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## WEEK 2: Term 1

**Kia orana, Greetings, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Tēnā koutou, Bula Vinaka**

Welcome back to school for 2017.

I am very excited to begin my Principalship at Orere Primary School. I have had a wonderful welcome by the Board of Trustees, Teachers and children. I look forward to meeting all of the families/whanau throughout the term.

I have come from a very large city school where I was responsible for 280 children and 13 staff in the Year 3/4 area of the school. I have been teaching for 16 years and have extensive experience in Teaching as Inquiry, Environmental Education, Visual Arts and Assessment for Learning.

As a staff this year we will be focusing on Teaching as Inquiry to improve our teaching practice and implementing PR1ME Mathematics school wide. We will continue to focus on improving Writing in the school, which was a target in 2016.

Leadership is an important part of learning and growing at Orere Primary School and we will continue to provide opportunities to build and practise leadership skills.

While I am available at all times, my classroom release time is 9.00-11.00 am daily, should you wish to see me.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Kerry Forse



**Afterschool**

Please remember that the office is unmanned from 1.15pm onwards as we are in classrooms teaching. We would appreciate you contacting the office **before 1pm** if there are changes to children's afterschool plans unless it is an emergency. If you have an emergency, you can ring the school on the mobile number. (Please note the new mobile number - top left corner)

# **School Calendar - Key Dates to Remember**

- 17 February 2016**  
Paparimu Junior Swimming Sports and Tabloids day is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February
  
- 20 February 2017**  
Friends of the School- **Gala** will be held Easter weekend Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April. We will be having a meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm to plan for this event. Everyone welcome!
  
- 23 February 2016**  
Ararimu Senior Swimming Sports and Tabloids day is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February
  
- 24 February 2016**  
Assembly will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 1:40pm. We would love to see as many parent there as possible.
  
- 21 February 2016**  
The first tech day was on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and the next one will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please remember the correct footwear for safety. All students are required to wear a sunhat when outdoors for Terms 1 and 4. The bus leaves Orere School promptly at 8:15am. Please remember payment for tech classes.
  
- 23 February 2016**  
The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.30pm in the school staff room. Minutes of the meetings are kept in the school foyer should you wish to read them.
  
- 28 February and 1 March 2016**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March will be Child-Parent-Teacher meetings. Please make sure you have received your notice and returned it to ensure you have a time booked.**