

Dear Parents

Welcome to Room 17! I look forward to working with you and developing our lifelong learners. I have been teaching for over 15 years and have taught a variety of year levels. With my experience, I am **excited** to be back with Year 2 and 3.

My husband, Jason and I have 2 children at **Torbay School** (Neve - Year 3 and James - Year 5). We live in Browns Bay and you will often find us walking our miniature schnauzer on the beach OR riding my bike very early in the morning. We had a great summer even though our tent was knocked around with the wind and rain! Our children received bikes for Christmas so we have spent many days exploring bike trails and the new city loop.

We had a **great day** today getting to know each other and hearing all about the holidays. Over the next few weeks we will enjoy getting to know each other, setting expectations and routines.

Classrooms open from 8:30 am. If your child arrives earlier than this, they must wait outside Room 17. School starts at 8:55. Your child needs to be at school before the 8:55 bell - this will give them enough time to get themselves prepared for the day ahead. If your child is going to be late or sick, please phone the school office and leave a message. After school, children are not allowed on the playgrounds without adult supervision.

Independence is extremely important. You can help by letting them know it is their job to remember notes, homework, books, swimming gear etc. Some children may need guidance to make this a habit but ultimately remind them that it is their job! This also includes getting to school on time to put their books away, hand in notices, put their chair down and sharpen their pencil etc.

For the next 4 weeks we will be swimming on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please provide named swimming togs and towel in a swimming bag/ plastic bag.

Our **class blog** is: <http://2016torbay17sk.blogspot.co.nz/> Please check it out from time to time and make a comment or two! Students really appreciate your feedback and comments. For our class reading, My email address is below, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lastly, I look forward to meeting with you all at **Our Meet the Teacher Picnic** on the 12th February 5:00-7:30pm

Thank you

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