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Term 1
Week 1

Hello everyone,

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. For teachers preparing and planning for a new group of children brings great promise of learning and success.

For children, it can be a nervous time as they enter a new class or sometimes school and wonder about what their new teacher will be like and what friends they will make.

For parents and caregivers, it is a time of mixed emotions – hope that things will go well, a bit of sadness as children head off largely on their own, and for many relief after a long holiday break!

For me, it is always a happy time as the quiet school of the summer holidays becomes an interesting and vibrant place again as the children return. It is truly one of the best parts of my year seeing how happy and keen our children are to return to Kaeo School.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us – we will work hard to do our very best for them and for you again this year.

Nga mihi,
Paul Barker.

School hats

The weather is beautiful right now and we almost all enjoy the lovely Northland sunshine, but it can be a problem too. Melanoma is a serious form of cancer and too much exposure to the sun is the main reason that it occurs.

That is why we insist on children wearing a school hat when they are outside at play and lunch times during Terms 1 and 4 each year.

If your child does not yet have a hat or maybe they have had a hat for many years that needs replacing, please get in touch with the school office to buy a hat. The cost is \$25.

Building Work

The main reason that we waited until after Waitangi Day to return to school this year was to allow building work to continue on the junior block.

Happily, the weather was largely on our side and work is progressing well. The new roof is expected to be added next week and windows soon after which will allow the 'inside work' to commence as the 'outside work' continues. A big thanks to Ben, Alistair, and the team at Bay Builders for their work.

We remain hopeful that we can move in sometime around the end of this term/early next term – exciting times!

Junior Playground

As part of the building work the old junior playground was dismantled and we were pleased to donate it to the Far North District Council. It is expected that it will be used somewhere in our wider community.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to advise that they we have just committed to purchasing a new junior playground and with the help of a small(ish) Pub Charity Grant it will be installed where the 'old fort' used to be. It is expected that this work will begin soon and that the new playground will be in use before the term is out.

Dates for your diary

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| 15 February | Meet the Teacher Evening |
| 26 February | BOT Meeting |
| 6 March | Parent Interviews |
| 7 March | Parent Interviews |
| 13 March | Northland Cricket Visit |
| 22 March | Swimming Sports |
| 24 March | BOT Meeting |
| 12 April | Term Ends. |

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."
- Martin Luther King, Jr.