Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2014 school year. I’m sure that after almost six weeks of wonderful holidays most parents and students are happy to be back into the swing of school. Getting back into the routine can be difficult for some but within a few days it will all be smooth sailing. This year we welcome many new families to Wairoa and I look forward to working with our new students and parents as they settle in to our school community.

This year we have come back to an almost-finished ‘new’ school – our new classrooms and playground areas are looking fantastic, as are the newly refurbished ‘old’ classrooms, gymnasium and library. Over the next few weeks all of these areas will be complete and ready to use and I know that our students will benefit from the great new learning spaces and the opportunities they will afford. If you have time over the next few weeks, please come in and have a look around – you’ll be impressed! I will advise our school community about the official ‘opening’ as details become available.

We owe a huge ‘thank you’ to everyone who has worked on this building project over the last twelve months or so, including: Edwards Constructions; DEC Assets; DEC IT; Public Works; staff; students and parents.
Classes for 2014

This year we have six primary classes and five secondary classes. Over the next week or so, each of the class teachers will be sending home a letter of introduction, outlining general information about their classes, contact details and upcoming activities. Although the last three days have been extremely busy, with students and staff getting to know their new classes and routines, I have been pleasantly surprised at how quickly everyone is settling in.

What’s what at Wairoa?

This term we have some wonderful activities to look forward to: Sailing Days; Harmony Day; our Curriculum Day, which this term is HSIE; Parent Coffee and Chat – we will be presenting information on the ProLoquio2Go program; and to finish things off in style we will have the Wairoa Easter Hat Parade. At Wairoa we aim to offer many opportunities for parent/carer involvement and contribution to the school. As well as the activities mentioned above, we have a parents and friends group called the Friends of Wairoa. This is our major fund raising group which every year organises great events and opportunities to participate in the life of our school. I will let everyone know when the first Friends of Wairoa meeting is scheduled in an upcoming newsletter.

This term we are fortunate to have three international students with us who are undertaking internships at Wairoa: Simon, from Sweden and Sandra and Karina, from Denmark. We look forward to working with our visitors and value their cultural perspective and input in our classrooms.
Thank You
To Rob and Joan (Mark’s mum and dad) – a very big thank you for their generous donation of a manual wheelchair. 😊

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday February 8       Sailing Day
Tuesday February 25       Curriculum Day/Harmony Day
Wednesday March 5         Parent Coffee and Chat

Wishing you all a fantastic Term 1!

Regards,
Sara Swift, Principal 😊