



Hunua School

Strive For Success

7th February 2018

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Kia Ora! Welcome back to a new year at Hunua.

My name is Phil Greene and I am so looking forward to joining the Hunua School community.

I returned to New Zealand from England in August after working for just over a year in two UK primary schools in Surrey, which is where I hail from. Since my return I have been teaching in the Waikato region supporting a group of Y3 – Y5 students in a rural location.

Before this I worked as a Year 3 – Year 6 teacher at Huapai District School for 7 years after emigrating from the UK, after teaching for 11 years in a variety of locations, which included London, Dorset and Surrey. My specialism throughout this time has been physical education.

My passion is sport and I took every opportunity I could to compete for my school, club, district and county. My aim is to pass on my passion for all sports to any whom I come into contact with at school, because it has made me a 'richer' person for experiencing all that I have.

For your information, like many practitioners, I believe in your child doing some form of home learning every week. I feel the children should read regularly to an adult and discuss the meaning of unfamiliar words to build a stronger and deeper understanding of the texts they are reading. Equally, it is important for all children, especially those who spell phonetically, to practise spelling essential and commonly misspelt words regularly. Also, practising basic facts builds their confidence in the understanding of number, which underpins the numeracy curriculum.

I would also like to take this opportunity to explain some of the rewards that I have introduced to Room 7 to reinforce and praise the positive. Each day a child is chosen to take home 'Kiwi' and an accompanying book. The book is for the children to record what they did with 'Kiwi' that evening. It can be in the form of writing, pictures or photographs. It is very much up to the child who is awarded 'Kiwi' on that day.

For your information I always operate a 'collaborative and open' approach and always encourage support to enrich the learning experiences of your child. If you ever have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting me in person, by phone or email. My school email address is pgreene@hunua.school.co.nz.

So that leaves me to say that I feel so privileged and blessed being given this opportunity of working with your children in Year 3. I know we will all grow as learners in my time at Hunua School and look forward to working with each and everyone.

I will always look, for us all, that we work together in achieving the common goal of supporting your child into becoming a *'happy and successful learner.'*

Have a great week.

Warmest regards
Phil Greene