



Term 1 Week 2, Friday 16 February 2018
Tena koutou e te whānau, he mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Principals Message

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

Welcome back to school everyone and a special welcome to all of our new families. We are having a great start to learning at Freemans Bay School. Term 1 is always a busy term and 2018 is no exception! Thank you to those who attended the three way conference. If you were not able to attend please make another time with your child's teacher. This conference sets the scene for the learning relationship this year. There are a lot of activities already on our calendar and we keep on adding events almost daily! We are looking forward to opening and moving into our new building in Mid March and hope many of you will be able to help us with the move. The next stage of the building project will see the prefabs removed and the field tidied up, including reinstating the bike track. I look forward to meeting you, and when you see me about the school, please introduce yourself and have a chat. I am keen to get to know you and your family. You are also welcome to make an appointment with me, through the office, to discuss any matters pertaining to the school.

An exciting learning term is planned, with lots of interesting events to motivate and engage our learners.

It is always a good thing to ask your children these learning questions at the end of the day:-

“What did you learn to today?”

“What are you finding tricky at school?”

“How can I help you with this?”

This approach creates a more in depth and thoughtful response rather than “What did you do at school today?”

Research show that if students talk about their learning with significant adults in their lives it helps them to articulate their learning and accelerate their progress.

This time of the year is a time when many of our Chinese and Korean families are celebrating the beginning of the Year of the Dog. We wish you a Happy New Year and wish our learners all the best for their learning in 2018.

Have a great week.

Sandra Jenkins, MEd (1st Class Hons) , Advanced Dip Tching, Dip Tching

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Schoolwide News

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Welcome to our 61 new students and their families so far this year!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 20 February, 6 – 8pm	Whānau Ata Hui
Wednesday, 21 February, 5pm – 7.30pm	Big Night Out BBQ
Thursday, 22 February, 6pm – 9pm	BOT Meeting
Thursday 1 and Friday 2 March	Whānau Puna trip to Auckland Museum
Thursday 1 March, ALL DAY	ICCS Cricket
Friday 2 March	Whānau Rua trip to Ambury Farm Park
Tuesday, 20 March, 1pm	Teacher Union Meeting, Early school closure, 1pm
Friday, 6 April, 1pm	Teacher Union Meeting, Early school closure, 1pm

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

BIG NIGHT OUT FAMILY BBQ

The big night out Family BBQ will be held on Wednesday 21 February 5.00pm to 7.30pm – we hope the weather will be more settled. We look forward to having a lovely family evening where staff and parents can enjoy some social time together. Thanks to parent group who are providing food and drink stalls for you to buy a lovely snack for your picnic. Fun activities are being provided for the children.

ACTIVITY FEE

There is a one off annual fee of \$50 to cover class activities and trips in mainstream classes throughout the year. These educational trips are an important part of our school programme. We need to cover the cost of these valuable excursions. We believe that all students should be included in such educational activities. They are part of and enrich the class programme. These payments are expected to be made at the beginning of the year, however, you can make a payment plan if required.

Thank you to those who have paid for the above fees. We look forward to receiving the outstanding payments over the next week. The link for making this [payment is here](#).

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Thank you to those of you who have paid the voluntary school donation. Remember to include this as an expense item in your tax return. Your donations help to fund learning assistants to support special learning programmes in our school that the Government will not fund. Our learning assistants make a significant contribution to learning programmes and your support for these is appreciated. The website link for making this [voluntary payment is here](#).

STATIONERY ORDERS

We hope you are finding the ordering online convenient. Instructions for ordering stationery for your child's class area are [here](#). If you wish to shop around instead, the lists are available through this link.

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS - SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY

Tuesday 20 March 1.00pm and Friday 6 April 1.00pm

School will be closed early at 1pm on Tuesday 20 March and Friday 6 April for teachers to attend their paid union meetings. We apologise for the inconvenience. Children must be picked up, go home or attend after school care at 1pm. Fernandos will be operating, we are waiting on a response from Youthtown, we will advise asap.



