

9) 2015 Awards

At the end of the production last year, we farewelled our Year 8s and presented a number of awards. These are the recipients:-
Congratulations to you all and all the best for the future.



**The Mainfreight Award for
Excellence in Attitude
& Academic Award
Micah Tritscher**



**Sportsperson &
Service & Contribution
Brydie Harrison**



**Excellence In Maori
Breeze Arano**



**Most Improved
Kauri Herbert**

**Room 1
Day 1
2016**



Kia Ora,
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA

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Number 1

A very warm welcome back, it's great to see everyone back rested and ready for learning. A special welcome to any new families that have recently joined us. Thank you to all staff for coming back last week for two preparation days. I know everyone is looking forward to getting into our core business which is lifting achievement and LEARNING!

1) Staffing

Listed below is our school staffing for 2016

Management:

Principal	Jackie Osborne
Deputy Principal/Syndicate Leader	Lisa Murray
Junior Syndicate Leaders	Donna Barry

Classroom Teachers:

(Rm 1/Rm 2)	NE & Year 1	: Donna Barry, Margie Donald & Sam Smaill
(Rm 9)	Year 2	: Penny Cutler
(Rm 10)	Year 2 & 3	: Jessica Neave
(Rm 7)	Year 3	: Keriana Te Paa
(Rm 6)	Year 3 & 4	: Lisa Murray
(Rm 8)	Year 4 & 5	: Claire Broadhurst
(Rm 5)	Year 5 & 6	: Angie Peters
(Rm 4)	Year 6 & 7	: Jessica O'Dea
(Rm 3)	Year 7 & 8	: Tina Takimoana

Part Time Teachers: Liz Smith, Karen Meyers, Kate Clarke

Resource Teacher Learning & Behaviour (RTLb): Michele Meyer

Social Worker in Schools (SWIS): TBC

Reading Recovery Teacher: Sam Smaill

Support Staff: John Bowmar, Carole Harding, June Matiu, Rata Williams, Kathy Harrison, Alison Peters, Leann Walker, Lisa Tepania, Christine Semenoff, Trudy Allen

ICT Support: Alvin Alvrez

Cleaners: Dorothy Kilgour, Te Aroha Te Paa

Caretaker: Whio Motu

Sports Co-ordinator: Paulo Montino

Art Specialist: Kim Subritzky

Kapa Haka Tutors: TBC

2) Uniforms

The expectation is that all students will be wearing our school polo shirt in either yellow or black and our school uniform hats. Both of these can be purchased at The Warehouse at \$23.00 for the shirts and \$12.00 for the hat. Our uniform policy is available for viewing at the office and we welcome any feedback. We have heard that is not easy to purchase black bottoms in Kaitia at the moment so plain dark clothing will be acceptable – no loud colours or patterns please! We think that the students look really smart but **please** ensure that all clothing is clearly named to avoid children losing their clothing, especially during swimming.

3) Partnerships

We believe emphatically that children learn best when there are strong partnerships between home and school. As a result we have an open door policy and warmly invite you to drop in at any time to visit your child's classroom (please sign in at the office first). If you have any information regarding your child that would assist us in developing personalised learning programmes, please let us know. If you have any concerns about any aspect or your child's schooling, we will do our utmost to assist. Please let us know as soon as possible as early intervention can prevent concerns becoming big problems.

4) Stationery

Stationery lists are being sent home with each student today. It is important that children purchase these items as soon as possible to enable a quick start to the year. We have tried to keep costs to a minimum but please contact the school if there is any difficulty in making the payment. All of the items can be purchased through the school but parents may prefer to shop around. If you are purchasing elsewhere, please ensure that you purchase the same items as listed. Different books have different size spacing's and lines in them and may not be suitable.

5) School Fees

Included on the stationery list is information about our different school fees.

- **Paper Levy - a voluntary fee for paper usage**
- **Activity Fee** - An optional one off fee which covers all school activities for the year (but not class activities as these vary from room to room). This is instead of parents having to find the money every time an event arises.
- **Technology Fee** - Students in Years 7 & 8 travel fortnightly to Kaitia Intermediate for Technology. This fee of \$34 is set by the Intermediate and can either be paid to them or to us and we will forward it on your behalf. Technology this year will take place on a **Wednesday**. The first Technology session for our pupils is next **Wednesday 10th February 2016**.
- **Bus Fees** - The town bus run is not part of the Far North Bus Transport Network but is a separate bus run organised by the school to assist parents who wish to send their children to our school. If they wish to use this bus, rather than provide their own transport, they will have to share in the costs. Costs are \$4.00 per child or

\$6.00 per family per week. We offer a 10% discount if fees are paid in advance for the whole term.

- **Casual Bus Use is \$2**

Casual bus users may only use this bus service if there is enough space available and they must have written permission from their parents/caregivers or alternatively parents may contact the school and make these bus arrangements through the office.

For Term One there are 11 weeks, if fees are paid by Friday 19th February :

- **Per child** **\$39.60**
- **Per family** **\$59.40**

6) Newsletters

Just a reminder to parents that a school newsletter is sent home each week on a Thursday with the oldest child in the family. Children should be capable of getting the newsletter home, however, if your oldest child is proving unreliable, let the office know and we will send it home with another member of the family. This newsletter takes the place of this Thursdays .

7) School Terms and Vacations 2016

Term One - Tuesday 2nd February - Friday 15th April.

Holidays: Waitangi - Mondayised 8th February.

Good Friday - 25th March.

Easter Monday & Tuesday - 28th March & 29th March

Term Two - Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Holidays: Queen's Birthday - Monday 6th June

Term Three - Monday 25th July - Friday 23rd September

Term Four - Monday 10th October - Thursday 15th December

Holidays: Labour Day - Monday 24th October

8) School Lunches

School Lunches are available three days a week.

Subway - Every **Tuesday** starting **Tuesday 16th February**.

North Drift Café - Every **Thursday** and **Friday** starting this week.

North Drift Café - School Lunch Menu

Orange Fruit Juice	\$2.20
Yoghurt	\$1.00
Muffin of the Day	\$3.00
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$5.00
Nachos & Sour Cream	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$2.00
Ham & Tomato Sandwich	\$2.00
School Lunch Pack (Juice, Ham Sandwich, Yoghurt, Crackers, Muesli Bar)	\$6.50