



# Kaeo School



*Learn, Love, Contribute, Grow*  
*Aim High—Stand Tall - Taraia nga taumata E tu teitei*  
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**Term 3**

**Week 6**

Hello,

You will be aware that our school continues to grow and that over recent weeks especially we have had the pleasure of welcoming many new children to Kaeo School.

As of today we have 150 students and this will rise again over the next few days and we now expect to finish the 2017 school year with around 156 children.

This of course is great news for our school but it also has its challenges. In some respects, this latest growth is unexpected and so we are currently looking at the best way to structure the school so that we can continue to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our children and to be the happy, calm, special place that we are well known for.

Reaching 151 children is the milestone for government funding of a seventh teacher but employing a teacher now means moving some children from their current classes. There are benefits to this in that it ensures smaller class sizes for all children and adds a pair of extra hands in the school to assist with the greater number of children overall. On the negative side a change of class for children at the beginning of Term 4 is to be avoided if at all possible.

The other alternative though is that our classes grow to very high numbers and we employ teacher aides to assist in classrooms. This too has disadvantages as there will be only nine weeks left in the year when we begin Term 4 and, understandably, it takes some time for teacher aides to be trained, learn the job and to make a substantial contribution to the classroom.

In short, each decision has its pluses and minuses and I ask please that everyone understand that however we decide to manage this situation it will be done with the best interests of the children at heart. I expect to be able to communicate our plan before this term ends.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,  
Paul Barker.

*"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns,  
or rejoice because thorns have roses."*  
— **Alphonse Karr, A Tour Round My Garden**

### Students of the Week.

Well done and congratulations to last weeks Students of the Week and top Kiwi Cannors – Kasey J, Jemma, Santino, Isobel, Jorja, Neveah, Hunter, Devrihanna and Lyric.



### Prospective Parents of Whangaroa College

The Board of Trustees and Junior School teachers at Whangaroa College would like to invite parents who are considering Whangaroa College for their children to an informal meeting at the school next Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 5.30pm.

This is an opportunity to meet parents of children at the school and some of their teachers to hear about the experiences of being a parent of a child at Whangaroa College.

The get together will be held in Room 7 at Whangaroa College over a cup of tea and some yummy eats – everyone is most welcome.

For further details please contact either the Whangaroa College office or Colleen Sherwin who is organising this event on (09) 4050095 or 027 6051007.