



15 February 2022

Kia ora whānau,

I hope you and your families have all settled back into school routines and getting your children to sleep at a decent hour at night isn't too painful! In our family we have definitely enjoyed the cooler temperatures following the storm on Saturday night.

It feels like an incredibly successful start back at school from our perspective. Students and staff are settling in, working hard and making great choices both in and out of the classroom! I am so proud of ALL of our students, by how well they have adjusted to the different covid expectations this year – those who are wearing masks are doing so well, wearing them correctly, and ensuring they are put away when it is break time. THANK YOU ALL! The Ministry of Education have supplied staff with masks, which means we have some surplus if any students forget theirs! 😊😊😊

NEW WHĀNAU

At our Mihi whakatau we welcomed Miss Nicole Yates who is a trainee teacher from Auckland University. She will be working in Māhuri throughout the year and is already proving to be an absolute asset to our school.

We also welcomed Harper Fletcher who turned 5 over the Christmas holidays and Acacia Laloni who has moved to Arapohue with her whānau.

MANGAWHAI BEACH TRIP

On Friday 25th February (next week!) we will be going to Mangawhai for the day to participate in the Beach Education Programme put on by Surf Life Saving NZ. Students will need to be at school by 8am – the bus will leave at 8:15. Parents will need to deliver students to school and pick them up again at 4pm. We need the slip attached filled out and returned to school by Friday. Thanks to those parents who have already been in contact to say they are available to help – please also fill out your details on the form.

We had hoped for Māhuri to be able to camp at school the night before our beach trip, however after looking at our Risk Analysis and Covid Protection Framework we have decided we are unable to do the camp at this stage. We will revisit this again in Term 4.

GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES

A reminder that we have booked in Goal Setting Conferences for Tuesday 29th Feb. This is a good opportunity for us to sit down with you and share your child's goals and to also hear from you and areas you would like us to focus on. School will finish at 12:30 on this day. Children will need to be picked up. A booking sheet is attached to this form, and we would love the chance to connect with ALL parents. If you come on school site you will need to wear masks, we are also happy to make an appointment to connect via Zoom or phone if you would prefer.



OUR COVID RESPONSE

As numbers continue to rise across the country we ask you to be vigilant and keep your children at home if they are sick. If they are exhibiting 'covid systems' we would encourage you to get them tested before they return to school



STATIONERY

On Monday your child/ren should have received invoices for stationery if this hasn't already been paid. Please ring Rochelle in the office if you would like to arrange to pay this off.

ALL students who have paid for theirs by Friday 25th will go into a draw to win the cost of their stationery back.

POOL

YAY – the pool is finally open – that was a LONG, HOT two weeks without it. Please make sure your child comes prepared with TOGS to swim in – not their clothes, long hair needs to be tied up.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

Don't forget to follow our school facebook page to get regular updates on school happenings and see regular photos of what your child/ren are getting up to during the week.

M.A.C CLUBS

Due to very limited numbers of people able to support with MAC clubs this term we have made the decision to put them off for this term. Jacqui Hart is keen and available to teach a small group of students ukulele, starting Tuesday 22nd and running for the term. This will cost \$10 Koha and is available for students Yr5-Yr8. Please send money to the office. We only have spaces for 5 students.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Kia ora whānau, it's great to be back and in the swing of term 1, 2022. Myself and my family had a wonderful rest over the summer holiday, spending much of it in our vege garden and at the beach. (I even caught a fish on my birthday!)

I have to tell you all how impressed I am with your tamariki and how well they have settled back in to school. I am really looking forward to the shared projects and adventures we have planned and hope with all my heart that we have as few disruptions as possible. Wishing you all well.

Naku noa na,
Whaea Sarah

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora from Māhuri. We are only three weeks into the term, but it feels like we're getting back into the swing of things already. This year we have sixteen year 4 to 6 students and eight yr 7 and 8s who rejoin Māhuri after maths. We are lucky to have Nicole Yates, an awesome student teacher, observing and practicing teaching for



several weeks throughout the year. She has already become one of us. As usual we have started the year with some testing and look forward to goal setting conferences in week 5. This year Māhuri will be focussing more on current events, and students will be expected to take turns sharing current news stories. All of the students were very excited about starting our swimming program this week, and have been offered the option to leave togs and towel at school drying, if that is easier for them to manage. There are a number of events to look forward to this term; such as visits to gardens, as part of our Te Wa project. I look forward to catching up with each and every one of you at some point throughout the term. Please feel free to get in touch with me if you need to.

Lyn Jackson



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Hi all. Being in 'the hot seat' certainly is a busy and varied role! I have loved being back with the students and am enjoying the challenge of learning another whole aspect of the school with much more to come. We have such an amazing school community and I am thankful to be a part of it.

Mrs Cleary

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper

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2022 Term 1 - Some Dates to Remember

Thursday	every week	Tech starts for our Yr 7/8s – they need covered shoes on these days.
Thursday	17 Feb	BOT meeting – staffroom at 6:30
Friday	25 Feb	WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP – Beach Education @ Mangawhai Students need to be at school at 8am and will return by 4pm
Tuesday	1 March	8.45am - Whole school trip to Dargaville Gardens
	1 March	Goal Setting conferences – school finishes at 12:30. (TBC)
Thur/Fri	3-4 March	tbc – Year 7/8 Sailing at Kai Iwi Lakes
Tuesday	15 March	Whole school trip to Whangarei Quarry (more info to come)



Newsletter Preference

We are in the process of updating our mailing list – please help us by confirming your preferred method of receiving our school newsletters below.

Online email address: _____

Paper Copy

Mangawhai Trip

+ I give permission for _____ to travel by bus on our **MANGAWHAI TRIP on 25 February**.

+ I understand they will need to be **at school at 8am and picked up at 4pm**

+ Children will need: Togs, Towel, (Wetsuit & Lifejacket if they have them), Sunblock, Shoes, Hat, Jacket, lunch?

- Parent Help:**
- I am able/unable to help on the day
 - I will be travelling on the bus / in my own vehicle
 - I will be active in the water with the children Y/N
 - I will carry my Covid Vaccine Pass Y

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Contact phone number _____

Goal Setting

Name: _____ In Person Zoom Phone
(Please circle preferred meeting method)

Child Name: _____

Preferred Time: 1-2pm 2-3pm 3-4pm 4-5pm 6-7pm 7-8pm (Please circle)

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