The Freemans Bay School Parent Group are eager to hear from those interested in helping make our school a better place.

The Parent Group is a group of volunteers designed to help build community, raise funds and create opportunities for people to connect with each other.

We plan and run a range of events throughout the year from bake sales to school dances. The time commitment involved with each event differs though any involvement, no matter how little, would be greatly appreciated.

Please register your interest via the [Parent Group Registration link](#) or contact Parent Group Coordinator Hamish Hopkinson hamish@hopkinson.co.nz

RECYCLING WANTED FOR ART

For Year 5-6 passion projects this term some Whānau Wai students will be using plastic materials to create out of this world flowers.

We would love if you could bring in any used plastic bottles, containers or similar to help with our creations. Please make sure all items are delivered to the school office thoroughly cleaned.

For more information about the project feel welcome to contact lead teacher Nardia, nardiay@freemansbay.school.nz



DRAMA

Drama classes with Tessa are back this term. Each session takes place in Music Room. Classes are for 5-7 year olds Tuesday after school, 7-10 year olds Thursday after school.

Any new students interested please call or text Tessa for more information: 0272916529 or (09) 3601985

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

We are starting up our Walking School Buses next week. This involves parents walking a group of students to school using a designated route and time.

Nelson St and Cook St Bus: Starts at the corner of Cook and Nelson St (53 Cook St) and travels along Nelson St to Union St and then down Wellington St to School.

The “bus” begins **at 8.20am** on Tuesdays and **at 8.10am** on Friday mornings.

Franklin St Bus: Starts at the Gunson St and England St corner, and travels along England St, crosses Franklin St and goes down Wellington St to School. ***Due to road works, the route will cross opposite Napier St, and walk Napier St to school until it is safer to cross by Wellington St.***

The “bus” begins at **8.20am**.

If you want to join a bus, you need to sign up. Students sign a pledge of Good Behaviour and their parents sign a consent form.

We are wanting to have more parents help, and have them running every day of the week if possible. At present the “buses” run only going to school in the mornings.

See Margaret or the School Office for the sign up forms.

Any questions, email Margaret on margaretw@freemansbay.school.nz

DIGITAL LEARNING 2018

READING EGGS, AND MATHLETICS

Reading Eggs and Mathletics are online learning games that use play and practice as the way to encourage students to enjoy and improve their spelling and number skills. These programs provide instant feedback on each student’s performance, maintain a high level of motivation, and offer teachers the opportunity to address a child's learning strengths and needs.

Students who were with us last year will continue to use the same username and password. Information about these programs is available under the Digital Learning Tab on the school website or click [here](#).

We will also be running some parent sessions to help you get the most of out of these programs later in Term 1.

Your child’s teacher is in the process of setting each child up for 2018. However, if by the end of Week 3 (23rd February) your child is having trouble logging into either Reading Eggs, Reading Eggspress or Mathletics, please let your child’s teacher know so they can ensure they have been set up correctly.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND CYBERSAFETY

We are reviewing the school's Digital Citizenship and Cybersafety processes at the moment. However, teachers always remind students how to keep safe online and appropriate behaviour for online activities, both at school and at home.

From a school perspective we will be focused on reminding them that:

- All electronic devices have to be handed in at the office at the beginning of the school day and collected at 3pm (except if you are in Whānau Wai and have permission to bring your own device to school)
- Students can only be on the Internet if the teacher has given them permission and are actively supervising them (the teacher needs to be nearby).
- If students see someone breaking our agreements, students should let the teacher know.
- Students should not tell anyone their passwords.
- Students should only log into their own online account. They are not allowed to log into the account of another student.
- If they feel unsafe on the internet, students are to stop what they are doing and tell a teacher or other adult straight away.

NetSafe have a fabulous guide for parents to help you keep your child safe online. [Click here](#) for their website.

