



Tirimoana School Newsletter

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

Kia ora e te whānau – Greetings Families

Over this past week we have continued to have around 50-55% of our children at school learning on site alongside their regular teacher and friends. For children learning at home, we have made learning packs and some of our teachers are connecting online. If you still would like to pick up a learning pack then please email Mr Lyon mrllyon@tirimoana.school.nz or call into the office.



Face Coverings and Masks at School

I remind families that the Public Health Order has mandated that staff and students in Years 4-8 are mandated to wear face coverings indoors. This is to enhance safety for everyone while learning indoors over several hours each day.

Exemptions From Wearing Face Coverings

This issue has been raised by a parent. There is a process where a family can apply for an exemption. Although face coverings are not required for children under the age of 12 in the community, this does not apply in schools.

“Exemption cards are available only for those who have a disability or health condition that makes wearing a face covering unsuitable. While the cards are not a requirement for the individual, guidance on the Ministry of Health website notes it will make it easier to explain why wearing a face covering is unsuitable for them.” (Ministry of Education).

Organisations which can provide this card are:

- Disabled Persons Assembly NZ – 04 801 9100 of info@dpa.org.nz
- Blind Citizens NZ – 0800 222 694 or admin@abcnz.org.nz
- Deaf Aotearoa – covid@deaf.org.nz

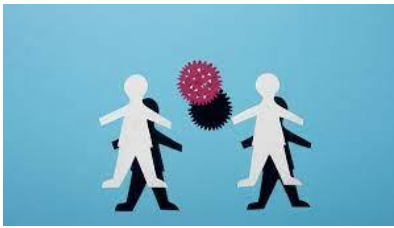
A family may also get a letter of support from a health practitioner or GP while awaiting an official confirmation of exemption.

In our school we will not pressure children to wear a mask and we will sensitively support children with exemptions. When children need a break from wearing their mask indoors, teachers will allow them to have time outside in the fresh air where masks are not required.

Please note that the school and principal are required under the Public Health Order to comply with these regulations.

Flexible Attendance

School will support any family that wishes to have flexible attendance at school, such as mornings only or occasional days. We will provide home learning for days when children are at home if requested. Please make sure she let the teacher know if your child is having flexible attendance.



What to do if you are notified that your child has been in contact with a positive case of COVID-19

- If you are notified by another family member or friend that your child has been in casual contact with a positive case of COVID-19 then contact your GP and/or get a test. Please keep your child at home until they have received a negative test. Please notify school. We will keep this confidential to only the people that must know (e.g. the class teacher).

- If you are notified by Public Health or the DHB, then follow their advice. Please notify school. If it is a close contact, then it is likely your child will need to stay at home for 10 days to allow time for 3 tests. Again, we will keep this confidential to only the people that must know (e.g. the class teacher).

If there is a positive case of COVID with a student or staff member attending school

- Please be assured that if a student or staff member who is attending school is identified as a positive case, then Public Health will notify the school and will provide advice to school for next steps. School will notify the parent community if there is a positive case in a child (or staff member) that has been attending on site. All schools have been provided with guidance and templates for communication to parents if a positive case is confirmed within the school.



Assembly at School

Today we had a virtual online assembly at school with classes connecting online with their class video screens. Congratulations to our certificate winners and special welcome to all the new children that have enrolled at school over the past 3 months. Today they received certificates of welcome.

New Students:

Kia ora and Welcome to the students that have started school onsite over the last week.



Year 0	Sasha Nikishev Sophia Burnell Barkley Hakaraia Eden Tasele Kaeleigh Sofara-Stowers Jodeci Hart-Taiapo	Noah Hollier Sri Manasvi Ganapuram Reuben Judson Ryan Ratha Matty (Kyle) Alvarado Jurneh Hart -Taiapo	Alejandro Hevia Charlotte Greig Caiden Maninoa Imogen Sami Sonny Uon
Year 1	Desmond Tarati		
Year 3	Harinikaa Senthilkumar	Gurnoor Virk	



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.

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 .



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.

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.



Ngā mihi
Peter Kaiser
Principal



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