

Welcome to all children and whanau to the new school year. I am very excited to be the Principal at Swanson School, and I am thrilled about leading the school into the new chapter we are about to write. I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing summer break, and are ready to commence a 2018 full of successes, challenges, and new learning.

As every other year, the Swanson School staff will be committed to creating a caring, collaborative, rich learning environment, where all students feel valued, supported, and empowered to achieve. Together with our Board of Trustees, and utilising the feedback you gave us last year, we have put together an ambitious development plan. This will enable us to achieve the goals set out in our charter, and enhance our culture of continuous improvement, refining how we teach and collaborate, to further improve the educational experience we provide for our children and their whanau.

However, we strongly believe that education is a joint venture between school and home. We acknowledge the fundamental role whanau plays in children's' educational journey, and that student success is a shared responsibility between the school staff, students themselves and all significant adults in their lives. Therefore, as we work with our students to help them learn about the world around them, we very much appreciate the support that parents give their children at home. We encourage you to come to school, to talk with us, to visit our classrooms, and to contribute to our children's learning experiences. Above all, we would like to invite you to feel part of Swanson School, because the foundation of a successful school is the cooperation between the students, staff, parents and community.

On behalf of the staff of Swanson School, I want to again welcome you all, and thank you for being a part of our school community. I look forward to working with you, and developing a relationship that will assist in the growth of your children.

Mr Piantelli

Swanson School Principal



Upcoming Events

February 6

Waitangi Day – School Closed

February 7

Powhiri to welcome new students and staff. 10:30am All welcome to attend

February 13

Meet the teacher evening
5:30pm – 7:00pm

March 30 until April 3

Easter holiday, school closed,
Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Welcome...

We have two new teachers starting at Swanson School.

We would like to welcome Mrs Chelsea Szkup who will be teaching in room E1 in Totara and Ms Pam Palemene who will be teaching in room D3 in Nikau.

We hope you settle in well and enjoy being part of our awesome Swanson School whanau.



Teaching Staff 2018

Pohutukawa Yo-1

Viv Adam - Room B2 (Whanau Leader)
Andrea McVicker - Room B1
Spencer Woolrich - Room B3
Shannon Kingston - Room A5

Kowhai Y2

Deb Logan - Room A1 (Whanau Leader)
Rita Sharma - Room A2
Bex Ellis - Room A3

Nikau Y3-4

Julie Wray – Room D2 (Whanau Leader)
Ann Haley – Room C1
Lisa Lilley – Room C2
Jane Francois – Room D1
Pam Palemene – Room D3
Desiree Pillay – Room D4

Koromiko Y5-6

Blayne Fraser – Room D7 (Whanau Leader)
Trina Ainu'u – Room D5
Victoria Theobald – Room D6
Kerry Paniora – Room D8

Totara Y6-8

Rosie Disberry – Room E2 (Whanau Leader)
Matt Sheales - Room E3
Chelsea Szkup - Room E1
Mike Carswell - Room C3

Senior Management Team

Leandro Piantelli – Principal
Andrew Neighbour – Deputy Principal (Pohutukawa, Kowhai)
Juila Puka – Deputy Principal (Nikau, SENCO)
Chris Hood – Deputy Principal (Koromiko, Totara)

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If you are not
willing to learn,
no one can help you.
If you are
determined
to learn,
no one can
stop you.

In the Community

Meet the Teacher Evening:

On Tuesday the 13th of February we will be opening our classrooms from 5:30pm until 7:00pm for parents to come along and meet their child's teacher.

This is an informal meeting where parents, students and teachers can meet up to have a brief chat and put faces to names so that we can have a successful learning journey this year.

Mandarin Lessons:

Mandarin has emerged as the new must have language so why not introduce this language to your child through fun and easy to learn classes after school! Taught by a fully registered primary school teacher Ray Chen every Tuesday after school at Swanson School. Contact Ray: www.mandarinheroes.com or email mandarinheroes@gmail.com