BYOLD

BYOLD "Bring Your Own Learning Device" (BYOLD) continues to be an option for those students in Whānau Wai. More information can be found on the school website under Digital Learning or [click here](#). If you wish for your child to bring a digital device to school, you and your child need to sign the permission form and return it to your child's teacher. The form is available [here](#).



MICROSOFT 365

All students at our school have a Microsoft 365 login which they use to access work in their online drive. Teachers use Microsoft 365 in different ways depending on the year level and skill set of the students.

Each student's "My Learning Journey 2018" is accessed via Microsoft 365. As the term progresses, it is a good idea to sit down with your child and access their "My Learning Journey" to discuss their goals this term. We have made a few changes to try and make it a little easier for students to use. You can find more information about My Learning Journey on our Assessment and Reporting to

Parents on the school website. We usually run one information session each term so parents can learn more about 'My Learning Journey', so keep an eye out for more information.

Music News

The Music programme at Freeman's Bay School follows the NZ Curriculum with each class having two terms of specialist lessons. The music room is well-resourced with class sets of recorders and ukuleles, as well as numerous percussion instruments, marimbas and keyboards.

There are 2 choirs (Years 3-4, and Years 5-6), a School Orchestra and a Rock Band which take part in school and city events each year.

Specialist Music Lessons at School:

At Freemans Bay School we have Specialist Music teachers come into the school and provide tutoring in guitar, keyboard, drums, junior percussion groups, and other instruments when sufficient students enrol for these. Parents pay for these lessons.

These lessons are starting over the next few weeks. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please note that most classes are for Year 3 upwards.

Guitar – contact John by email Johnfaulding@gamil.com Lessons start Thursday 22nd Feb.

Keyboard / drums/ singing – contact Lewis Eady Music School. Please book via their web site. www.lewiseady.co.nz. Go to the web site and click on the 'Music in School' link at the top of the page and click on Freemans Bay School. Lessons start 12th Feb for keyboard, 20th Feb drums.

If you have any other questions, please come and speak to me, or email. margaretw@freemansbay.school.nz

Margaret Whittaker
Music teacher

Guitar lessons with experienced tutor | Central Auckland location

Matt Stuart brings almost 10 years of experience specialising in teaching guitar to primary aged students, both in person and via Skype. With personal interests in songwriting and electronic music production, Matt keeps lessons fun while still ensuring students have an appropriate grounding in musical language and technique.

For more information, email Matt on lessons@matthewstuartnz.com or visit matthewstuartnz.com/lessons.

YEAR 3-6 SWIMMING LESSONS - TERM 1 WEEK 6 – 7 2018

As part of our physical education curriculum your child will take part in a Swim School programme at the Tepid Baths. These lessons are during class time with coaching provided by professional swim coaches and children are grouped according to their ability. It is an intensive programme scheduled daily for 7 days.



**Whānau Wai (Year 5-6) and Whānau Ata (Year 3-6)
Monday 12 March – Tuesday 20 March**

**Whānau Puna (Year 3-4)
Wednesday 21 March – Friday 29 March**

Participation in the programme is encouraged. The cost of tuition is \$60.00 per child including GST and payment is due by **Friday 2 March**.

Please visit the link for more information and to complete the [Y3-6 swimming online permission form](#).

If you have any questions, please feel welcome to contact your child's teacher or Nardia at pehleader@freemansbay.school.nz

After School Flippa Ball for Year 3 and 6



This Waitakere City Water Polo Club are running a Flippa Ball competition and we have the opportunity to participate. We invite any Year 3-6 students who are keen to play to register their interest.

For more information about the game visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6_D2DAtri4

VENUE: Peninsula Primary School, 22 Waipani Road, Te Atatu

START DAY: Mid Term 1 (to be confirmed)

PLAYERS: 9 players per team, boys or girls

COST: \$60 each (this covers pool hire, equipment, referee costs, a team gear bag)

WHAT TO WEAR: comfortable swim wear and swimming cap

If your child is interested, please follow the link to complete the [flippa ball registration of interest form](#).

