

# Principal's Newsletter

## Term 3 2017



Greetings Parents/Whanau and Caregivers

### Changing of the Guard

Two of our Deputy Principal's – Colleen Smith and Nikki Summers have announced that they are retiring at the end of the year. On behalf of the Oaklynn Community – staff, students and family/whanau, we thank them for their 26+ years of support and service to Oaklynn.

### Introducing our three new Deputy Principal's for 2018



**Colleen Cummings**

#### Senior Classes-AIS, GBS and GBHS

"I am excited and honoured to be part of the learning journey of the students and staff at Oaklynn"



**Kieron Hubrick**

#### Senior Classes-Base and OakTEC

"I feel honoured and excited at becoming DP at Oaklynn"



**Pilar Romero**

#### Junior Classes

"Hola, It is a privilege to have the chance to work at Oaklynn holding a different responsibility."

We welcome our new students and their families to Oaklynn – taking our student role to 143. Quentin Fairley is at our Arahoe 2 satellite class, and Krishiv Kumar and Zion Maiava are at our Te Ara Hou unit at Glenavon School.



**Quentin Fairley**

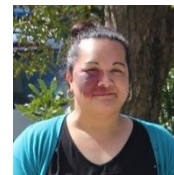


**Krishiv Kumar**



**Zion Maiava**

Also welcome to Ginny Taare – our new admin/resource person, taking over Kim Fleming who left at the beginning of this term.



**Ginny Taare**

### Engage Me Workshops

Our Experience Sharing Programme that we have been running for many years at Oaklynn, is now available for other professionals to use in their educational settings. Sarah Robertson and Paula Vintiner with the support of other staff members have adapted the programme into a one day training course call 'Engage Me'. People who attend the course come away with the skills to develop social communication, flexible thinking and engagement skills in students with Autism and other social communication difficulties. This year we have ran four successful trainings. It is great that we are able to share this unique and effective programme with the wider educational community.

### Intensive Interaction

Is a way to find, support and acknowledge potential communication behaviours from students that are generally perceived as individuals without recognisable forms of communication.

At Oaklynn, we have a small number of students that need support in developing fundamental communication and social skills. We do this by allowing opportunities for our students to be involved in one to one sessions with staff to support them with this important learning. These sessions are videoed and then assessed within the school to chart evidence of progress (using an international assessment framework). Oaklynn also links with five other schools to support practitioners to share with and work alongside other professionals in Auckland.

## Gardening

Thank you to families and friends who have contributed towards purchasing of our trees at Base School. We are currently looking for red cabbage trees for our gardens, if you know of anyone who may be willing to donate them, please let us know. Trees need to be about one metre high or smaller (easier to transplant).



## Room 1 and 3 'Superheroes'

Recently Base Rooms 1 and 3 had their dress rehearsal for their 'Superheroes' production. Here are just some photos of that morning.



## Special Olympics Basketball

Every year our senior students take part in the Special Olympics – whether it be Athletics, Swimming, Soccer or Basketball. Students enjoy being out and playing as a team against other schools.



Ngā mihi nui

**Louise Doyle**  
Principal