

Tirimoana School Newsletter

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This week's PB4L Focus: Acting Responsibly On and Off Line

In PB4L this week learners have been discussing thinking before they act and problem solving for themselves. At Tirimoana we are teaching learners to ask; what is the next step? What am I meant to do and what strategies do I have to find the information I need? While learners are online we ask them to use the principal of STAR, to be responsible, safe and respectful.

"STAR"
★ Stop. Think. ★
Act. Review.

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



Should we wear masks?

Many people ask me 'should we wear masks at school?' Masks at our school are not compulsory but we encourage staff and senior students to wear them if they feel concerned about COVID. No one needs to feel embarrassed about wearing a mask. Most days many of our staff wear masks at school.

We do know that there has been a spike in COVID infections since mask wearing has loosened. We are monitoring the situation every day.



Tragedy in the United States

Many people are feeling shocked about the latest mass shooting in the United States in a primary school in Texas. We send our sympathy to the families involved and to their local community. Today we flew the American flag at half mast in respect to the children and teachers who were killed by the gunman. Sadly mass killings are all too common in the United States.

Security at School

A parent inquired at school about our school fencing, noting that we are very open to the public during school hours and weekends. I can share with the school community that last year we applied to the Ministry of Education to have our school fully fenced and gated. This has been approved and we are expecting work to commence in June. Even though we will be fully fenced, our current board is committed to school being open for public use after school hours.

All schools are required to have regular security threat practice drills. We plan to hold an intruder security alert in the next few weeks with a lockdown drill.

We recently installed a new alarm system with very loud sirens and "evacuate now!" messages. Neighbours will surely hear these alarms but should understand that it is likely to just be a drill.



Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Last night we held the first meeting of our PTA for the year. This was the AGM for our PTA and we had a good number of parents and staff attend.

Our new PTA chairperson is Debra Muff who has a new 5 year old at school this year. Thank you to Melissa Lawton who served as our previous chairperson and who did a wonderful job.



Board Elections

This year all schools will hold elections for new boards to govern schools throughout New Zealand. The elections will be held in September. This is an opportunity for parents to put their names forward for election to our school board.

Interested parents are encouraged to attend one of board meetings as an observer to understand how the board operates and what is expected of board members. Essentially we are looking for a representative group of parents with good common sense, good values and a willingness to serve on behalf of the community for a 3 year term.

The next board meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday June.15th in the school staffroom. Please feel welcome to join us. Alternatively feel welcome to contact the school office if you are considering nominating for the board elections. We can supply some information about the board elections.

Peter Kaiser



**Ake Mai! Jump Onboard 2022
Explore-Athon**



On Monday all children will bring home and commence their Aotearoa NZ histories and Geography learning for our 2022 Explore-Athon.

What is an A-Thon?

An A-Thon is a fundraising event that brings in donations from friends and family who want to support your child and our school. We are asking families to support Explore-Athon by agreeing to sponsor your children.

All money raised through sponsorship will go towards building a bike track and completing our new Sandpit playground.

We encourage families to get sponsorship from other family members and whanau. We do not encourage children to ask neighbours.

Our 2022 Explore-Athon is a fun way to learn facts around Aotearoa NZ histories and Geography . We know that children respond to a challenge and are motivated by prizes and rewards. Explore-Athon does all of this.

Teachers have planned 5 levels of challenge for children, and teachers will select which level feels right for each child. [The Explore-Athon is designed around our school theme for the year of The Navigators Ake Mai- Jump Aboard’.](#)

We are asking families to support Explore-Athon by encouraging your children to learn their Aotearoa NZ histories and geography facts, and by helping them at home. Teachers will also help with learning at school.

Our Parent-Teacher group (PTA) is organizing some great prizes through sponsorship with local businesses.

Explore-Athon Tickets

- Every child who participates will receive tickets for the prize draws.
- Children will earn tickets for effort, for the number of facts learned correctly and for raising sponsorship.
- No one will miss out on a lucky prize draw.

We do not expect parents to sponsor large amounts of money. If every child at school has a small amount of sponsorship, then all together we will raise a lot of money. We are aiming to raise \$10,000. Last year we raised over \$12,000!

With your help we can do this!



TEACHER ONLY DAY

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 7 June

Primary and intermediate schools in our area have a planned Teacher Only Day on [Tuesday 7 June](#) (day after Queen’s Birthday weekend). On this day our staff will be involved in professional learning so school will not be open for instruction. Please make arrangements for your children on this day.



Informing school of your child’s absence

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, you are required to contact the school before 9.00am and leave a message for every day of their absence. Even if you have informed the teacher you are asked to also let the office know. Please include the reason for the absence as the Ministry of Education requires schools to code all absences.

In the event of an unreported absence the school will send you a message to ensure your child is safe. Extended absences must be notified in writing.

To let the school know your child will be absent you can :

- [please fill out the form on the school website](#)
- [phone the school on \(09\) 838 9737 and leave a message](#)
- [Use the school app to log the absence](#)



Wellness Wednesday - Pink Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Wellness Wednesday last week in support of Bullying-free New Zealand week. We raised \$233.90 that has been donated to the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.

PLEASE
NOTE...

Lunch Orders: Now Wednesdays and Fridays

Today is the last day to order lunch on Thursdays. Unfortunately the Thursday lunch provider is not able to sustain their service. **INSTEAD-** Pita Pit will be available to order on Wednesdays.