Any questions, please contact Nardia: pehleader@freemansbay.school.nz

Saturday Netball for Year 3 and 6



This year (again) we have the opportunity to participate in the Netball North Harbour Junior Netties competition. All keen Year 3 to 6 students are invited to register their interest.

VENUE: Westlake Girls, 2 Wairau Rd, Takapuna, Auckland

DATE: Saturday's for 12 weeks (12 May - 25 August)

TIME: 8.30am till early afternoon

PLAYERS: 10 players per team, boys or girls

COST: \$75 each (estimate based on 10 players per team)

WHAT TO WEAR: Freemans Bay School uniform (supplied by school)

It is important to note that each team requires:

- (1) parent manager - to assist with communication of game times to players and all round management of the team
- (2) coach - to assist with practices, substitutions and positions during the games
- (3) umpire per team - to referee games

If your child is interested, please follow the link to complete the [Saturday Netball registration of interest form](#). Please register by Friday 2 March

Any questions, please contact Nardia: pehleader@freemansbay.school.nz

After School Basketball for Year 5 and 6



This year (again) we have the opportunity to participate in an inner city cluster schools basketball competition. All keen Year 5 and 6 students are invited to register their interest.

VENUE: St. Pauls College, 183 Richmond Rd and Ponsonby Intermediate, 50 Clarence St. Ponsonby

DAY: Friday afternoons from 3:30pm - TBC

DATE: Term 1, starting Friday 23rd February, runs for 8 Weeks

GAME LENGTH: 20 minutes (10 minutes each way)

PLAYERS: 8-9 players per team, boys or girls

COST: \$55 each

WHAT TO WEAR: mouth guard, Freemans Bay School sport shirt (can be supplied by school)

Each team requires a parent manager to assist with coaching, communication of game times to players, substitutions during the game and all round management of the team at games.

If your child is interested please follow the link to complete the [basketball registration of interest form](#)

Any questions, please contact Nardia: pehleader@freemansbay.school.nz

Freemans Bay School

Term 1 After School Activities

Boxing

7 – 11 year olds

This non-contact boxing programme is a fun and great way to develop fitness, self-confidence and discipline. With these particular boxing fundamentals, the aim for this programme is to help the children progress in Movement Skills, Hand Eye Co-ordination and Balance. There is a focus on life skills such as honesty, team work, leadership, and respect. Students will be able to use these transferable skills in other areas of life not just boxing.

Start date: Tuesday, 27 February, Week 4
End date: Tuesday 10 April, Week 10
(Please note there will be no classes on April 3, Week 9, due to Easter.)
Cost: \$33 for 6 weeks
Time: 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Only 20 places available

To register and pay, visit: <http://fbsboxingt12018.eventbrite.co.nz> Password: **FBS2018T1BOX**

Les Mills “Born to Move”

5 – 8 year olds

Les Mills’ BORN TO MOVE™ classes take the effort out of activity by making it fun. Combining a motivating and scientifically proven mix of age-appropriate movement with music, these classes captivate toddlers through to teens – and fuel a life-long love of physical activity along the way.

Start date: Wednesday 28 February, Week 4
End date: Wednesday 11 April, Week 10
(Please note there will be no classes on April 4, Week 9, due to Easter.)
Cost: \$33
Time: 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Only 30 places available

To register and pay, visit: fbsborntomovet12018.eventbrite.co.nz Password: **FBS2018T1BTM**

Taekwondo

5 – 11 year olds

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 re taught never to misuse the skills they learn. The physical training helps with co-ordination, suppleness, and concentration. Fun and participation is encouraged while the basic skills of taekwondo are taught.

