



Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

TERM 1 INFORMATION Friday 28th January 2022

Tēnā koutou e ngā mātua,

Tangihia ngā mate kua huri ki tua o te ārai ki te māhaki nui o Rēhua, haere koutou, haere koutou. Ka whakahōnoretia a Te Arikinui Kīngi Tūheitia me te Kāhui Ariki nui tonu Paimārire! Ka hoki mai ki a tātou te hunga ora - Tihei Mauri Ora!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā whānau o te kura kua whakatau i tā mātou reo rāhiri, kia hokihoki mai ki roto i te āhurutanga o Ngā Tapuwae ako ai. Nau mai, hoki mai, haere mai rā.

Welcome to the 2022 scholastic year. I would like to acknowledge all our students who were as excited as the staff were to be back after 5 long months away from each other and our beloved Kura. We would like to congratulate and thank all of the students who returned this week and enjoyed their 'Tiaki Taiao' time which also gave them an opportunity to enjoy the fresh air and restore our gardens whilst learning new skills. We have had an awesome week with your children and look forward to this continuing as the term and year progresses.

Academic Success

I am pleased to inform you that our 2021 NCEA results are as follows:

- 👏 NCEA Level 3 = 100%
- 👏 NCEA Level 2 = 98%
- 👏 NCEA Level 1 = 98%
- 👏 Merit or Excellence Endorsements Levels 1 - 3 = 57%

Considering we were in lockdown for 4 months and the average attendance in our online classes was only 35% - these are amazing results. However, we always strive for excellence so ask you as parents to be supportive of your children by ensuring they are staying on task and meeting all deadlines throughout the year as we never know what the future may bring. I saw the teachers go well above and beyond the call of duty during the last 6 weeks of school to help get some students across the line. This saw them forfeit evenings, weekends and their family time to provide extra opportunities for some of our students to get the necessary credits because they hadn't prioritised their learning early in the year or throughout the timetabled lockdown classes. We treat your children as our own, so our staff moved mountains for them but in order to keep our teachers well we need your child and you as a whanau to prioritise learning and set tasks throughout the year.

As research has shown: "The most supported children are the most successful students." So, let's all kick in and support our tamariki be one of positive statistics indicated above. Inā te mahi he Rangatira!

Covid Restrictions & School Access

As you are aware, the health and safety framework mandated by the Government that we need to follow is constantly evolving. As such, the Board of Trustees would like to confirm that these procedures must be followed by all students, whānau and visitors:

- 👤 All students in Year 4 and above must wear a face mask.
- 👤 As of Friday 4th February, masks will also be mandated on our school buses as well as all forms of public transport.
- 👤 Only students and staff may enter beyond the student access gate next to the office.
- 👤 Therefore, say bye to your children at the car to avoid any angst felt by them as you are unable to walk them to class
- 👤 Any parents, whānau or visitors wanting to enter the office must produce a vaccination passport or wait outside the office door and someone will pop out to assist you.
- 👤 Please note that we intend on maintaining onsite learning for as long as safely possible. As such, we won't have an alternative distance learning programme in place unless we are instructed to go into lockdown. If your child/whānau is placed in isolation the following will occur:
 - Yr 1 - 6: A teacher from Hiaroa/Hoturoa will be allocated to teach an online numeracy and literacy programme and opportunities to remotely join Wā Waiata/Whānau Hui will be available where possible.
 - Yr 7 - 13: A webcam via Teams will be set-up in your child's normal timetabled classes so they can remotely join and observe the lesson being taught onsite to their peers.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping our students, staff and whānau as safe as possible by following the health and safety processes we have in place based on government mandated protocols.

Whānau Hui

The Board of Trustees would like to hold our first **Whānau Hui via zoom next Wednesday 2nd February at 7pm**. It is imperative that all parents/caregivers join our online meeting. The link details are as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84061173691?pwd=Ry9aV01SOWdGSINQbEJwUINyQVV5UT09>

Meeting ID: 840 6117 3691

Passcode: 302252

All Year 11 - 13 students and whānau remain on the zoom link for a special senior meeting with me from 8pm - 8:30pm. This is an extremely important meeting so please prioritise this time.

Walking, Buses, Bikes, Scooters & Cars

Here are some reminders for all modes of transport and what you and your child need to know:

- 👤 If your child rides a bike or scooter to school they must wear a helmet. The need to park their mode of transportation in the bike stands just outside the student access gate

- 👤 If your child comes from the Town Centre end of Buckland Road please remind them to cross the road at the traffic lights to stay safe as we have had children hit by cars when crossing near our driveway.
- 👤 If your child has a restricted/full drivers licence and has your permission to drive to school they must park in the back carpark where the gate will be locked from 8:30am until the end of the school day. They must not transport any other students unless they provide written permission from you and the other child's parent to me.
- 👤 If your child catches one of the school buses you will need to stay paid up at least 2 weeks in advance or you will be contacted and your child will be unable to continue on the bus. The buses already cost the school a lot of money as we want to help subsidise costs for whānau but this must not be taken advantage of so please keep up to date!

Uniform

As you are aware, students must be in summer uniform which means they cannot wear long pants, shoes or socks. They must only wear shorts/skirts and sandals. If you need financial assistance there are a number of community organisations who could help in addition to WINZ for those who are eligible.

Term Dates

This is a friendly reminder that we are following the Maramataka from this year onward, so our term dates are as follows:

TERM 1: Monday 24th January to Thursday 14th April (*Good Friday plus 2 weeks holiday*)

TERM 2: Monday 2nd May to Thursday 23rd June (*Matariki Public Holiday on Fri 24th June & 4 wks holiday*)

TERM 3: Monday 25th July to Friday 30th September (*2 weeks holiday*)

TERM 4: Monday 17th October to Wednesday 14th December

Student Information Update Sheet

Considering recent events, we want to get the most up to date information for our students, their parents/caregivers/guardians as well as additional emergency contact details. Therefore, could you please complete the form attached and return it to your child's Whare Ako teacher by Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office on the number above.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Arihia Stirling
Principal





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STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Students Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Number: _____ Cellphone Number: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Mum/Caregiver 1 Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Cellphone Number: _____

Email: _____

Dad/Caregiver 2 Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Cellphone Number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact (NOT Parents/Caregivers)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Cellphone Number: _____