



WOODSTOCK SCHOOL

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"E tū kahikatea"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure all of our tamariki achieve success within our culturally dynamic society.

School News

School Events

December	10	Year 6 Evening
	11	Road Patrol Outing
	14	Final Assembly
	15	Year 6 Outing
	16	Last day of school – School finishes at 1.30 pm
	17	Teacher Only Day
February 2021	04	<u>Frist Day of Term 1</u>

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

It is with mixed feeling that I write my final newsletter as principal of Woodstock School. I have had an association with Woodstock School, and its community, since 1992 when my oldest son Matthew started here, followed by his three younger brothers. I have had the privilege of being a parent, teacher, deputy principal and principal of this wonderful kura. Being the principal has been one of the most rewarding, complex and humbling jobs I have had in working career and I would like to thank all people who have taken the time to acknowledge me, and my work in this role, and the many well wishes I have received for the next stage of my life.

I also want to acknowledge the Board of Trustees for the support they have given me over the years, something for which I have always been very appreciative. My special and most appreciative thanks to this group of people who work so hard and quietly contribute so much to the school and the children.

Another special group I would like to thank are all you wonderful parents and caregivers. We have an incredibly dedicated group of parents who offer their time so willingly to provide opportunities for everyone's children. Not least, the PTA, past and present who voluntarily contribute huge amounts of time and energy to supporting the children at our school. They continually involve themselves in a myriad of fundraising events during the year, which have helped see many of the school projects, such as the new playground, come to fruition. I would

also like to thank the whānau awhina for the support they have given the school and for the events they have organised, which have been so well received by the community
I also want to thank our dedicated and hardworking teachers and support staff. We truly have the most outstanding staff here and I pay tribute to this staff, and the past staff who have made Woodstock what it is today. Without these people, we would not have the wonderful school that is Woodstock.

Lastly, to you remarkable children. You are the reason why I have been involved in this work for so long and I have loved being your Principal. Your passion for life and learning, which goes well beyond Reading, Writing and Mathematics, is infectious and I have learnt some of my best lessons in life from you. I wish you all the very best that life can offer and hope, wholeheartedly, that you are all able to fulfil your potential.

Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini.
Our work is not the work of one, but the work of many!

Term 1 and 2 2021

As you have already been informed, Mrs Lewis is going to be the acting principal for the first two terms of next year. I would like to congratulate her on accepting this role and I know there is no better person to take over the running of the school and that it will be in a very safe pair of hands.

A few words from Mrs. Lewis:

As the acting principal for terms one and two I am looking forward to working with our wonderful staff, whānau and our supportive board of trustees to ensure a smooth transition into 2021. We are lucky to have such a passionate staff, who are here to ensure all of our tamariki are provided with the best possible learning programmes so they all achieve success. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and I will see you all next year.



Farewells

At the end of this year, we also have some other members of our staff leaving us for new positions:

- Miss Erin Drayson has decided to have a change of year levels and is moving to a position at Fairfield Intermediate;
- Miss Frances Durbin has also decided the same thing, but has gone for the other end of the age bracket and is moving to early childhood with a position at Gumboots and Grasshoppers;
- Mrs Nakita Cunningham is taking up a teaching position at Aberdeen Primary;
- Miss Lauren Dawber is doing the same with a teaching role at Matangi Primary;
- Miss Pranita Nandoo, who has been working in Room 1 and is returning to her studies
- Mrs Kirsty Swears who has taken up a position at Hamilton Christian School

We want to wish them all well in their new roles and thank them for all they have contributed to Woodstock School

New Arrivals

We have four new teachers starting next year and we would like welcome:



Mrs Kathleen Bright



Mr Simon Tuifao



Miss Sophie Iako



Miss Kendall-Lee Scott

News From the P.T.A.

Hi Woodstock School!

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you for all of your support to the PTA this year. We appreciate it's been a hard and unsettling year for a lot of us. Without your generosity and support we wouldn't be able to support and provide for our children and the school. We acknowledge that we are always fundraising in one form or another, and understand that not every fundraiser is going to be of interest to everyone, so we're very grateful to you for supporting our efforts in any way that you can.

This year we have we have been able to either pay fully, or contribute to:

- PE Gear
- The new junior playground, including a boat
- Year 6 end of year outing
- House flags

We will also be paying for new paving to go outside the hall early in the new year.

At time of writing this, (with two Juicies selling days to go) the children of Woodstock have slurped and munched their way through a grand total of 1,543 Juicies this year. Nice work kids!!

If you'd like to jump on board and join the PTA in any capacity we'd love to have fresh faces and fresh ideas to help us out in 2021.

On behalf of the entire PTA, we'd like to wish Jenny all the best for her future, and we thank her for all that she has done for Woodstock School over the past 6 years.

I'd like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday, and look forward to seeing you all again in Term 1.

Kind Regards,

Michelle Leitch
PTA Chairperson.

Welcome to the following children:

*Halimo Hashi, Nimo Hashi, Shaedyn Rua
and Meila Kelly.*



**Holiday programmes
and activities
information is on the noticeboard
in the office foyer**

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a relaxing holiday season.

Tōfā soifua
Nga mihi
Have a great day

Jenny Mills
Principal

