



Bayview School Newsletter

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Empower Our Future

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**Bayview School
Vision
Empower
Our
Future**

Empower is the first word in our school vision. So what does Empower mean to you? The dictionary states:

EMPOWER - make (someone) stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights.

What do you think empower means in the context of school for you and your child? If you have any ideas please feel free to share them on the Koru wall in the corridor by the radio station (outside H1). There are some big sheets of paper on the wall for you to add your thoughts to.

Kia ora Team Bayview

Well we have managed our very first Monday at school for 2021! This year has been a little bit disrupted but I want to thank all of our parents for staying calm and working through the unexpected Alert Level 3 lockdown with minimal fuss. I know you have done this because it has been reflected in the way the children have dealt with the situation. There have been lots of smiles and a sense of connection and community as we have had to move through different alert levels. Now we are in Alert Level 1 again which means it is back to normal business. I would still like to ask you to continue scanning the QR codes as you enter the school grounds. This is the best way to ensure the safety of everyone. If you do not wish to scan the QR code then please fill in the paper contact tracing register when you come onsite. Every habitat has one and there is one at the office.

BAYVIEW MAP MEETINGS - SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1PM ON MONDAY 1ST MARCH

Teachers have started meeting with parents around developing our Bayview Maps. The feedback we have received so far has been overall quite positive. This is purely a way to get to know your child better so that the class teacher can ensure their learning needs are met. It is always really helpful to know things like what language you speak predominantly at home and what your child's passions and interests are. This is also a way to develop positive connections with you as parents. To ensure we are able to meet with everyone we will be closing the school early on Monday 1st March to allow some time for these meetings. School will close at 1pm, teachers will have their lunch from 1-1.30pm and then we will hold as many meetings as we can to help us get through this process. We thank you in advance for your support around this. Please note these meetings are not compulsory but we would love it if you could give us the time.

Kaipātiki Kāhui Ako

The aim of our Kāhui ako is to develop cohesion across all schools in the Glenfield area. A new area of focus this year is whakawhanaungatanga or community engagement. Part of this focus is to have information evenings around themes that are common to needs in each school. On Monday 1st March we have an information evening around how to keep your child safe when they are online. It is being held at Glenfield College, in their theatre. The evening begins at 7pm and will be finished by 8.30pm. This is a FREE event.

NEW LEARNERS JOINING BAYVIEW SCHOOL

A huge welcome to the following learners who have started at Bayview School:

Michael Pedebone, Armani Hirovanaa, -Nicholls, Conor Puketapu, Eleanor Chen

LONG BAY PICNIC

Our annual Long Bay Picnic is this Friday 26th February. The weather is looking great, the BBQ sausages have been ordered and the excitement is building. All parents, caregivers and whanau are welcome to attend for the day and join in the fun. If you choose to stay behind once the rest of us come back to school or want to take your child home early please make sure you have let your child's teacher know. Please note there will be no one left at school to supervise any child who does not attend the trip.

A huge thank you to PJ from Harcourts Cooper and Co for supporting us with BBQ sausages, water and fruit. PJ is a true friend of the school who loves providing opportunities for our learners. Thank you PJ!

TŪRANGAWAEWAE CONCEPT

This year our concept is Tūrangawaewae. Our aim is for every child at Bayview to know that Bayview School is their place to stand, to have a voice, and be empowered to make a difference.

Tūrangawaewae is one of the most well-known and powerful Māori concepts. Literally tūranga (standing place), waewae (feet), it is often translated as 'a place to stand'. Tūrangawaewae are places where we feel especially empowered and connected. They are our foundation, our place in the world, our home. This fits in very well with our school vision **Empower Our Future**.

As part of this concept our learners will be looking at our local area, the history it holds and the special people that make up the Bayview area and beyond.

Dates for diaries

BOT mtg	25/2
Long Bay Picnic	26/2
School closes @ 1pm	1/3
BOT mtg	25/3
NE Enrolment mtgs	24/3
Y5/6 CAMP	29/3-1/4
EASTER	2-6/4
TERM 1 FINISHES 2pm	16/4
Term 4 finishes 12.30pm	11/12
Term 2 starts 9am	3 May

Di and Team Bayview Staff

