

Kia hiwa ra! Kia hiwa ra!  
Kia hiwa ra i tēnei tuku, kia hiwa ra i tērā tuku!  
Kia hiwa ra! Kia hiwa ra!

E ngā waka. E ngā hau e wha. E ngā mana. E ngā iwi.  
E ngā manu kōrero o runga i ngā marae

Whakarongo! Whakarongo! Whakarongo!  
Ki te tangi a te manu e karanga nei "Tui, tui, tuituia!"  
Tuia i runga, tuia i raro, tuia i roto,  
Tuia i waho, tuia i te here tangata.

Ka rongo te pō, ka rongo te ao,  
Tuia i te kawai tangata i heke mai i Hawaiki nui,  
i Hawaiki roa, i Hawaiki-pamamao,  
i hono ki te wairua, ki te whai ao, ki te Ao Mārama.

Tihei Mauriora!

Ko Ranginui kei runga, ko Papatuanuku kei raro, tena korua. Ko Oruamo e tu ake nei, ko te  
Waitemata e takoto ana, tena korua.

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā matua, e ngā kaiako, e nga rangatahi, ka tuku mihi nui ki a  
koutou, ki a tātou katoa, i raro o te āhuetanga o tēnei kaupapa, he whakanuia o nga  
angitutanga maha. Nau mai, haere mai.

He mihi ki nga mate, kua wheturangitia i te korowai o Ranginui moe mai, moe mai, moe mai.  
E Keith, te hoa rangatira o Pauline, moe mai.  
Tihei mauri mate, tihei mauri ora.  
Ka huri au ki te reo Pākehā.

Be alert! Be watchful!  
Be alert on this rampart! Be alert on that rampart!  
Be watchful! Be alert!

O the canoes. The four winds. Great ones. The tribes.  
Orators of the marae:

Listen! Listen! Listen!  
Listen to the cry of the bird calling "Unite, unite, be one!"

Unite above, unite below, unite within,  
Unite without, unite in the brotherhood of humankind.  
The night hears, the day hears  
Unite the descent lines from Great Hawaiki  
From long Hawaiki, from Hawaiki far away  
Joined to the spirit, to the daylight, to the world of light.

To Ranginui above and Papatuanuku below – greetings.  
To Oruamo standing strong, and to Waitemata, sprawled out, greetings.

The great ones, the spokespeople, the parents, the teachers, and of course our students,  
best wishes to you, to us all, under the auspices of this day, a celebration of the many  
successes. Welcome, welcome.

Today is a day of celebration, a time for us to revel in the many successes of our students.  
The successes being recognised today are the culmination of hours, days, months and years  
of dedicated, determined, and consistent effort. Parents this starts and is strengthened at  
home. I thank you for attendance today, for your support of this celebration of our childrens  
success and also for the countless hours, days, months and years that you have invested  
into your children – tauke.

I want to recognize our teachers, for their dedicated, determined, and consistent effort. The  
success we come together to celebrate today is as much a reflection of your work, work you  
undertake with love and seemingly endless vigour. Tēnei te mihi nui ki a koutou.

I want to thank our support team who make sure that the school runs and functions, is tidy  
and its books balance. We also acknowledged our volunteers earlier in the week but I  
wanted to reiterate on behalf the Board our express thanks – your effort is recognized and  
valued.

Similarly I want to thank the Board for their continued dedication and efforts. Whānau this  
is your Board, the one you voted for, and I want you to know I believe you made great  
choices – we have an exceptional and complementary range of skills. To the Board, ka nui te  
mihi.

I want to take just a short time now to give a brief synopsis of 2017.

We have been very busy with infrastructure: new roof with no leaks, new drains that don't  
leak or overflow anymore, sealed windows that don't leak, an electrical upgrade and the  
original 1970's staff toilets being upgraded.

Our adventure playground, although with some more recent addition, is essentially the original one from the 1970's. I remember doing ollies up onto it when I was 13 with Shea's Uncle Matt. Sadly it is tired and we are raising funds to replace it with something awesome. Some of our senior students presented to the Board recently on some ideas they would like to see incorporated. We can't possibly include all those great ideas, but I want to signal here that realising the dream of a facility co-designed by our students will be a major focus for 2018.

Over the summer break habitats 4 & 5 will be taken off site and demolished, and a new court surface laid down where they currently sit, extending right out almost as long as the school hall. We need that because we will be receiving 4 relocatable classrooms in the break as well – 3 to be placed on our current playing courts, and one adjacent to habitat 16. Can I please reinforce Miss Raynes' appeal to us all to stay well clear of the building works over the summer break. I want to take this opportunity to thank Board member James Cosslett for his key role in assisting Miss Raynes in realizing all these works. Within the context of an underfunded Ministry of Education, without their constant, polite efforts none of those infrastructure works would have happened.

The reason we need those rooms is partly that 4 & 5 are very old and leak, but mostly because everyone wants to come to Bayview, and we are full up – our role is just over 400. In fact we are so full up that the Ministry has enforced a Zone, which came into effect late this year.

We had a very successful production 'Sweet As' - thank you to all staff, parents and other friends of Bayview who supported that.

We have a bike track, a cover over the sandpit, bee hives, and enjoyed amazing sporting success this year (kia kaha to our touch teams for your finals this afternoon).

We also have the most amazing murals around the school – a huge mihi to Emily and Liam mo ēnā, for those.

I also welcome the recent (yesterday) announcement by the Minister of Education that he will be ending, I quote here "the failed experiment of NCEA". Whilst I agree in principle with the underpinnings of NCEA - reading, writing and numeracy, the key foundations upon which a strong education springs from, I share the Ministers concern of the focus on continued testing and reporting – an onerous and time consuming regime that seems to miss entirely the point that more time spent teaching results directly in better education outcomes for our students.

We also farewelled or are about to farewell some people this year. Andy Brown is now the Principal at Northcote Primary School. Pip Rive has taken on some new challenges, and Amy

Nicholas had an amazing opportunity to travel to the UK with her husband. Kate Hadfield and family are moving south. Kate on behalf of the Board, the staff, and students past and present – words cannot do justice to articulate what you have contributed to our school and wider community. We wish you and your whānau all the very best in your new and upcoming adventures. We also farewelled Pauline's husband Keith. Moe mai Keith.

But with losses, opportunities present themselves, because although we lost Mr Brown, we gained a 'new' Deputy Principal – Shelly Matuku, and aren't we lucky. We also had Katrina Cray, Donna Jamieson and Trudy McKeitch join us this year. Sadly, Mrs Jamieson is also moving on, but we will welcome Kaye Bond and welcome back Shannon Corlett, who I understand was a student here, next year.

I want to acknowledge Judy Stephenson, Dame Wendy Pye in absentia of Sunshine Books, PJ and Rotary and for their continued support of Bayview.

It's also wonderful to welcome Mark Whitford, principal of Glenfield Intermediate School and with whom Bayview is forging a strong relationship.

My penultimate thanks go to Miss Raynes – success starts from the top, and you have created a culture in the school that will be in part manifest today here in this celebration of success. You and Shelley are leading, building, and supporting a dynamic awesome team, resulting in great outcomes for our children, New Zealand's future leaders. And be assured you will see some of these children being celebrated today in the future.

Finally to our children, students of Bayview Primary School. Today we will be recognising and celebrating your outstanding achievements. To each and everyone of you congratulations.

To conclude have a great break everybody. I hope you all get to do the things you love to do with the ones that love doing them with. I want to wish all our year 6 sixes the very best at intermediate next year, and to all the rest – see you back at Bayview in 2018.

No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.