



Dear Parents & Community,

Our final newsletter for 2017!

It has been amazing how quickly the last few weeks have gone and more incredible to think that it is the end of another school year. 2017 has been another busy and successful year. There have been many highlights during the year and fantastic to see the improvements made by all our students.

On Tuesday night we celebrated the Year 8 graduation. It was fantastic to reflect on how our current Year 8's have grown and changed during their time at Waiau Pa. We are very proud of what our Year 8's have achieved and the way they display our school values and Powerful Learner traits. For many of our Year 8 families, the end of the year will also see the end of their association with Waiau Pa School. For some families this association extends for more than ten years. We are grateful for everything these families have done for the school and the community. We hope you remain in touch with the school and community.

There are many people who have contributed to making 2017 successful. *Thank you* to Roger Hargraves and the Board of Trustees. Your support and vision for education at Waiau Pa is appreciated. *Thank you* to the PTA, particularly Hope Dufty & Christine Talyancich. Your energy and commitment for providing the extras for our school is appreciated by all.

Thank you to all the parents and community members. Your support and encouragement of your children and our school is really appreciated. *Thank you* to all the staff for your commitment to our school, willingness to develop professionally which makes Waiau Pa a special place to work and learn.

To the students, *Thank you* ! Your endless energy and passion for learning is infectious.

Finally, Waiau Pa School has been my life for the past 11 years. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me during this time. I have learnt a huge amount professionally and personally during this time.

I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the messages and gifts given to me over the past week and the friendships made during my time at Waiau Pa.

Therefore it is with sadness that I wish you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year for the final time as Principal of Waiau Pa School.

Regards *Simon Williams*

IMPORTANT DATES

- Tomorrow—School Closes at 12:30 Class 2018 placement letters due home
- Wednesday 31st January- Uniform Shop open—10 - 12
- Thursday 1st February —FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR 2018