Welcome to 2013 at Wairoa School: Happy New Year (belated) and I hope that you all had a wonderful summer. Ian Gallan’s last day of teaching was Monday and I have had some communication and so far he is loving his retirement after 33 years with the department. I shall be acting principal until a new person is appointed.

This term is an eleven week term, with a break for Easter – Good Friday is on the Friday of week 9 (29/3/13) and Easter Monday is on the Monday of week 10 (1/4/13). We will have an Easter Hat Parade on the Thursday 28th March 2013 before Good Friday and we would love it if you could attend.

We are also celebrating Harmony Day on 11th April and again it would be marvellous if you could come, remember there is always an excellent morning tea provided and it is an opportunity to work alongside your child and their peers and a chance to meet other parents.

Trainees: I am delighted that we have had 6 trainees starting with us this year – they come from Sweden, Switzerland, Germany and USA. They will be working across the school and are staying for either this term or through to the end of term 2.

We are really lucky with our overseas trainee program and Wairoa really benefits from their placement and we always very positive comments from the trainees themselves.
Building New Classrooms:
We are really fortunate that we have been included in the SSP building program and at the end of year we will have a brand new purpose built 4 classroom block.
The works have well and truly started and the first tasks were the refurbishment of the Art room and the Multi-sensory Room so they could house the classrooms from Connare. Connare – the demountable has gone - After 28 years!!!!
The refurbished classroom look really good and everything is on track.

New Students:  We have had 5 new students enrol across the school, one to the secondary department, one to the primary department and 3 new students for who it is their first time at school. We wish them and their families all the best for this new transition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything, my email address is Penelope.earp@det.nsw.edu.au.

Have a lovely weekend.