

As the year comes to a close.....

06/12/2020 by Karen Poole

Kiā ora i te whānau

Well here we are heading into the last full week of 2020 and it has certainly been a crazy year! I will be flicking out a wee message next week, this newsletter contains all the important information regarding start dates etc.

A big thank you to all of those involved in making the Christmas parade yet another great success. I really enjoyed walking with some of our wonderful tamariki and seeing the great Stokes Valley community lining the streets. If you haven't had a chance to see the photos pop onto the facebook page.

Rosa, you always do such a great job of posting the photos, doing a little write up and thanking others, I would like to say a big thank you to you! Rosa you are one in a million!



Teaching Staffing for 2021

We can now confirm our teaching staffing for 2021.

Ngā Manu

- Dave Whiteman

- Janette Page
- Cleo Syph
- Anna Sissons
- Micaela Duffy
- Karen Johnston/ Clarissa Chaston
- Ryan McGarry



Ngā Kukari

- Deb Barnden
- Julia Dorgan
- Sarah van der Walt
- Michaela Ryan
- Abbey Pont
- Hannah Perry
- Jane Kenworthy
- Sarah Tucker

We welcome Ryan McGarry back to Tawhai School, and Clarissa Chaston joins Karen Johnston in the job share position.

This gives us 15 classes to begin the year and as numbers build we will start a new entrant class.

Sadly we have 3 teachers leaving us this year. We wish them all the very best for their next adventures.

- Joshua Pearce has spent 3 years at Tawhai School. I would like to thank Josh for all the contributions he has made to Tawhai School, in particular leading ICT and supporting staff with the new Digital Technologies Curriculum.
- Becky Berry started with us, direct from the UK, in 2018. A big thanks needs to go to Becky for all the contributions she has made and the support she has provided for our enviro schools programme. Becky is heading back to the Northern Hemisphere and will be spending some time in the South of France.
- Tanya Allen has been job sharing with Karen Johnston in Room 15 since the beginning of 2019. Tanya has made some valuable contributions and always puts her hand up to help out with extra curricular activities such as art splash and the recent parade. Tanya is taking some time out from teaching.

Classes for 2021

On Wednesday 16 December, children will come home with the class that they will be in for 2021. Please be assured that teachers have spent many hours trying to get the best possible fit for every child.

Reporting

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Educa posts with end of year comments will be appearing over the next week.

Stationery

Stationery from OfficeMax will be available to purchase online (as we no longer stock bulk supplies of stationery). Simply go to <https://www.myschool.co.nz/tawhaisch> and select 'Tawhai School' and your child's classroom number.

Wednesday 16 December - Last Day of the year

Just a reminder that Wednesday 16 December is the last day of the year. School will be finishing at **1pm**.



School photos 2021

Next year school photos will take place in week 3 of term one (**Monday 15 February - Thursday 18 February**). Please mark these dates in your diary. More information will follow in regards to order forms etc.

Term dates for 2021

- Term one: 4 Feb - 16 April
- Term two: 3 May - 9 July
- Term three: 26 May - 1 October
- Term four: 18 Oct - 16 Dec



Lost property

We will pop the lost property outside on the deck on the next fine day. Please take the time to have a look.

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Poole
Principal