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Tirimoana School Newsletter

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This week's PB4L Focus: Being a "Digital Citizen" and Acting Responsibly Online

At Tirimoana we recognise children are a part of a digital world. This week, classes have looked at what it means to act responsibly online and become a 'Digital Citizen'. Please discuss with your child what they can do to keep themselves safe online and what it means to make sensible choices. Teachers have spoken with learners about understanding how their interactions affect others. Link to further helpful information: [Netsafe](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/)



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

Nga mihi o te Ra! Greetings of the day.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Teacher Only Day is on Monday 21 March

School will be closed on Monday 21 March for a NZEI Teacher Only day. Teachers will be engaging in Mathematics Professional development. The local schools in our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) will also have a Teacher Only Day on this day.

Please make suitable arrangements for your children to stay at home on this day.

Happy St Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick's Day is today and has become the day when people around the world celebrate Irish culture. St Patricks day is often associated with symbols of Ireland such as the shamrock and the colour green.

There are roughly 800,000 New Zealanders today of Irish ancestry, with Irish culture influencing the culture of New Zealand.

Here at school many of us celebrated St Patrick's Day by wearing green accessories. It provided an opportunity to have some fun!!





The Numbers Keep Going Up!

It is great to see that each day now, the number of children back attending school is going up. We are now over 480 children back at school.

I spoke with principals from other schools in our area on a Zoom call yesterday. They all report a similar picture with the number of students returning to school going up rapidly. Hopefully this may mean we are passing the peak of Omicron in West

Auckland.

It is still important however to stay home when unwell or with symptoms. It is also still very important to wear our masks and to sanitise or wash our hands regularly.

Staff Absences

We are still experiencing staff absences with staff isolating at home because someone in their household is a close contact or someone is positive. This puts a strain on everyone else at school and it means that many children may have a different teacher for a few days. Please understand that normal routines may be disrupted due to these staff absences.

Netball

Tirimoana has a long and proud tradition of supporting after school netball. Our role is to coordinate teams, supply uniforms and equipment so girls (and boys) can play together under the Tirimoana banner. Parental support through coaching and managing teams is essential for this tradition to continue. If you are interested in coaching a team please contact Mrs Tui at kimberley.tui@tirimoana.school.nz We want to start calling interest from children soon. However, we need coaches! Please make contact ASAP if you are able to help.



Students interested in playing this season have been called to a meeting today and have a notice to go home. If your child is not at school today and would like to play the notices can be picked up from the office or accessed by clicking on the follow links: [Year 1 and 2](#), [Year 3 and 4](#), [Year 5 and 6](#)

Bicycle and Scooter Safety Training

Bicycle training is for students in Year 5 and 6
Scooter training is for students in Year 4 and 5



On Thursday 24 March, learners in Years 4-6 wanting to ride the bike or scooter to and from school have the opportunity to participate in a bike and scooter safety programme. This will cover a safety check of their bike, helmet and the development of skills for safe riding of bikes and scooters.

All learners will need to bring their own bike and/or scooter, a helmet and shoes to

participate.



Virtual School Assembly

As we are not able to hold assemblies in person at the moment, we have been holding Virtual Assemblies on Google Meets. Each **Friday at 11:30** classes join our Virtual Assembly. If any students, who are not at school and would like to join the weekly assemblies can do so by clicking on the following link:

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