



# Pigeon Mountain School News

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**FEBRUARY 2018**

**Tau Hou hari 新年快乐, Welcome back to all our students and families to a new academic year! We hope that everyone in our community enjoyed a restful holiday period, and our batteries are recharged, ready for an exciting new start. We hope also, that our new families, students and staff feel welcome and have a great start to their time at Pigeon Mountain School.**

**National Standards—One of the big changes over the break was the announcement by the new Government that National Standards will be scrapped. Because new expectations around the reporting of student achievement have not been developed yet, parents will notice only minor changes in our practices during Term 1, as we await Ministry advice.**

**ERO Report— Our confirmed final ERO report from our November review is now available on the ERO Website.**

**Ian Dickinson - Principal**



*From the Principal's Desk*

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**Today our roll is 537 . New students - We wish you much success with your learning at Pigeon Mountain School.**

**Welcome to;** Luca Yu, Terrance Liu, Jocelyn Malyon, Emma Yu, Thomas Qu, Hannah Zhou, Yohan Variava, Anthony Smartt, Lydia Lin, Maggie Li, Emma Wu, Terrance Wang, Zitan Mu, Meishu Chen, Alice Li, Jordan Harvey, Natalie Wei, Kexin Qu, Colin Kim, Baxter Hill, Marcus Liu, Zhi Yu Xue, Ranya Narayan, Megan Joubert, Yoonho & Dayeon Kim, Zayan Syed, Wenting Zhang, Danielle de Villiers, Danesh Variava, Charles Zhang, Estella Lim, Jiho Park, and Joy Qiu.

## **B**.O.T. NEWS:

The next BOT Meeting will be on the 1st February at 7pm. Parents are welcome to attend all board meetings. The following BOT Meeting will be held on the 22nd February 2018.

## **P.T.A. NEWS:**

The next PTA Meeting is on the 21st February at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. Please consider joining our friendly team. All new parents are welcome to attend.

## **FROZEN FRIDAYS:**

Frozen Fridays will start on Friday, 9th February. Ice blocks will be sold after school on a Friday at the 'chess board' by the library.

Ice blocks are \$2 and \$1.

## **W**AITANGI DAY 6th February:

The school will be closed on Tuesday 6th February for Waitangi Day.

## **L**UNCH ORDERS:

The lunchroom is open for business . If ordering on line please ensure that you update your children's classes.

## **M**EET THE TEACHER— Thursday 8th FEBRUARY from 7pm in the Hall.

We would like to invite you to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Thursday 8th February, starting from 7pm. We are holding two sessions this year for our families who need to meet more than one classroom teacher in the evening. It will start at 7pm in the hall with introductions to school staff. First session with the classroom teacher begins at 7.35pm, ending at 7.55pm. There is a 5 minute changeover time, with the second session beginning at 8pm and ends at 8.20pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## **N**EW COUNSELLING SERVICE AT SCHOOL:

We are often asked about agencies or groups which provide emotional support for children and families, and we are pleased to announce details of a new service which can be accessed through school. Lifewalk.org.nz are providing our school with a bookable chaplain service in order to act as a friend of the school. Lifewalk chaplains can work with individual students, in groups, or with parents and family members. Students or families book appointments with the chaplain which take place in school on selected days of the week. This is a non-religious service. Our chaplain is called John Winter, and he begins working in school from Week 3 of this term. More information can be found on the Lifewalk website at <http://www.lifewalk.org.nz>

**John's Profile**— A semi-retired journalist who contributes each week to Radio Live's Home and Garden Show. John has been a Christian Living Bible teacher for five years, teaching Bible at Point View, Wakaraanga and Owairoa. He is also leader of the English Conversation and Fellowship Group at St Columba Presbyterian Church, a member of its AV team and Health and Safety Committee and manages the church's private bookings. He joined our PTA in August soon after his 5 year old daughter became a new entrant here. He migrated to this country in 1999 from the UK.

