

Kia ora Parents, Whanau, and Caregivers,

We have had another fantastic term at Benneydale School. As always, all the children continue to be such a credit to our school in whatever they do. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and care for our tamariki. Thank you too to all of you for your support throughout the term; the school community continues to be a real strength here in helping us meet student needs, reach our goals and continuously move forward.

There are a few highlights I would like to share before we break up for the holidays:

Talent quest: We had an amazing evening and the students all performed wonderfully. Congratulations to **Phoenix Te Huia-Bird** for winning the competition with her cover of Adele's One and only. The night was made even more special with the high turn-out of parents and whanau. It was great to see whanau support students even if they did not have a child enter. Next term we'll have a **'Stars in their Eyes'** competition where students have to lip sync and dance to a song by their favourite musician.

Music Festival: Our students were simply superb. I have had numerous community members ring in to praise our students on their performance. Our students are modelling our values and reaping the rewards of their hard work. We are all very proud of our choir and look forward to entering the Music Festival again. Here are a few comments...

"Benneydale was fantastic, they sang with pride and aroha. It reminded me of the choir from years ago" *Anne Fredricksen*

"Benneydale Students stole the show, they were amazing. All of my friends are raving about them" *Anna Price*

"The students were so talented and with only seven students they sounded like 30, well done Benneydale" *Lindsay Irving*

Attendance:

Congratulations to the Senior class for having the highest attendance rates this term. 70% of students met the 94% target. Our aim is to have all of our students reach this target for term 4.

Golden time:

Our students have earned 200 care cards this term therefor on Thursday they will have golden time from 11.00 - 12.30pm. Students have a **free mufti** and their choice of working with devices, baking, a battle zone competition, Art, outdoor games and entering the ultimate quiz. Well done to the Junior room for earning the most cards!

Basketball: We have a very dedicated team that continues to develop their skills and compete every Thursday in Te Kuiti. Their last game was very close with the final score being 28 - 36. Pio Pio were the victors of the day and "Player of the day" went to Anahera Packer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 3 - This week

28 September	Duffy Books Role model Assembly
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29 September	End of Term 3 Assembly at 2.15 pm
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Term 4

16 October	First day back at school
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23 October	LABOUR DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
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24 October	Pet day
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25 October	School Photos
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31 October	Benneydale students Gold Coin Halloween Disco (in the hall)
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02 November	Competition Prize: Free trip to Hamilton Zoo - whole school
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05 - 08 December	Camp Noho Marae stay
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19 December	School prizegiving 5.30 pm in the hall
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20 December	End of term School picnic Reports sent home
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Benneydale, Mangapehi & Pureora Panui

A get together will be held in the Benneydale Hall Saturday 3rd of February 2018 for those who live or have lived in the areas.

Registration - \$10.00 from 12 noon
Lunch 12.30 pm
Please bring a plate to be shared
Entertainment & Raffles
Dinner at 5.30 pm

Contact Keith & Nancy Timmo 07 8783303
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Farewell to Tonja Kemara	
<p>After working at Benneydale School for 2 years and 3 terms Ms Tonja Kemara will be resigning as our school's release teacher and Jamie Kirklands specialist teacher at the end of this term. We have all learned a lot from working with you this past year and want to take this moment to say thank you for your help and kindness. We wish you the best of luck and continued success wherever you may find yourself.</p> <p><i>Kaua e hoki i te waewae tūtuki, ā pā anō hei te ūpoko pakaru</i></p>	
Nga mihi and welcome to Graeme Plenderleith	
<p>We have been very fortunate to gain the expertise of Mr Graeme Plenderleith as our new teacher aide. He brings many years of educational expertise as an ex teacher. He will assist in the junior and middle rooms in the morning blocks and work with the seniors on a separate programme. Our students will continue to thrive with his wealth of knowledge and support.</p>	
<p>If you would like to have a notice in our newsletter please email it directly to me at principal@benneydale.school.nz.</p> <p>We hope you all have a great holiday with your whanau and we look forward to seeing you all again on the 16th of October.</p> <p>Nga mihi mahana Vanessa Te Huia</p>	
<p>This is what makes our school continue to move forward and be GREAT!</p> <p>COMMUNITY AROHA RESPECT EXCELLENCE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">↓</p>	

