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Tirimoana School Newsletter

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



Happy New Year - Hari tau hou!

Returning to School Safely.

Dear Parents & whānau,

We are almost due to open for the start of the 2022 school year. Our school opens for children on Thursday 3rd February. This week our staff have been busy working in their classrooms and work spaces, preparing for the start of the school year. Our property staff have been on-site since 17 January and our Office staff started on 24 January.

We know that the start of 2022 brings a number of complex challenges for everyone, as each day the Omicron virus spreads through the community. We know that by late March Omicron is likely to be at peak spread. The Ministry of Education expects most schools to remain open throughout the Omicron pandemic, although how we provide teaching may have to adapt as we approach the peak spread.



In the meantime school will be open for all children. All staff in schools are required to be fully vaccinated, and the wearing of masks will help prevent spread of any virus.

We hope to see all our students back at school. We plan to organise school in ways to reduce the possible spread of the virus and to keep our staff and children safe.

Parents and whanau can help us by dropping off and picking up children at the school gates, and by only coming on site when you really need to. When you do come on

site, you must be wearing a mask.

At this stage, with school open for all children, we will not be providing distance teaching at home. This may change if at any point school needs to close for distance learning only.

I am optimistic that once we get over the likely peak spread of Omicron, things may return to near-normal by the end of Term One. I am aware that we are all likely to come in contact with the virus, and that some of us may become infected, but hopefully few people will be seriously ill. Our aim is to ensure the risk of spreading the virus within the school is low.

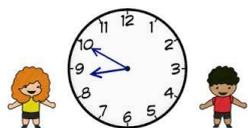
I recommend any parent with concerns to read as much reliable information as possible from reputable sources such as the Ministry of Education website and the Ministry of Health website. Your GP may also give helpful advice. Currently parents and whanau have the option to vaccinate children from 5 years old upwards and I know many have taken this opportunity.

Please read below for more specific information about the start of school.

Naku noa, na Peter Kaiser

Information around starting School

Time School starts



School starts on Thursday 3 February at 8.50 am
First bell goes at 8.50am. Learning starts at 9.00am

Time School finishes



School finishes for all children at 3.00pm.
Talk with your child about where you will meet them at 3.00pm.

Coming onto school grounds



We recommend that parents drop children at the gate except for parents of New Entrant 5 year-olds and for children who feel anxious.

For all other children we recommend you help your child become more independent and confident in walking by themselves to class.

If you need to come onto the school grounds please sign in using the COVID app tracer and wearing a mask.
Please do not enter the classroom and socially distance yourself from other adults.

Masks



Children and Teachers in Years 4-6 are required to wear masks.
Please supply a mask each day for your child.
Please note that wearing a mask for children in Years 4-6 is mandatory unless you have an exemption. School does not provide the exemption; parents need to apply for an exemption. Although it is not a requirement to show evidence of your exemption it would be helpful and courteous to do so.
School will not discipline nor apply pressure on any child. We will use positive encouragement with children.

Years 1-3: If your child wishes to wear a mask we will support them to do so.

2022 Classes

Your child's 2022 class is listed on their 2021 End of Year School report.

2022 Class:



Distance Learning



We are expecting all children to come back to school. We will not be providing distance learning. This may change if the school needs to close.

School staff Vaccinated	<p>All staff on site at Tirimoana School are fully vaccinated.</p>
Stationery 	<p>All children will have been allocated a stationery pack on their first day back at school. You will receive an invoice once your child has received their stationery pack.</p> <p>As usual we have kept our stationery pack prices to a minimum. They are good value for money.</p> <p>We would prefer families to pay online to prevent too many people in the school office at one time. You may also send the cash to school (in a named envelope) with your child.</p> <p>Returning the invoice with the payment We request that parents return the invoice to school after payment. If you pay by cash- please have the invoice with the cash. If you pay online, please send the invoice back to school with your child. If you pay by eftpos at the school office, bring your invoice with you but be prepared you may have to wait in a queue.</p>
Sunhats 	<p>Every learner is expected to wear a Tirimoana bucket hat or school cap. These can be purchased for \$12 from the office.</p>
Water Bottle 	<p>Don't forget your water bottle!</p> <p>We are a water only school.</p> 
Sunscreen 	<p>With the fierce NZ sun, we encourage learners to put sunscreen on before school and reapply before lunchtime.</p>
Update your School App Alert Group subscription 	<p>2022 sees your child/children in a new year level, a new classroom, with a new teacher.</p> <p>Please update your alert groups found in the 'Alert Group Selection'</p> 
School Lunches	<p>There will be no school lunch ordering until further notice.</p>
Public Holidays and Teacher Only Days in Term 1	<p>School is closed:</p> <p>Monday 7th February (Waitangi Day)</p> <p>Monday 21 March: NZEI Teacher Only Day</p>

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