



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



Last Day of School and closing time

As we approach the end of the 2021 school year, I remind parents that the last day of attendance at school will be Thursday 16th December. School will close at 12.00 mid-day. Please confirm arrangements with your children for either walking home on this day or for you to collect them at 12.00.

No End of Year Assembly or Gathering

I confirm that for 2021 there will be no end of year awards assembly or Christmas gathering at Tirimoana School for children and parents. This reflects the current COVID settings that schools are required to continue through to the end of the year, even though Auckland City will move to Red on the Covid Protection Framework.

Instead, we will hold a small outdoor Year 6 Awards event, for children only, under the canopies, on Monday 13th December. We will film the event and share it on our Newsletter and Facebook for parents to view. This year we will only present a few key awards.



Year 6 Graduation Celebration

This year we will be holding an evening event for our Year 6 Graduates on Monday 13th December. It will be outdoors and only for the children and their teachers. We want to celebrate their transition from primary school to Intermediate in a safe, relaxed way.

Unfortunately, parents will not be invited so that we are able to uphold COVID health and safety precautions. This plan is the same as most other local primary schools.

New COVID-19 Protection (Traffic Light) Framework - a message for schools from the Ministry of Education



You may have heard that everyone in New Zealand has moved to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework today. Auckland will be moving to Red.

Elimination and the alert levels have worked well, with New Zealand having the lowest numbers of cases and hospitalisations in the OECD. While controlled, Delta is in our communities and the strategy now focuses on minimising its impact.

With 85% of eligible New Zealanders now fully vaccinated, and by mid-December it is expected to be approximately 90%, this allows a careful reopening while continuing to protect New Zealanders.

This means that we don't have to change the way we are operating classes this year and everyone can continue to attend school onsite.

For next year, we can confirm that everyone will be back onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in (Red/Orange/Green). This is good news and means we can plan for a great 2022.

Health measures in place at school

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid)
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation.

If we are at Red at any stage next year:

- face coverings will be required at school when indoors for students and staff in years 4 – 13
- we will ask that only essential visitors come onsite.

With all these measures in place, public health has confirmed the risk of infection remains low when at school, with households continuing to be where COVID-19 is spreading the most. As noted by Dr Caroline McElnay, Director of Public Health:

Our experience in New Zealand and overseas with COVID-19 shows that it does not affect children and teens in the same way it does adults. Children and teens don't become as unwell if they do get infected, and they don't tend to pass the virus on so much as adults when in a classroom setting.

Compared to other places, schools and early learning services are not environments where we have seen significant spread of COVID-19. Household members and work colleagues who are in close contact with people with COVID-19, are the most common sources of transmission.

However, if we do have someone confirmed with COVID-19 in our school, we have a plan in place to manage this and will contact you as soon as possible.

Information links to further COVID related information

[COVID-19 Protection Framework.](#)

[Ministry of Health Advice- Exemptions](#)

Tirimoana School PTA Christmas Raffle

- 1st prize** **Large Christmas Raffle**
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Your child will be bringing home a book of raffle tickets today.

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Returning library books

There are still many library books and school reader sthat have not been returned to school.

Contactless return

Please return any school books you have at home into the bin outside the school office on the blue seat between the hours of 8.30 -3pm, Monday- Friday.

Children's work

Teachers will be sending home children's artworks, stationery, and personal belongings over the coming weeks.

If your child **has not returned** to onsite learning, **and are not returning** to Tirimoana School in 2022, their things will be packaged up for you to collect from the office. You will be contacted.

The Year 6 teachers are contacting parents to arrange a time to collect.

If your child **has not returned to onsite learning but is returning in 2022**, the class teacher will do their best to pack up any personal belongings to be sent to the new 2022 classroom.



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 .



Construction work on Tirimoana Road

We are aware that the new housing being built on Tirimoana Road towards Talavera Place is having an impact on children walking safely on the footpath. We have been in contact with the building site manager who has assured us they will inform traffic management to set up an alternative crossing. If your child walks this way home unsupervised, please talk to your child about the disruptions and plan the safest route for them.

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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