

# RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

Te Moana Year 3 & 4  
Term 1 Newsletter

*Dear Parents and Whanau,*

***Nau mai, Haere mai, Tena koutou ka toa***

Welcome to 2017! Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and revitalising summer holiday. There are six Year 3 and 4 classes this year, the teachers and rooms are:

Room 22	Kirstin Scott
Room 23	Clare O'Hagan-Harris
Room 24	Bobby Pansters
Room 25	Kate Hudson
Room 26	Natalie Stone
Room 27	Victoria Caines (Team Leader)

## Term 1 Learning

This Term our learning will be focussed around the concept of Identity. Students will be developing an understanding of who we are and where we belong and how these things are fundamental to understanding ourselves. It is also an important time for classes to spend getting to know each other and setting up routines and systems that will support learning throughout the year.

Each year group, class and teacher are different and have unique ways of engaging students and organising learning within the classroom. Some things may not be the same as previous years so please be patient as your child learns these new expectations and systems.

Thank you to all the families who made it in for Team Up day meetings on Tuesday 31st January. It was wonderful to meet you all. The information shared in these meetings is really valuable at the beginning of the year when we are all just getting to know each other.

## We are a SunSmart School!

With the intensity of the New Zealand sun, it's essential that we follow SunSmart practices. Term 1 means your child must wear their navy school sun hat EVERY day. Without it, they will not be able to play in the open.

It is also a good time to remind students of other SunSmart practices such as playing in the shade, wearing sunscreen and covering up where possible. We will be continuing to highlight these messages at school throughout the term.

## Beach Education

During Week Three all Year 3 and 4 students will be taking part in a beach education programme at Paekakariki beach run by Surf Lifesaving NZ.

**Wednesday 15th February - Rooms 22 and 23**

**Thursday 16th February - Rooms 24 and 25**

**Friday 17th February - Rooms 26 and 27**

We **still desperately need helpers** for the above days, especially to supervise students while they are in the water. You do not need to be a strong swimmer – you will just be standing in the water creating a human barrier. If you are available or have another family member who may be able to help out, please see your child's teacher. Also, if your child has not yet turned 7 years old and/or is shorter than 148cm, they will need to have a booster seat for travel in a car. If this applies to your child, please ensure you have a suitable seat available for travel on the day.

## Communication

We are always happy to have parents come and speak to us about how their child is going or things that are happening in the class or at school. You can usually find us between 8:30am and 8:55am in our classrooms or straight after school for a quick chat or to answer any questions you may have.

If you feel you need longer, it would be best to make an appointment with your child's teacher. You can do this in person or by sending an email (teachers email addresses can be found on the school website).

Please remember that if you have any concerns or questions your child's classroom teacher should always be your first point of contact.

**An important reminder:** school is NOT open until 8.30am in the morning and students are not permitted on-site without adult supervision prior to that time. This ensures the safety of your child, and means staff are free to focus on preparing for the day ahead.

## Team Timetable

This term Year 3 and 4 will have sport, singing and assembly together at the following times:

<b>Singing</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:30 - 11:00am</b>
<b>Te Moana Assembly</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:15 - 12:45pm (Odd weeks)</b>
<b>Sport (Weka Park)</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30 - 10:30am</b>

All of these activities will be starting in Week 4. Please feel free to join us at any of these times!

We also want to welcome parents and whanau into our rooms to support our learning. If you are available to help out in the classroom, please see your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to a great start to the year!

*Victoria, Kirstin, Clare, Bobby, Kate and Natalie*  
**Te Moana 3 and 4 Team**