



# Tirimoana School Newsletter

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Friday 19 November 2021

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

## Kia ora koutou e te whānau - Greetings Parents



Our school re-opened for face-to-face learning for children this week on Wednesday 17 November. We know that all round us schools have re-opened, and that the approach taken by schools varies according to their local requirements.

Our approach has been as follows:

- Put in place all the health mitigation strategies that the Ministry of Education and Public Health require.
- Keep everyone as safe as possible.
- Focus on the specific characteristics of our school site.
- Keep the plan simple and clear for parents, staff, and children.
- Provide for some home learning for those that choose to say home.

In our school we have around 50% of children back learning face-to-face. Each day the numbers slightly fluctuate, up and down.

Please note, we aim to serve our students and the community. So, if you require some personalised plans for your child, please let us know. For those that want near fulltime attendance, we can provide this. Others might just want occasional days or even just mornings. We can be flexible around your needs and preferences.

I especially want to acknowledge and welcome our newest, youngest students, many of whom formally started school in lockdown but until Wednesday had not actually been on site.

It has been a delight to reconnect with so many children, seeing how much many have grown over the last 3 months!

## Parents and Visitors on site

There has been a lot of discussion in the media about parents on site at school. All the Te Atatu schools have the same approach. We recommend parents do not come on site unless you have a specific request or appointment. When you do, please wear a mask, and scan the QR code with your phone. Please do not enter buildings other than the office unless invited to. We advise you drop your child off at the gate and let them walk independently into school. We have staff monitoring the gates to answer any questions and to assist children that need support to walk to class.



## Children leaving at the end of the year

Please notify the school office if you are planning a move that means your child will not be returning to Tirimoana School next year. This helps us plan our class lists and numbers for 2022.

# SCHOOL UNIFORMS

## School Uniforms

Our supply of size 4 and 6 school uniforms and school caps have arrived.

Please phone the office on 83 89 737 to arrange a time to get your uniform items.

## 2022 class lists and End of Year Reports

Next year most classes will move into the next year level with just minor changes. We will notify parents of which class and teacher that your child will have on the End of Year Report. This year we plan to email Reports home to parents. You may also request a paper copy. The End of Year Report is written to reflect that, children have not been able to attend school physically for most of the second half of the year.



## New Enrolments

Please make sure you notify the school office urgently if you have a new 5-year-old planning to enrol in 2022. This is important for us for planning classes. Please ring Jenny in the office or email Mrs Hammond – [mrshammond@tirimoana.school.nz](mailto:mrshammond@tirimoana.school.nz).



## Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Doyle who got married last weekend. Mrs Meiring has commenced maternity leave for the forthcoming birth of her first baby. Miss Telfer is now teaching the Room 10 bubble class.

Miss Mallon has opened our last New Entrant class for 2021 in

Room 24.

## Dropping off and Picking up Children



**Please talk with your child and make a plan as to where they will meet you in the afternoon**, e.g. front gate, Metric place, etc.

You are welcome to email your child's classroom teacher to share your child's plan with them. This keeps everyone informed and safe.

Parents should drop children off at the school gates or further up the road and let them walk by themselves for the last 100 metres or so. We ask that parents do not congregate at our gates because the biggest risk is adult to adult transmission of the virus. Please always wear a mask. Staff, wearing masks, will monitor all entrances and exits to school and will prevent visitors entering school unless they wear a mask and need to go to the office.

## No Before or After School care/ No Walking School Bus

Due to still being at Alert Level 3, there is no Before or After School care and no Walking School Bus services operating.



### Return of Devices

Thank you to all the families that have returned their loaned device (Chromebook or iPad). Now that students are back, we need the remaining devices returned as soon as possible. If you could

### School Facebook Page

Did you know we have a Tirimoana School Facebook page? We update it regularly with photos and posts to share the exciting things that are happening at school. You can find the page here <https://www.facebook.com/tirimoanaschool/> Come and have a look.

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## Orders for Calendar Art close at 9,00am Monday 22 November



### It's Calendar Art time again!

These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads.

Unfortunately, this year we have been unable to create artwork at school. We would still like to offer the opportunity for you to order these products using a favourite photo you have or by taking a photo of your favourite artwork you may have at home.

### Follow these instructions to place your order online:

- 1/. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
- 2/. Use the Entrance Code: **KZ1081**
- 3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

The opportunity to place an order is open from 5th November until 9am 22<sup>nd</sup> November

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If you have any questions, please contact the school on 838 9737

**Ngā mihi**  
**Peter Kaiser**  
**Principal**

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