



Term 1 Week 4, Thursday 1 March 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,

What a fabulous school BBQ and picnic evening we had last week. Many thanks to the parent group for organising the food and drinks stall. Thanks also to our Phys Ed leaders, Nardia and Rachel for organising the activities and to the support from our fabulous staff. It was great to see the wonderful turnout of our families at this event.

There are a lot of school events coming up so please mark your child's activities and sport events in your diary. Please also note that the Easter holiday is coming up and school is closed Friday 30 March through to and including Tuesday 3rd April. On our return to school, Wednesday 4th April, we are moving all of the English Pathway classrooms either to the new building or to the older two storied building. We would like you to mark this date and come down and help to celebrate the opening of the new building and then stay on and help us with the shifting. The last day of term is Friday 13th April and school is closed for the school holidays and term three starts Monday 30th April.

We had our first Board meeting last week and welcomed William Davis and Eva Silverstone to our Board of Trustees. William Davis was elected as the Board Chairperson. The Board is currently reviewing the school charter, planning for upgrading the school grounds and planning the opening of the new building. You are quite welcome to come along to board meetings to see what happens. Minutes and reports from the Board meetings are available to be read at the office.

It is a real pleasure to meet our new families. I hope you have found the welcome to school interview useful and informative. We believe that having this time with the whānau leader and a tour of the school gives an opportunity for families to find out about the Freemans Bay School way of doing things. This induction to the school helps to build a positive partnership for learning with parents and school staff.

Sandy

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

Schoolwide News

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Chriss Angel, Nijah, Minnie, Ruby, Pranay, Poppy, Mohamed, Aliyah, Niwareka, Yile, Visha, Shae, Elenaryvere

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 1 and Friday 2 March

Friday 2 March

Wednesday 14 March, 6 – 7.30

Tuesday, 20 March, 1pm

Wednesday, 28 March, 6 – 9pm

CANCELLED - Friday, 6 April

Whānau Puna trip to Auckland Museum

Whānau Rua trip to Ambury Farm Park

Whānau Ata Hui

Teacher Union Meeting, Early school closure, 1pm

BOT Meeting

Teacher Union Meeting, NO LONGER EARLY school closure

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETING - SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY

Tuesday 20 March 1.00pm

Please note that school will be closed early at 1pm on Tuesday 20 March for teachers to attend their paid union meeting. We apologise for the inconvenience. Children must be picked up, go home or attend after school care at 1pm. Fernandos will be operating, Youthtown have contacted all their families and are gathering interest before they can commit to providing an earlier service, we will advise asap. You can also email aucklandcity@youthtown.org.nz for updates

Please note that Friday 6th April is no longer an early finish as previously advised. Full school day.



BECOME ONE OF FREEMANS BAY SCHOOL SPONSORS

Freemans Bay School would like to offer you the opportunity to promote your business through our school website! You can choose between 3 different Sponsorship Opportunities that will deliver real value to your business. With a growing roll of almost 500 students this year, your advertisement on our website would be seen by hundreds of parents and families living in the Freemans Bay/City area! It is a great way to support our school and be one of our proud sponsors. Please email Catherine at reception@freemansbay.school.nz for more information.

PAYMENTS

We would appreciate school payments being made through our website – go to the front page, click on payments and go from there! www.freemansbay.school.nz

We note we are down on payments compared with this time last year, and encourage parents / caregivers to pay for annual fees (listed on website) and the school donation. The school donations fund our Learning Assistants, who provide invaluable support to deliver our curriculums, both in our English Pathway Classrooms and Whānau Ata

STATIONERY

If your child needs a new book bag or headphones, you will need to order them through the Educational Essentials website. These items were listed as optional on the stationery lists as we were hoping to see the items being re-used from last year! If you have them at home in good condition, please bring them in, if you don't please order them. <http://www.educationalessentials.co.nz>



PARENT GROUP

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

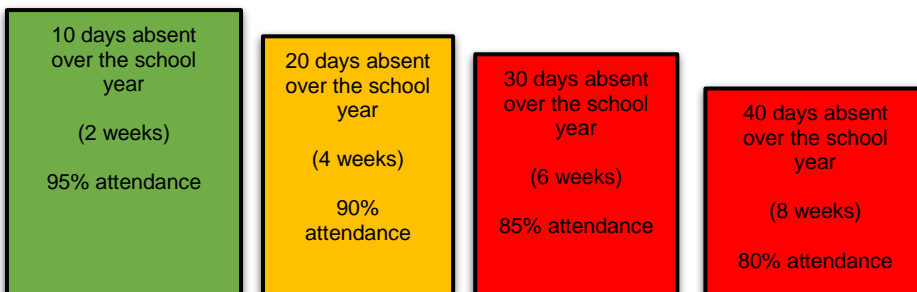
Please register your interest via the [Parent Group Registration link](#) or contact Parent Group Coordinator Hamish Hopkinson hamish@hopkinson.co.nz

ATTENDANCE

Students who maintain regular school attendance make greater progress than those who don't. These students also establish good work patterns for the future. Good attendance means... being at school at least 95% of the time

This allows for students to be absent for 2 weeks across the year. There are 365 days in a year.

- 194 are school days
- 171 days are holidays



Good attendance
Likely to succeed

Poor attendance
Learning at risk

Freemans Bay School wants children to stay at home when they are sick but to be at school the rest of the time. If your child is away, please advise the school as soon as possible by contacting the office.

DEADLY NIGHTSHADE

Hello, my name is Mia, I would like to tell you and the rest of Freemans Bay Primary about Deadly Nightshade. Deadly Nightshade is part of the Solanaceae family which also includes tomatoes, potatoes and eggplant. Even though these might be your favourite vegetables, Deadly nightshade is NOT safe to eat. Why? Because the leaves and berries of this plant are extremely poisonous and you can die from eating just one berry!



Things to look out for:

Lots of Deadly Nightshade grows on the school grounds! If you see any, please get a teacher or Mike! Remember, Deadly Nightshade is a weed and grows very quickly over and over again, so please understand that your teachers and staff are trying their best to get rid of it, but might still keep spotting it. Please help me keep Freemans Bay Primary safe.

Thanks, Mia (Richards Class)

Community Notices

AUCKLAND CITY CENTRE RESIDENTS' GROUP

The Auckland City Centre Residents' Association is running a petition to seek greater recognition for the issues faced by residents in the simple act of walking within their community, especially the areas east of Queen Street. This includes access to Freemans Bay and Auckland Girls' Grammar Schools – the only in-zone schools for the tens of thousands of residents living only few minutes' walk away.

We have lots more information and a link to the petition at: <https://www.ccr.org.nz/petitions/victoria-quarter>

If you have any questions please feel free to be in touch with the CCRG. <https://www.ccr.org.nz/contact/>

Vacancy: Project Administrator/Support – Part time (school hours)

You've just done the school run, traffic is terrible, but that's ok...your new workplace is right next door!

See www.ghd.com/careers for further details.

Our very own talented Severine, from the Front Office, will be on stage in the upcoming Auckland Arts Festival production of ORPHEUS!!
Tickets available through [Ticketmaster](#)

