



## Welcome to Room 16 and 17

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and to let you know some important information for the year ahead.

Room 16 and 17 work collaboratively, which means that our classroom is one learning area divided into learning zones. We teach smaller groups of students in workshops and plan more activities for each session. This means your child will have more quality teaching time with a teacher even though there are a combined number of students within this learning environment. We have quieter zones for children who prefer to work independently too. We will endeavour to share some of our learning through the Seesaw app which gives you an added insight into your child's day.

We look forward to meeting with you on **Wednesday 27th Feb or Thursday 28th February at our parent/teacher meeting** where you can also explore our learning environment.

Jill Garton (R16) and Claire Garnett and Nicolette Land (R17) share the teaching through the week. We have an open door policy and believe communication is important for the parents, teachers and students. You can pop in to class before or after school or email us at [jillg@mairangibayschool.co.nz](mailto:jillg@mairangibayschool.co.nz) [claireg@mairangibay.school.nz](mailto:claireg@mairangibay.school.nz) or [nicolettel@mairangibay.school.nz](mailto:nicolettel@mairangibay.school.nz)

Please be aware we have teacher meetings after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please remember to check your child's little red notebook regarding home learning, more information on this later or via seesaw.

Some information about us-

Claire Garnett- I am originally from England but after 14 years, I now call NZ home. I live locally and have 2 children. My son is currently at the school in the middle team. I have taught year 3/4 for 10 years now and love this age group. I have also taught year 1 and year 5. I have been at Mairangi Bay School for nearly 2 years. Previously I have taught at Milford School and 2 other schools on the Shore. I have a passion for making learning interactive and exploring all that ICT has to offer.

Nicolette Land - I have lived in New Zealand since October 2013 with my husband and 3 teenage daughters. I started teaching in The Netherlands and continued my teaching career at Campbells Bay Primary School and since January 2018 at Mairangi Bay School. I have a passion for languages, like to travel the world, and love to share my knowledge with the students.

Jill Garton - I have taught at Mairangi Bay School since the beginning of Term 3, 2014 - starting in the Junior Team, then moving to the Middle Team in 2015. I am New Zealand born, married to Maurie, with 3 adult children.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and look forward to a rewarding and exciting year ahead.

Kind regards

Claire Garnett, Jill Garton and Nicolette Land