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IS YOUR
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INFORMATION
UP-TO-DATE?



Have we got your up to date contact information?

It is important that the school holds up to date contact details for parents so please advise the school of any change of address, home phone number, cell numbers and/or work numbers.

Te Atatu Matariki Flag Competition

Te mihi whakanui ki enei toki - We want to thank and acknowledge the wonderful artwork submitted by Room 12, 25 and 3.

The artwork was anonymously viewed and voted on by our Te Waka Tangata Team.

Congratulations to these semi-finalists for the 2022 Te Atatu Matariki Flag Competition.

Ava Czarneicka	Lakar Houia-Woods	Sonny Smith	Sonaya Lesatele
Askani Humphries	Jakob Hollier	Isabella Kohlhase	Teuila Fainu'u

We will find out the final winner when their flag is produced and flown on the Peninsula during the Matariki season.



Kia ora and Welcome to
Tirimoana School



Year 1				
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Rangeview Intermediate School



Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Faka'alofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Nimen Hao, Anyoung haseyo, Salam, Kia ora koutou, and warm greetings to all.

OPEN DAYS:
Saturday 11 June
Saturday 2 July
Saturday 27 August

11:00am-3:00pm.

Drop in to meet some students and staff, look around, collect a prospectus, and enrol for 2023.

Ngā mihi nui.

We look forward to meeting you.

Whānau Hui/Aiga Fono.

SAVE THE DATE

Whānau are invited to the first Kapa Haka and Pasifika performances this year at our Whānau Hui/Aiga Fono, taking place at the Tirimoana School Hall on **Wednesday 22nd June from 6-8pm**. Further details will follow.

Head Lice

Head lice are going around currently. Please be vigilant and check your children's hair. Long hair is best tied up and away from the face.

The school office has Nitz treatment shampoo available for purchase. If you need extra support, the Public Health Nurse is able to assist in treatment. Please see Mrs Matthews.



Before School Care - Places available

Fun After Three has places available for before school care.

Mornings: 7 am- 8.30 am. Breakfast provided.

Contact Tracey Simonsen on 027 249 2428 or email funafter3@gmail.com

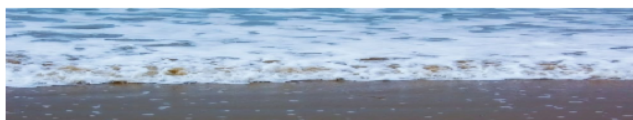
Fun After Three- Staff required -Position available



We are looking for new staff to join our great team, to work either mornings or afternoons school days. We do not operate over the school holidays. If you are a parent or a University student and want part time work, please phone Tracey on 027 249 2428



A safe place to journey towards wellbeing



He moana pukepuke e ekengia te waka - A choppy sea can be navigated

Counselling available online or face-to-face in Te Atatu Peninsula. Nicola Hubble, a former teacher/school leader, SENCO, counsels clients and families of all ages. Subsidies may be available through WINZ, Gumboot Friday and other providers.

She says, "I offer a non-judgemental and affirming space where clients and families are encouraged to discover their own hidden strengths, a pathway to wellbeing and hope for the future. Client choice, empowerment, and valuing culture and uniqueness, are important aspects of my work. I use a range of approaches including Person-Centred, Strengths Based, Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, Narrative and Systemic Family Practices."

If you/someone you know is in need of a counsellor, please contact her to find out more.

Nicola Hubble, Registered Counsellor
Email: nicola@discoverycounselling.co.nz

Phone/Text: 022 091 2101
Website: discoverycounselling.co.nz



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After School Programme

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**TOURING AOTEAROA THROUGH JUNE-JULY 2022
DURING TERM AND THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

The Glow Show's fabulous, giant-scale, glow-in-the-dark puppets are back, touring all of Aotearoa!

The magical MATARIKI GLOW SHOW is coming to a theatre near you, during Term 2 AND the July school holidays.

61,000+ tamariki, educators and whānau have already seen our Glow Shows... this year, join us in an exquisite celebration of our very first, nationwide Matariki holiday.

The MATARIKI GLOW SHOW tells the gorgeous story of te kāhui whetu ō Matariki (the star cluster/whānau of Matariki) as they gather to light up the skies for Te Tau Hou Māori (Māori New Year). But where is the smallest star Waipuna-a-rangi? Could she be lost in the moana?

The show brings this mythical magic to life with its unique puppets, which glow under UV lights in a black box theatre and intrigue tamariki wherever they go.

Delightfully told in te reo Māori and English, the MATARIKI GLOW SHOW educates as it entertains, with its cutting-edge concept, upbeat original soundtrack, and themes of whakawhānaungatanga, friendship and togetherness.

The show is touring to 40 venues, from Kaitaia to Invercargill, most locations, staging two different shows - a concise version for ages 5 and under, and a longer version with Q&A for 6-12 year olds. Shows sell out so book your tickets fast!

The Matariki Glow Show will be at The ASB Waterfront Theatre, Auckland CBD, June 12!

Sunday Show

11am (6-12 years) – student \$17.50/adult \$18.50pp + fees

One day only, so don't miss out! Book at www.glowshow.co.nz/bookings

You can email us for more info at hello@glowshow.co.nz



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