



Hello to Parents, Caregivers and Whanau of Room 9 Students,

My name is Brittany Bray. I come from a small town, Waihi Beach, at the bottom of the Coromandel Peninsula. I grew up on a farm walking distance from the beach and went to a primary school just like Riverhead so I know I will fit in and feel very comfortable here in these beautiful surroundings.

I currently live in Ponsonby where I enjoy central city living but my ultimate ambition is to settle down in the country.

Outside of school I enjoy all sorts of interests. Baking, cooking, tramping, swimming, reading and going to cultural events and places such as art galleries, museums and the theatre.

I cannot wait to meet and get to know you all and your children. I hope you will let me know of any special interests/needs/quirks your child has that I should know about.

As the term gets going and I am more settled in I would like to get parents in to help for certain things in the classroom. This is a big help for me and makes you more involved in school life. I will let you know as these occasions arise.

This term we are swimming, students will need to bring their togs and a towel every day. We are swimming as part of physical education Monday- Thursday and then most Fridays we will swim as part of the junior sports Rotation.

Harold the Giraffe, from the Life Education Caravan will be visiting us in Week 2 and 3. This is a compulsory part of your children's' health education and they provide an interesting and fun look at different aspects of Health education.

The Year 3s and 4s will be having a school camp this year that involves sleeping over and exploring Auckland Zoo. This will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

The topic for study this term is 'Who are we?' this encourages students to know themselves better and think about their preferences and things that make them special as a person.

The math's topic this term running along side the normal Numeracy programme is Measurement, this involves things such as capacity, length, mass, volume and temperature. A great activity to do at home with your children that teaches and reinforces most of these is cooking or baking.



Our reading programme will not be fully up and running until Week 3 so if you feel your child needs, or is wanting to read, encourage them to use the books you have on hand at home. Or it is free to join the local library, which has a good range of readers and other interest books. As always keep listening to your children read and they will make leaps and bounds.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful relaxing summer break.

Feel free to come and talk to me either before school or after the final bell if you have any issues or just want to get to know me better.

As mentioned in the newsletter there is a 'Meet the teacher', family picnic and swim evening happening Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm. This is an informal meeting so I can get to know you and explain how our class will run and answer any questions you may have.

To keep up to date with class goings-on make sure to glance at the 'Parent's Wall' inside the door of Room 9.

I look forward to meeting you all and hope to see you soon,

Brittany.

