



**Tena koutou katoa!**

**A very warm welcome to everyone at the start of another exciting year at Carterton School.**

This morning we welcomed 31 students and their whanau to our school at our **pōwhiri**. I was so proud of our returning students, who stepped up and made our new students feel very welcome with resounding waiata and haka. Thanks to Dallas Te Rangi for speaking so fluently for us, and recognising the special nature of our wonderful school. We hope everyone has a happy and successful time at our school.



*A special new person to our school this term is **Andrew Watson**. Andrew is the Room 13 teacher. Previously he has taught years 7, 8 & 9 in colleges, and is looking forward to teaching as part of a full primary school. Andrew has many talents, including art and sculpture. Please pop in to say hello to him if you are passing.*

In our office area we have said hello to **Lisa Birrell**. Lisa works 9.15am-1.15pm in the accounts office. Lisa has quickly come to grips with the way we run, and brings many business skills to the school. Lisa has a hazelnut and olive orchard at home. She will see you when you visit the office.

Belinda Pratt is working 8.15am-3.15pm in the front office from this week.

**You are always welcome!** There are a lot of events coming up soon when you can get to know your child's teacher and the other families in their class. Remember - you do not have to have an appointment to come and visit us - just come to the office to sign in and you can head off to class.

*Our student house leaders for 2018 have started their amazing journey into Year 8. There will be a wide range of leadership opportunities for all of our Team Kahikatea students this year.*



From Monday afternoon next week an **Education Review Office** team will be visiting school. The team members are Keith Alexander, Ruth Pritchard and Rod Webster. The team will be here until Thursday morning. We will be holding a powhiri for them at about 1.30pm Monday – all members of our school community are invited to join us. We are looking forward to sharing school developments over the past few years, and looking forward to the future.

**Forms coming home tomorrow with your child:**

Tomorrow some hard copies of forms will be coming home with your child.

These include our *Short Trips* form, permission for *Milk in Schools* Form and *Digital Technology Agreement*. These forms will need to be signed and returned to school by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Also coming home will be copies for you to keep of our **Behaviour Management system**, and an updated lunch order list from Café Istanbul.

Lunches can be ordered at the school office on Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday (starting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February). Please put the correct change in an envelope with the following details on the outside: Students name, classroom, lunch order details.

These need to be in the box on the office counter **by 8.55am**



Laucia led our pōwhiri this morning. She was amazing!



One of our new students and her family on her first day of school