Start date: Thursday 29 February, Week 4
End date: Thursday 12 April, Week 10
(Please note there will be no classes on April 5, Week 9, due to Easter.)
Cost: \$33 for 6 weeks
Time: 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Only 20 places available

To register and pay, visit: fbstaekwondot12018.eventbrite.co.nz Password: **FBS2018T1TAE**

Registration and payment

Registration goes live Friday, 16th February 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 and in the event of a cancellation we will contact those on the waiting lists.

Whānau Ata

Ko ēnei whakatauki o raro he tirohanga mā tātou i tēnei wāhanga o te tau hei whakakotahi nei i a tatou katoa. I whakaritea ētahi rapanga hei whakaotinga mō ia rōpū. Nā te whakawhitiwhiti korero, te whakarongo me te mahi ngātahi, ka whakaoti ai rātou i te rapanga, ka tutuki i te whaingā, ka whakaihu waka rātou katoa. Tau kē!



Pai tū pai hinga nā wai rā ka oti

Mā whero mā pango ka oti ngā mahi

Nā tōu rourou nā taku rourou ka ora te iwi

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi he toa takitini kē

Poipoia te kākano kia puawai.



Whānau Rau

Play Based Learning in Whānau Rau:

We have begun our exciting journey into the world of learning through play. It gives fantastic opportunities for the children to develop their problem solving abilities and grow their imagination and creativity. They will also develop co-ordination, language, social and fine motor skills.

This is what the children said about their learning:

“I made many new friends and played with them nicely.” – Ivanna

“I made a rocket out of Lego. It was cool.” – Rasmus

“I played with playdough and made some cookies.” – Renee

“I like playing with cars.” – E.J



Whānau Puna

In term 1, our inquiry focus is around 'Who I Am' as an individual and as a learner. As part of this inquiry we will be creating a visual quilt that include sections for family, culture and treasures.

It would be fantastic if parents could either email or send photos of family as well as pictures of items that your child consider treasures (personal, cultural, historical, family heirlooms etc.). Your child has an option to bring the item in to show the class or in case of valuable treasures to bring/send a photo of the item.

We are also in the process of making postcards to send to a loved one. It would be greatly appreciated if parents can email/send the address of where your child wishes to send the postcard.

Our teachers in the Pohutukawa Team are:

Annette Hollis annetteh@freemansbay.school.nz

Shelley Duncan shelleyd@freemansbay.school.nz

Lisa Imm lisai@freemansbay.school.nz

Our teachers in the Komako Team are:

Chander Kumer chanderk@freemansbay.school.nz

Amandine Petit amandinep@freemansbay.school.nz

Sally Rawson sallyr@freemansbay.school.nz

Whānau Wai



Our class made a korowai-cloak. The goal was to construct a class korowai-cloak which will display what we value in our class. The process was to be one of working cooperatively to create the cloak. Negotiating a caring classroom environment in this way reinforces the Māori concept of ako, "The promotion of effective and reciprocal teaching and learning."

Wai 1, 2, 3 are participating in a variety of Stem Challenges: these are hands-on problem solving Technology Challenges. Students work as a team using simple materials. The Challenges link to New Zealand's technology, science and mathematics curriculum.

Wai 1 students made Marshmallow Catapults. Working as a team, they had to build a catapult out of; popsicle sticks, plastic cups, rubber bands and a spoon.

The aim was to launch a marshmallow as far as possible.



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**Pre-trial Coaching Clinic
Sunday, 4 March, 2018 Westlake Girls Covered Courts**

9.30 – 12.30pm and 1.30 – 4.30pm, \$35 per session

Get ready for 2018 netball trials with a coaching clinic run by former Silver Fern April Ieremia and the Westlake Girls Premier players. Sharpen up your skills and trial etiquette just in time for the start of the season!

**To register: go to Westlake Girls Website under online payments and then netball coaching clinic
Sunday 4th March 2018**

www.westlakegirls.school.nz



OPEN DAY

St Paul's College, 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby

Thurs 8th March 2018. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour

Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9

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