



Tirimoana School Newsletter

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He aha te aha? What's on top? - with Mr Kaiser.

Kia ora e te whanau / Greetings Parents

Here we go again! We are now in our second day of lockdown at COVID Level 4 as Auckland and the whole country grapples with the community outbreak of the Delta variant. This lockdown at Level 4 may continue for longer than the initial plan of 7 days.

Yesterday our teachers and staff spent time at home, with their families, and adjusting to the new reality. As soon as they feel ready, they will contact your households to re-connect for distance teaching and home learning. I have advised our teachers to check in with families to see what capacity you have for your children to learn from home, and how much support and teaching you think will suit your household best.

School is closed for everyone. This includes for children of essential workers and for all staff.

Learning From Home

All our teachers will commence providing teaching lessons, sharing ideas for parents to do with their children at home, and online learning platforms for your children. This will look different across Year levels. Our seniors in Year 5&6 can mostly manage more learning from home than our children in Year 0&1.

We also know that the day at home is long, and that teachers may only supply learning for part of the day. Young children need lots of downtime and play.

We also know from last year that not every household has devices that children can readily use for their learning, and that in many households several children may have to share one device such as an ipad, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer.

Next week we will plan for loaning devices such as chromebooks and ipads to households that most need one. The Ministry of Education is working on protocols for this that do not infringe upon Level 4 lockdown requirements. Teachers, including myself, are not yet allowed to be on-site at school during Level 4. School is closed for everyone at Level 4.

You can expect that your child's teacher will make contact as soon as possible.



I also remind parents that educational TV is screening with TV On-demand.

Avondale College

I am aware that some families in our school community have connections with Avondale College, either as staff or with older children attending there. This will be a concern to many. All staff and students from Avondale College are required to self-isolate at home and to get a COVID test if they show any symptoms.

General Government Advice

The Delta variant of COVID 19 is much more easily spread than other variants. It has entered New Zealand from Sydney/New South Wales, and we can expect that based on their experience, we will have many more cases in the coming days, and that younger adults are more likely to have spread the virus because of their social mobility. The situation for Auckland is serious.

Stay within your own bubble

All New Zealanders are required to stay at home in their own 'bubble' and only to leave homes for essential shopping at supermarkets, dairies, petrol stations and pharmacies.

Wear a Face Mask

Everyone is required to wear a mask when out in public and to keep social distancing.



Locations of Interest

Anyone who has visited any of the locations of interest in Auckland or Coromandel must self-isolate and get a COVID test if unwell.

Healthline

If you are concerned that you have symptoms call Healthline 0800 358 5453 about advice to get a test.

5 Year-old Children Due to Start School

If your 5 year-old child is due to start school next week, then Mrs Hammond will contact you personally. We can enrol children remotely and can connect them to a class and teacher.

Nga mihi

*Keep safe and well in your bubble. Collectively we can all do our bit to support the Team of 5 Million.
Peter Kaiser*



**Kia ora and
Welcome to Tirimoana School**

**NAU MAI
HAERE MAI**

Year 0
Sonny Uon
Jessica Liu

Year 1
Desmond Tarati

Our Tiri CARE Values can continue at home



Our school CARE values are something we can all think about and act on at home during the lockdown.

Compassion (showing kindness to adults, brothers and sisters at home)

Acting Responsibly (Being helpful at home for adults)

Respect (showing respect to adults at home and understanding we all have to respect the instructions from the Government and from our Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern)

Effort (trying really hard to be sensible, helpful and to work hard with learning at home).

This week we suggest all families talk with their children about the CARE values at home. Talk together as a family about how each child can show our CARE values.

Developing Learning Routines at home: tips & reminders



- If you or your child does not understand the learning.....please don't stress. If the activity is becoming stressful to you or your child take a break. Feel free to contact your teacher.
- Set learning activities and routines that suit you and your family. We do not expect all the activities provided to be completed OR want children staring at devices from 9am-3pm.
- Any activity is a learning activity 😊
 - Keep It Simple
 - Keep It Manageable
 - Keep It Stress free and FUN!!!

Example of possible Daily Schedule (shared by Ministry of Education)

Daily Schedule

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put any dirty clothes in the laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog, bike ride, Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or Sudoku, books, flash cards, study guide, journal etc
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, magnatiles, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake etc.
12:00 pm	Lunch :)	
12:30	Helping at home	# wipe all kitchen tables and chairs # wipe all door handles, light switches and desk tops # wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap, radio NZ stories
2:30-4:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or iPad games, Prodigy, Educational show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner :)	
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kids shower time
8:00	Bedtime	All kids
9:00pm	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight

**Adapted from a resource developed by Jessica McHale Photography*

What's coming up in Term 3 2021?



Sometimes dates change that are out of our control – if this happens, we will let you know as soon as possible

Assembly: Fridays 2.00pm - Note change of time 🕒

Week 4

Thursday 19 August	Alert Level 4		School is closed
Friday 20 August	Alert Level 4		School is closed

Week 5

Monday 23 August	Alert Level 4		School is closed
Tuesday 24 August	Alert Level 4		School is closed
Wednesday 25 August			
Thursday 26 August	Year 6 classes to Whau Roberts Road Reserve		
Friday 27 August	Daffodil Day		

Week 6

Monday 30 August			
Tuesday 31 August	Netball Zonal		
	Year 2 (Rms 4 and 6) to Waitakere Refuse and Recycling Station		
Wednesday 1 September	Year 2 (Rms 5 and 7) to Waitakere Refuse and Recycling Station		
Thursday 2 September			
Friday 3 September			
			Happy Fathers Day

Key dates coming up in Term 3

Monday 6 September	Year 5 Cycle training 2x Year 6 classes going to Orangihina Reserve (Wai Care Science)		
Tuesday 7 September	Year 5 Cycle training		
Wednesday 8 September	Year 5 Cycle training		
	2 x Year 6 classes going to Orangihina Reserve (Wai Care Science)		
13- 17 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2021		
Tuesday 14 September	Basketball Zonal		
Wed 22/Thurs 23 September	Science Expo in the hall		

Friday 1 October

Last day of term 3

**** Hockey Zonal will now be in term 4****

Nga mihi
Peter Kaiser
Principal

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