

**Term 2 Week 4, Thursday 24 May, 2018**  
Tena koutou e te whānau, he mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

## Principals Message

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Kia ora all,



I can't believe that we are into the fourth week of the term already! The autumn weather has been great and the children have been enjoying the leaves falling and changing colour. There is a real buzz of excitement in the classrooms with our learners talking about their goals and next steps in

learning with their teachers. As part of the mid-term assessments, teachers are meeting with learners to talk about what the students have learned so far this year and what their next learning steps will be. You will be able to celebrate your child's progress on their learning goals when these are posted on the My Learning Journey pages towards the end of the term. It will also be great for you to read their reflections.

On Thursday last week we welcomed Karen Russell to Whānau Ata. Karen started in her new role this week teaching junior tamariki in our Rūmaki Reo.

There have already been lots of opportunities for learning and extra curricula activities in Term 2. Our school swim team attended the inner-city schools swim sports last week. Our children represented Freemans Bay School proudly, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and a great attitude. Congratulations to Georgiy who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 25 meters freestyle



and to Mayya who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 25 meters backstroke. Whānau Puna had a great time at camp and Whānau Wai is looking forward to their camp coming up later in this term.

We have cross country, school camps and music events coming up this term. Many thanks to the teachers who put in lots of extra time organising these events and to the parents who volunteer and support them. Our netball teams have started Saturday games at the Westlake Girls College courts. These teams have a strong group of dedicated parents coaching, managing and supporting them. We wish the players all the best for their season.

This week our Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting. We are looking at upgrading our grounds to provide more play activities, shade and landscaping improvements. As the school roll is growing, we are also starting negotiations with the Ministry of Education to consider expansion options to meet our future capacity. We also discussed the school charter. This foundation document incorporates the strategic plan and direction for the next three years. We are also encouraging Auckland Council and NZ Police to minimise the number of car drivers who jump red lights at our intersections. We want all our children and families to be safe when they are crossing roads to and from school.

This week we have had some outside bins installed. The bins have been installed in groups of three, colour coded for organic, recycling and landfill. We appreciate your support in helping our learners to recycle their rubbish and put it in the correct bins.

This Friday we will hold the second assembly in our new school hall. Hopefully the weather will be fine enough to walk the students from their classrooms. The assembly will be at 11.45 and you are most welcome to attend.

Next week is **Samoan Language Week** where the school will be promoting the Samoan language and celebrating Fa'a Samoa. If you would like to support us during this week in any way please contact Bridget [dp@freemansbay.school.nz](mailto:dp@freemansbay.school.nz)

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## Schoolwide News

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### WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Elaine, Shachi, Alankrita, Ashvika, Francheska

### IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 30 May	GATE Parent Meeting
Thursday 31 May	ICCS Cross Country
Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 June	Whānau Wai Camp

**PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

## CAMP GEAR NEEDED

The Whānau Wai Year 5 - 6 camp is coming up in Week 8. We are looking for donations of camp gear for students. We would love sleeping bags, waterproof jackets, sports shoes, rash shirts and aqua shoes.

Any of these items would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver clean, named items to the school office.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further please contact, Nardia [Nardiay@freemansbay.school.nz](mailto:Nardiay@freemansbay.school.nz)

## 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 used to purchase 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