



**PETERHEAD
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OF
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NEWSLETTER
TERM
ONE 2017**

Dear Parents / Caregivers

What a busy and successful term it has been with lots of great achievements! Academic, Technology and Sports. Come in and look at our **Wall of Fame** in the office some-time. This shows all the great things your kids have been doing this year.

We are very proud of our Peterhead students who always conduct themselves in a very polite and well behaved manner when out in the community competing at these events.

Whanau Hui This event was held to find out what you think we are doing well and what we could improve on. Prior to this, a list of questions were sent home. We had a good turnout of parents/caregivers who gave us some excellent feedback and at the same time enjoying a BBQ with other Whanau, BOT members & Staff.

Audit—The 2016 Audit is underway and should be ready for publication within the next couple of weeks. The school have sound financial management policies in place.

ERO(Education Review Office)

The ERO team have notified the school that they will review in Term 2

Meet the teacher evening

This went really well, and it was great to see so many Parents and kids there.

Religious Instruction in Class— Parents were asked via a survey as to whether they would like religious instruction to continue in class.

The vote was almost unanimous to continue this in the Senior Syndicate for 2017.

EOTC—Year 5/6 Beach Trip to Waimarama— The students, staff and parent helpers were stranded due to fires in the surrounding area.

Our Health and Safety policy worked very well.

The students were at no time anywhere near the fires.

Parents were kept well informed via phone, Facebook and a follow up letter was sent home.

School Charter/Strategic Plan/ Policies— These have been reviewed and some Policies updated. Most things were achieved in 2016. These are available at the office for you to view at any time .

Community of Learners (Col)

BOT members attended the Community of Learners (Flaxmere Schools new initiative) meeting. This gave a good representation on governance. This is the link from their Boards to ours.

Brenda Wainohu has been selected as the BOT representative who will attend monthly meetings and report back to us.

Staff Changes- We have had quite a few staff changes this year. Teachers, Mrs. Jen Roberts (Rm 8) and Mrs Cindy Harmer (Rm 21) and Ms Chrissy Wilson (RM) have all made good starts to their teaching positions at Peterhead.

Charlotte Manthel has moved to Wellington with her family

Viv Maher has taken over from Sue Geenty in the office. Sue was farewelled last year after 31 years at Peterhead School. Viv comes to us from Kenakena School in the Kapiti Coast and has settled in well. Sue Purdon (Teacher Aide) has been employed to work with some children in the school and is a great asset to Peterhead School.

Property—The school has had some maintenance work done over the Christmas holidays and is looking great. Come in and have a look around if you have time.

National Standards 2016

Below are the results which were submitted to the Ministry of Education.

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| Reading: | 64% | 4% increase |
| Writing: | 61% | 15% increase |
| Maths | 49% | 2% increase |

As you can see there are increases in all areas and we are working on getting these results increased even more . Teacher s are doing a lot of Professional Development in these areas

Our annual goal this year is to increase the number of Peterhead School students achieving at or above the National Standards for Writing by 19%

Have a great year everyone and please phone 8798570, email vmaher@peterhead.school.nz or pop in to the office if you have any inquiries.

Peleti Tuala-Fata, (Chair), Martin Genet (Principal) Amy Walford (Community Liaison), Dene Kire Property), Herman Ah Kiong (Health and Safety), Sally Rice (Staff Rep) Brenda Wainohu (Col Rep)