

# WAITAHA SCHOOL

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Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to 2021! I hope you have had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the summer sun somewhere in New Zealand.

Well the good news is school reopens for the 2021 school year on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Teachers are very excited about the school year and are currently preparing the classrooms along with holding planning meetings. There is a very strong buzz of clever ideas along with great teaching and learning planning. Since the final 2020 newsletter we have added to our staff with: Kate Moran (teaching in Kowhai at base) and Brian Johnson (teaching in Kahikatea at Base). Teachers will be in contact with parents over the next few days.

This week is our induction and professional learning week, the school office is open each day and the leadership team are present to take any inquiries, if you are passing please pop in and say hello to us.

**Whanau evening: 12 February 5-7 at base.** Sausages will be provided, however please feel free to bring a picnic. This is a great opportunity to meet other school whanau, along with meeting your young person's teacher/s.

**Building project:** the school was very fortunate to receive property funding for a few building adjustments at base. Three new teaching spaces have been created which will enable wider learning opportunities for our young people. I look forward to showing parents these new spaces over the next few weeks.

**Important dates** (all dates can be found on the school webpage)

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: School opens for instruction

12 Feb: Whanau evening 5-7 pm

23-25 Feb: Waitech 2- West Coast Experience (Waiuta and Greymouth)

19 March: Mid-term Disco for all young people (5-7.30)

2<sup>nd</sup> April: Easter Break

6<sup>th</sup> April: School resumes

16<sup>th</sup> April: End of Term 1.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2021.

Ngā mihi nui

Maureen