</p>	

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30 Spaces	<p>To register and pay visit: https://fbstaekwondo811t22018.eventbrite.co.nz Password: FBS2018T2TAE2</p>	

Registration and Payment

Registration goes live Friday, 13th April at 9:00am

For your child to participate, payment and registration is to be made via the Eventbrite website using each activity's password. Please visit the associated link and follow the instructions to complete registration and payment. Remember registrations are on a first paid basis. In the event of a cancellation we will contact those on the waiting lists.

Wet Weather

We are pleased to announce that if the **weather is wet any outdoor activities will take place in the hall** with a modified program. This means that there will be no cancellations of activities due to bad weather.

Community Notices

Ponsonby Intermediate School

Term 2

Tuesday 15th May - Open Morning

9:15am – 12:00pm for Year 6 students and parents/ caregivers. Students will be invited to come to Ponsonby Intermediate School at 9:15am from their school with their parents/ caregivers. This is a chance to see the school in action.

Tuesday 12th June - Open Morning

Wednesday 13th June - Open Morning

Term 3

Tuesday 31st July - Open Morning

Wednesday 15th August - Open Evening

The school will be open for viewing with programmes operating from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. A meeting with parents and teachers will take place in the hall at 6:45pm to answer any queries and to take enrolments.

Tuesday 21st August - Final Open Morning

For more information: www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz



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