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Greetings Everyone

It is with mixed feelings that I am writing my last ever newsletter introduction. Next week I retire after a 43 year career in education that has included 30 years as principal, with the last 17 years here at Morningside School.

I am truly grateful for the opportunities afforded me in leading Morningside School, and sincerely thank current and previous staff and trustees for the trust and support given to me in this role.

I am leaving behind a school that positively promotes student achievement and success, that cares for, supports and grows its staff professionally, that has excellent amenities and resources, and that is in an extremely strong financial position. I am taking away seventeen years of positive memories, friendships, and the knowledge that I have been privileged to have had the chance to influence the lives of a significant number of young people and staff alike, and to provide them with opportunities to grow and develop.

There are many achievements here that I am proud of, but the greatest of these is that everyone at Morningside School genuinely cares for and about each other. While this has been particularly evident during this challenging year, it is a long standing feature of Morningside School, and one that we all value highly.

We have three other staff leaving at the end of this year. Sharon Donaldson, one of our support staff is leaving after eight years and Sharyn Smith is also leaving us after seven years teaching. I take this opportunity to thank both for their contributions to the school during this time.

Sadly we also farewell the "face" of our school Briar Thomas after thirty years working in various roles here. Briar will be a tremendous loss to the school, and I wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Finally, I want to thank all parents and caregivers for your support of the school. Do enjoy a safe and happy holiday period, and remember... **spend some time reading with your children every day while school is closed.**

David Prchal  
Principal

## Dates to Remember

9th Dec - Kea Waitangi trips

10th Dec - Kakariki Waitangi trips

Fri 11th Dec - Roopu Rangatira Adrenalin Adventure Park

Fri 11th Dec - Junior and Middle FUNDAY

Tues 15th Dec - EOY Assemblies

Tues 15th Dec - 12 o'clock finish for the year

Hari Huritau Ki a Koe

Happy Birthday!!

These Children have all had a birthday!!



## Six Years

Kade Sylva, Lyra Farnham-Veza

## Seven Years

Charley-Jac Broughton, Liam Roberts, Berlin Blake, Amaia-Lee Rees, Mason Adams, Alamein Paniona

## Eight Years

Dylan Morrow, Ollie Fulton, Ryley Corkery, Lilah Smart, Keegan Bennett, Jordana Marr, Chase Macken

## Nine Years

Haylee Meloncelli, Kingston Arrol, Kowhai Phillips, Tipene Murupaenga, Taylor Warren, Cecil Oppert, Harmony Tepania-Mahanga

## Ten Years

Leila Ngere, Livvy Anderson, Seth Harlow

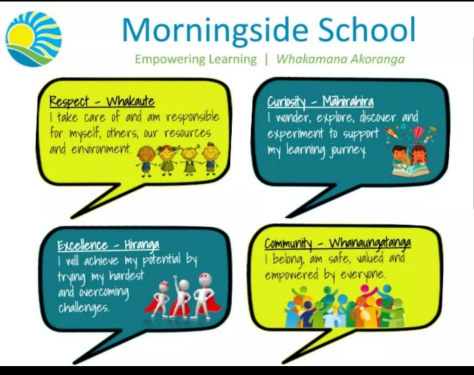
## Eleven Years

Hawaiki Connew, Nate Scherf

## School Values

With the holidays upon us this is the prime time to encourage our tamariki to continue with our school values outside of the classroom. Have a korero and discuss what these values are and what they mean to your tamariki, talk about how they can best show these in everyday life situations.

Congratulations to our PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning) School Values voucher winners for Term 4. They have each gone home with a \$20 Kmart voucher.



This term these vouchers go to Sidhey Pou, Madison Ward, Te Kaha Rikona and Kayla Batchelor



