



"Discover Your Talents"

Tirimoana School Newsletter

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This week's PB4L Focus: Co-constructing the Classroom Matrix

At the start of every school year, teachers and students are getting to know one another and setting up routines for a successful year. The School CARE values underpin these behaviours and routines which are broken down further onto a Classroom Matrix.

Some examples of these are:

- How to responsibly enter and leave the classroom
- Manners when listening to a person speaking
- The best place to sit when learning



Ask your child about the routines in their classroom for 2022.

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

Ready to



Being Ready for Progress with Learning

The core purpose for schools is to set the conditions for children to make steady progress with their learning achievement. Teachers are well aware of the disruptions to learning that happened for children with the pandemic lockdowns last year.

Therefore the Ministry of Education has advised schools that this year closure and lockdowns are unlikely, and will only happen in extreme circumstances.

Our teachers have been busy this week assessing children's achievement and identifying any significant gaps. They will continue to do this next week too. From the assessment data gathered teachers will be able to prioritise which children may need extra support, and will be able to prioritise which areas to focus on for the class. Within a short period of time we will begin extra learning support for children in mathematics and reading/writing who need this.

Students Returning to School in 2022

We have had an exceptionally high number of students returning to school this year. Our student roll today is 606 children attending school, with only a very small number who have not yet returned.

We do know that a few children are experiencing some anxiety about the return to school. This is normal and possibly a little more likely because of the disruptions last year. Children are no different to adults - they thrive with routine and when they feel safe. Please let school know if your child is experiencing any issues about the return to school.



Informing School of Close Contacts with COVID

I remind families and whanau that we expect to be notified if a household member is a close contact and that then any children in the household will stay home to monitor their wellbeing before returning to school.

If a household has a confirmed case of COVID then all members of the household will need to stay home and isolate as instructed by Public Health.

It is also likely that Public Health will notify school if any confirmed positive students or staff have attended school. When that happens families will be informed and advised by the school of next steps. Most likely only a specific class will be required to isolate at home. So far we have not had any positive cases linked to our school but we all need to be prepared for that possibility in the near future. Schools are advised that the peak spread of Omicron in the community is likely to occur in Mid-March.



Hot, Humid February Weather

We are currently experiencing very hot, humid weather. This is not unusual for February. Children need to have a personal drink bottle of water to keep them hydrated. Teachers understand how the weather affects children and will plan how to accommodate this in the classroom and when outside.

Our Youngest Learners

We are currently working on plans to support our youngest children in the Junior school, as they adjust to being at school. Most of these children experienced significant disruptions at early childhood centres last year, and did not have opportunities for visits and transition to school. Next week we may advise parents of Year 1 students of ways to overcome this for the month of February.



Safe Parking Outside the School Gates

We remind parents of the importance of safe parking when dropping off and picking up children. Please do not park over driveways (respecting local residents) and do not park over yellow lines.



Library Bags and Book Bags

Library Bags and Book bags are available for purchase at the school office, Price: Newbook bags \$5.50 Library bags \$6.50.

We encourage children to take books home in these bags.

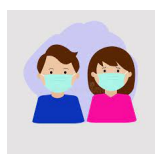
Sunhats

Every learner is expected to wear a Tirimoana bucket hat or school cap. These can be purchased for \$12 from the office.



Over the weekend please hunt around the house to find your child's sun hat.

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.

School Stationery

Your child has been issued with their stationery pack.
An invoice will be sent home next week with your child.



Ways to pay. The invoice needs to come back to school.

1. **Pay online** (we prefer this option if possible)

School Bank Account details

ASB 12 3039 0881101 00

Please make sure you child's name, room number and the word 'stationery' are added in the reference sections

If you pay online, please send the invoice back to school with your child.

2. **Send the money and the invoice in a named envelope back to school** with your child
3. **Pay by eftpos at the school office.**

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.

Walking School Bus

There is NO walking School bus until further notice.



Update your School App Alert Group subscription



2022 sees your child/children in a new year level, a new classroom, with a new teacher.

Please update your alert groups found in the 'Alert Group Selection'



After School Hockey

No After School Monday Hockey can take place at Red Level.

-Waitakere Hockey will be offering some fun skills sessions before the Winter Hockey Season begins.

-Tirimoana hopes to run two Year 4-6 Interschool Hockey Teams in Term 2 to play against Henderson Valley School. TBC

-Years 0+ are able to join up to a Waitakere Hockey Team to play Winter Hockey.

-Tirimoana School hopes to offer 'After School Monday Hockey' to our Year 1-6 students in Term 4.

Thank you for your support



Miss Telfer



The Music Education Centre for students in Years 3-6

Return the enrolment form to school if you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument during school time.

Enrolments for Term 1 close on Friday 12 February.

Waitemata FC

⚽⚽ After school football programs ⚽⚽

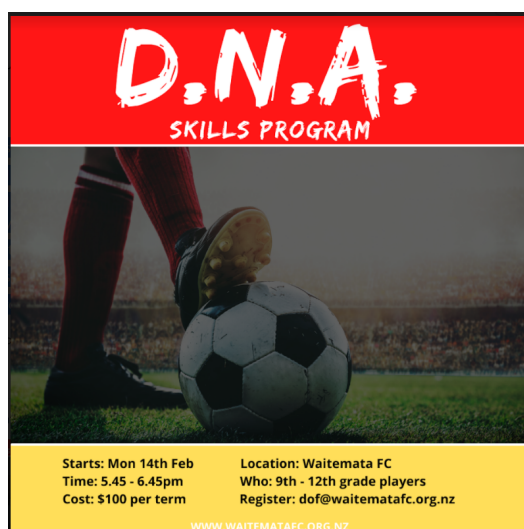
Fun Football and DNA program will be starting on Monday 14th Feb.

Fun Football is for 6th - 8th grade kids (2014- 2016) to come along and learn football FUNdamentals through play.

DNA is for 9th - 12th (2010 - 2013) and is all about improving individual technique and skill.

All members and non-members invited.

For more info or to register, contact dof@waitematafc.org.nz



Waitemata Football Club invites you to attend our open day on Sunday 13th March at McLeod Park, from 10am - 12pm.

Don't miss this great opportunity to find out more about playing at the club, have a game of footy in our inflatable field and have a break with a sausage sizzle and drink!

There will also be a boot swap. Buy or swap good quality secondhand boots (minimum 7 out of 10 quality).

If you can't make it on the day, you can visit our website www.waitematafc.org.nz to register for the season or for more info.

Alternatively, you can contact our team at admin@waitematafc.org.nz or chat to someone on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/WaitemataFootballClub.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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