

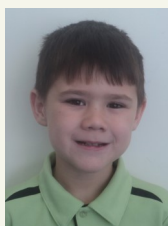
Principal's Newsletter

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

ANZAC DAY

A GROUP OF OUR OAK-TEC STUDENTS WILL LAY A WREATH AT THE TITIRANGI RSA ANZAC DAY PARADE. ALL WELCOME MUSTER IN THE VILLAGE AT 10.00AM.

2017 is shaping up to be another full-on time at Oaklynn! Our students and staff are rested and refreshed after their long break, and we are well into our first term's schedule of work and activities. I would like to warmly welcome the new students and their families, some of whom joined us towards the end of last year, which brings our roll to 142. This time last year our school role was 136.



Geoffrey Barrow
Green Bay School



Walter Clayton
Arahoe 1



Louis Court
New Lynn Rm1



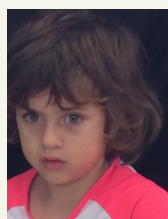
Kaixuan Chen
New Lynn Rm1



Gavin Amora
Avondale Int



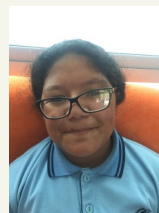
Jahaziel Dadah
Avondale Int



Jessica Mulgrew
Chaucer Rm 8



Jason Ta
Avondale Int



Janet Taufasia
Avondale Int



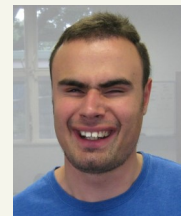
Ramona Ikenasio
Te Aratika 2



Prisha Narayan
Te Aratika 2



Antonia Beasley
Base Rm1



Joseph Taka
OakTEC

NEW STAFF



Hi my name is **Istvan Csata** and I am the new teacher at Base Room 1.

I studied law, philosophy and arts. I have been teaching for more than 25 years; worked as a museum educator, teacher at kindergarten, in primary, high school and also in tertiary education. Before coming to Oaklynn, I worked at Carlson School for Cerebral Palsy for nearly ten years. Presently I study a Masters degree programme at Whitecliffe College.

*Hi, my name is **Leanne Runney** and I come to Oaklynn from Arohanui Special School. I am an experienced Speech and Language Therapist. I am excited to be working with the students, staff and families/whanau at Oaklynn.*



Louise Macintosh is our new teacher at Arahoe 2



Kirsty Grant was previously our PE Specialist teacher working across the school. Kirsty will be teaching at , Te Aratika Rua,



Sian Pinchen returns to Oaklynn from Wairau Valley School. She is teaching in our Arahoe 1 satellite class.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Recently at the Board of Trustees meeting, Karen Burns was elected as Chairperson, taking over from Maria Schuster.

Karen has been working with Louise these last few weeks developing the Board policy framework.



Karen Burns
Oaklynn BOT Chair-

ATTENTION AUTISM

At the beginning of the year some of our Teachers and Speech Language Therapists attended the Gina Davies Attention Autism training. The programme aims to teach a number of skills to students with autism. The key skills are increasing attention, the ability to be and stay in a group and self-control. The programme is made up of four stages these being;

1. Bucket: Everyone **focuses** on the same thing chosen by the adult

2. Attention building: Students develop longer and **sustained attention** skills
3. Interactive game: Students learn to **shift attention**
4. Table top activities: Students focus, sustain, shift attention, **transition** and refocus. This programme provides great structure for teaching new topics, literacy and numeracy. It fits in well with existing programmes in the school such as TEACCH and Experience Sharing. Many of

our Teachers/SLTs are currently running the programme during the week and our students are really enjoying the sessions.

Attention Autism targets the teaching of attention, communication and social interaction skills - practical hands-on experience for participants and ideas for activities.

CLASSES AT ARAHOE

Due to the flash flood last month, our junior satellite classes at Arahoe were one of the unlucky classes to be flooded, and so we have had to relocate our students from both classes, to our other satellite classes at Te Ara Hou and Avondale Intermediate. Arahoe will be back up and running 1st May ready for the new term.

WARMTH AND CLEANSING NEW BUILDING

Over the holiday break the site works at base school are due to be completed. The new staffroom should be signed off ready for use by the staff for callback day during the holidays. A small number of staff attended a whakawatea cleansing and warming ceremony on Tuesday 11th April. Coffee and hot cross buns were enjoyed afterwards.

DATES FOR BOT MEETINGS TERM 2

Tuesday 16th May 10.00am to 12.00

Tuesday 27th June TTBA