

Principals Message

Kia ora all,



Welcome to Term 2. We have the pleasure to introduce Bridget Lummis as our new Deputy Principal. Over her nine years of being employed at Freemans Bay School, Bridget has developed her leadership skills as a Team Leader, Literacy Leader, Learning Support Leader and Associate Principal. We welcome Bridget to this new role in her leadership journey where she will further support our school vision of “Engage, Enrich, Empower” in our dual education pathway at Freemans Bay School.

Our building project is moving along into the final stages of completion. The field will be closed off over the next couple of weeks for improvements, including removal of pot-holes and reinstating the bike track. The new hard court is open but needs some repairs as the asphalt surface is a bit uneven. Once repaired, the sports lines will be painted. Meanwhile the children are really enjoying using the basketball and netball hoops.



Our new hall is an amazing facility. We need to ensure that we look after the floor and only wear sports shoes or shoes with rubber type soles, so the floor will stay in top condition.

All our learning spaces are now shoeless. We take off our shoes when we move into our learning spaces. This is common Māori tikanga practice and occurs in many of our homes in New Zealand. It is interesting that shoeless classrooms are being encouraged across the globe as it seems to encourage a calmer, teaching and learning environment. [Here is a link](#) which discusses some of the international research on the positive impact of shoeless schools internationally.

All our classrooms are future focused and designed to give traction to more collaboration and interaction between students and teachers, better utilising the diverse skills, passions and expertise that our teachers offer our children. Our new building and teaching and learning spaces are certainly creating a lot of interest in the educational community, both nationally and internationally.



Kindest regards, Ngā mihi

Sandy

Schoolwide News

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

George, Anika, Bintang, Syeda, Fira, Aliosha, Awais, Sabita, Phoebe, Samuel, Ataneta, Lily, Thomas, Tamahae, Akuira, Niko, Noa, Kylee, Neha, Daytona, Areeba, Earl, Christopher, Kevin, Samaira, Dhriti, Aaditya, Jaydon, Adveya, Rafael

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 15 May	Whānau Ata Hui
Wednesday 16 May	Whānau Wai Bake Sale
Thursday 17 May	Whānau Rau Rua Butterfly Creek Trip
Thursday 31 May	ICCS Cross Country
Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 June	Whānau Wai Camp

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost



The time before school and the first 20 minutes in the classroom is crucial.

When your child is late it is stressful for them and is also disruptive to the rest of the class. They miss all the messages for the day and often don't know what is happening.

Each day your child is late increases a lag in learning and eventually it becomes impossible for your child to close the gaps that can appear.

It is your responsibility to make sure your child is ready for school and that they are here on time – well before the bell. This gives your child time to socialise with friends and know the routines and activities for the day when school begins.

[Here is a link](#) that gives you ideas to help get your child to school every day and on time.

SAUDI ARABIA PROJECT

Freemans Bay School is fortunate to have been selected as part of a University of Auckland contract with the Saudi Arabian government's Ministry of Education to host an elite group of teachers and principals to New Zealand to learn from our schooling systems and teaching programmes. The three Saudi educators who have been allocated to our school are here to learn about different methods of leadership and teaching and learning in well performing schools, so that they can take their learning back to Saudi Arabia with the view to lead educational change in their country.

At our school we have Sharifa Altowairqi, Sarah Aljoudi and Alanood Alzenaidi, who are joining us for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in Terms 2 and 3. They will be fully immersed in our school culture and general school life, with a focus on what effective teaching and learning looks like at our school.

We are proud of what we can show and provide for our visiting educators and we know that we will also be able to learn a lot from them too during this time. When you are in the school we invite you to take some time to have a chat with them and talk to them about being a parent in a New Zealand school.

ACTIVITY FEES

There are lots of exciting trips coming up for our students. Please pay the yearly activity fee online or through the office.

DRAMA

Drama classes with Tessa are back this term. Each session takes place in the Music Room. There are two classes available. The Tuesday after school class is for 5 – 7 year olds. There is also a Thursday after school class for 7 – 10 year olds.

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

LIBRARY

Book bags for all - We need your help
There are no more plastic bags available at school

Students visit our library once a week with their class. When issuing books all students must have a book bag. We do not like refusing to issue books to our students. We encourage them to explore our amazing Library Collection of picture books, Māori books, dual language books, graphic novels, chapter books, easy readers and books that teach us things and take us on adventures. Reading improves vocabulary and writing skills and increases comprehension.

Parents who regularly gave all their plastic bags to us have switched to recycle bags.

We support
Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Caring for our Library Books

Parents, caregivers and all family members we need your help in caring for our SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS and OUR ENVIRONMENT

Parents, caregivers and students are solely responsible for any books that your child or children check out of our school library. We do not encourage students to lend the book/s that they have checked out to others. If



the book/s are damaged in any way; water or hot chocolate on pages, written and coloured in, pictures cut out, student, parents and caregiver will be charged the replacement costs for these items.

Students may borrow books for two weeks (14 days). Book can be renewed before school after school during class visits and at lunch times.

The Yummy Fruit Company

School Sticker Promotion



It's yummy sticker time again and we need your help. All you have to do is shop at your local New World, Pak 'n Save or participating Four Square stores and purchase Yummy apples. They can either be in bags with cut-out labels (One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers) or as individual apples with Yummy stickers. Yummy nectarines or other stone fruit stickers are also accepted.

Then you can either:

- Add stickers to your child's classroom sticker collection sheet
- Get a copy of a sticker collection sheet (from the office), place the Yummy stickers on them and then post in the Yummy box at the school office.

At the end of the promotion we will collect and collate all of the sheets and our stickers will be converted into sports gear from DG Sport. The more you collect, the more sports gear we get so get going and start collecting your Yummy labels and stickers now!

The promotion ends Friday 21 September



Freemans Bay Term 2 After School Activities

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: FBS2018T2AE1</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>		
FULL Tennis FULL		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>	
No Spaces			
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30 Spaces	<p>To register and pay visit: https://fbstaekwondo811t22018.eventbrite.co.nz Password: FBS2018T2AE2</p>		

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



Ponsonby Intermediate School



First time Basketballers Girls and Boys!

Ages 5 - 7

BAYCITY
SPORTS



Starts: Wednesday
9th May and is held
weekly for 9 weeks

Time: 4pm - 5pm

Where: YMCA City
(Pitt St)

Cost: \$120

Description: Your child will be introduced to the best game in the world, Basketball !!

Fun trainings Shooting Dribbling Passing Games

Make new friends, Grow Confidence, Learn to share and be part of a team

To register, email
matt@absl.co.nz