



Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

TE WAIORA O RONA - JUNE UPDATE

Friday 16th June 2023

REMINDER - WHĀNAU HUI VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE AT 7PM

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Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua,

Welcome back to our Te Waiora o Rona (Health & Wellbeing Initiative) pānui with an update on all aspects that we are currently focusing on but before we delve into that, there are a couple of concerns that we need to bring to your attention:

1. **Winter Wellness** - As winter approaches we encourage students to stay warm, to stay well so they can continue to come to school. The school jackets are warm, water resistant and are available for purchase from the office for \$15 each. We have also designed a new beanie and these are currently on pre-order for \$25 at the office. We expect them to be delivered to us within the next week or two. In addition to these extra layers of warmth we have hand sanitizer available all over the school and we disinfect the high use spaces regularly. We will also have masks available and encourage students and staff to use them so we are keeping our germs to ourselves or protecting ourselves from others germs. The other item of clothing we highly recommend is an undershirt or singlet to keep their chests warm. We also have KidsCan shoes available if your child needs them. They will be provided with a pair of shoes and socks to help keep them dry, warm and well. All we ask is that you get them to come to the office where they will be fitted and when they get home can you check that their shoes have been named.
2. **Gastro Bug** - There is a tummy bug doing the rounds again which takes the form of diarrhea and/or vomiting. If your child complains of any of these symptoms please keep them home as this is very contagious and we want to avoid an outbreak here at school. In saying that, as soon as they are well again it is important that they return straight away as every day of learning counts.
3. **Strep Throat** - As you may be aware, our Turuki Health Care Worker has been doing the class checks which includes throat swabs and it has come back that we have found 14 positive cases this term and 9 cases last term. So, it's really important that if you are notified that your child has strep that you follow the prescribed dose of antibiotics to the letter so that it can be eradicated and not evolve into Rheumatic Fever which affects the heart.
4. **Immunisation** - You may have heard that there has been a little outbreak of meningitis in the lower North Island so we ask that if your child has had any further immunisations since your provided their certificate when they first enrolled - could you please send us an updated copy so we can update our records to accurately response to a possible case in Auckland.

Current Progress

There are a number of foci for Te Waiora o Rona at present and they include:

☞ **Dental Checks & Treatment**

All Year 9 - 13 students have had their dental checks and we are down to the last 5 having treatment. The ARDS Dental Bus is still here continuing to do the checks and treatment for our Year 1 - 8 students. They will remain onsite for the rest of the term or until such time as they have seen and treated all students who have provided consent. If your child is given a treatment consent form please sign and return it the following day as not to hold up the process please.

☞ **Vision Checks**

Every consented child from Year 1 - 13 has been checked and it showed that over 30 of our students needed the more indepth testing done and could possibly need to have glasses. To date the second

tests and glasses have been issued to 5 of our students. The rest will hopefully be seen next term but once again, if additional consent is required, it is extremely important that you sign and return the forms straight away as not to miss out. The Vision Bus team is already booked out for the rest of the year and are trying to squeeze our kids in as they find time so please help them, help your child/ren.

☞ **Hine o te Kura Īkura Symposium**

This is taking place at the Due Drop in Manukau next Tuesday 20th June for our Year 7 - 13 girls. All attendees will receive a "take home pack" and selections have already been made. Once again, please get the permission slip signed and returned on Monday so the buses etc can be booked.

☞ **Health Promotion**

We have been in touch with Family Planning to discuss having a Health Promoter come and speak to our students regarding overall health and sexual health that is age appropriate. We will be in touch with whānau at a later date once we know more but, in the meantime, if your child over the age of 14 indicates they need support we will endeavour to provide them with that assistance to keep them safe and well.

☞ **Holiday Home Packs**

We will be making up packs for students to take home at the end of this term. These will be age appropriate and may include items such as Kutu Shampoo & Combs, Sanitary Products, Masks, Gloves and anything else we may be provided by external organisations. All we ask is that ALL whānau do a kutu check and treatment (if required) 1-2 weeks before the end of the holidays and not wait until the night before as there may be some stubborn kutu that are missed. Our aim is to avoid an outbreak during winter when they like jumping from warm head to warm head.

☞ **Additional services support from Turuki Health**

We are awaiting confirmation of the start date but we have negotiated with Turuki Health to have a GP, Ear clinic and COPD nurse specialist come to our Kura and hold sessions for students and whānau needed support. Our belief is that well parents, grandparents, guardians means that we have well children and in turn have active learners in our classrooms. So we are excited to be able to work alongside Turuki Health to provide this opportunity. More information regarding this and the booking process will be made available once we have dates locked in.

☞ **Nurse search**

We will be placing an advertisement for a nurse to start here in the new term or as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity for someone who has children and may want the holidays free or for someone who may like to contract themselves out during the holidays when they aren't required to be here. If you know someone please reach out to us and we can arrange a meeting to discuss the position.

☞ **SWiS support**

We have a Social Worker from Mangere East Family Services who is based in our Kura on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bonny is available to meet with whānau and see if there is any support available either through government agencies or other organisations to assist where needed. We highly recommend that whānau consider booking a time with Bonny to discuss your current situation and provide him an opportunity to see how he and/or his colleagues are able to support you. If you are interested in meeting with Bonny please contact Leanne Gardiner at reception to request a meeting time. She can be reached at the office on Ph: 09 551 6161 or via lgardiner@ngatapuwaeschool.nz

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office on Ph: 551 6161 or via info@ngatapuwaeschool.nz

Noho ora mai,


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