



Thursday 4 May 2023

## This week's PB4L Focus: Using Kind Words

This week children have been thinking about using kind vs unkind words, and how words can be hurtful. Classes have been discussing appropriate ways to talk about others including family members, and how to respond. Please share with your child about the importance of saying kind things to each other and 'filling someone's bucket'.



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



### King's Coronation

The coronation of King Charles III takes place on Saturday 6 June (UK time). For New Zealanders this is significant because the British Crown still holds the Head of State for our country, and for many other countries in the Commonwealth including our nearest neighbours in the Pacific and in Australia.

New Zealand does not have an elected President. Instead the King serves as ceremonial Head of State, and as a key figure in our constitutional government. He nominally appoints the Prime Minister and Ministers of Cabinet, although through the services of his representative, the Governor General. Our current Governor General is Dame Cindy Kiro who until appointed was a resident here in Te Atatu.

At school we will learn a little about the new King and his role, and we will recognise his coronation in assembly, and by flying the Union Jack alongside the New Zealand flag.

Families and whanau will have many different views about the role of the monarchy in New Zealand, and we respect this. However until at any point when there is change, we will officially recognise that the King is Head of State for New Zealand. It provides an opportunity for our children to learn a little about the place of the King and of the monarchy in our history. Our founding document, Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi was signed by representatives of Maori as tangata whenua and by representatives of the British Crown.



### Mothers Morning

Prior to COVID, our school traditionally held a Mothers Morning, to recognise our mothers, and other important women in our lives such as grandmothers, step-mothers and aunts. This year we will once again invite mothers to our Mothers Morning, on Friday 12 May.



## Physical Restraint and Seclusion Rules

The government has published revised guidelines for when, why and how teachers might need to physically restrain, hold or move children in our care. This is a very rare occurrence and now, if it happens, parents will be informed immediately, and will be involved in a debrief of what happened, and school will be required to submit a report to the Ministry of Education. Any physical restraint should only be appropriate if a child is in imminent danger of hurting themselves or someone else, and if no other option is available.

Our school has a policy on physical restraint, and also on seclusion. It is not appropriate to isolate or hold children against their will, or to seclude them from freedom of movement. We do not forcibly isolate any child at Tirimoana. A copy of our revised policy will be available on our website from late May. In the meantime our current policy is available. All our staff have undertaken training on Understanding and Responding to Behaviour Safely (UBRS) over the past 12 months, and on safe physical restraint practices. Our goal is for every child at Tirimoana School to feel, and be safe and happy, in our care.

For more information you are welcome to click the link which will take you to the Ministry of Education parent and whanau information page.

[Physical restraint.](#)

Nga mihi  
Peter Kaiser



## Breakfast Club

We have noticed some children coming to school having had no breakfast or possibly still feeling hungry. We know that full tummys support children to have a successful start to their school day. We are offering a bowl of weetbix or cornflakes with UHT long life blue milk to these children starting next week. This will take place in the school hall, supervised by staff, from 8.30 - 8.50am.

At this point we are only able to offer this food selection.

Breakfast club is a supportive, non-judgmental initiative. Please do not be offended if your child chooses to have extra breakfast at school.

Please feel free to see Mrs Hammond or Mrs Matthews if you have any questions.



### **Creative Arts Initiative:**

#### **Are you creative or handy?**

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 learners are working with a Teaching Artist and two teachers on a drama performance this term. This is a Creatives in Schools program and will be performed in the hall on **Thursday 22**

**June, with a performance at 2.00pm and one at 7.00pm.**

We would love parental help with costumes and lighting. If you can sew, source costumes, or have any contacts for costume hire, or if you can help us source and set up theatrical lighting, please get in touch with Rachael on [msrachdubois@gmail.com](mailto:msrachdubois@gmail.com) within the next two weeks.



### **Mothers/Womens Morning: Friday 12 May. 8.50am- 11.20am**

All mothers and significant females in our students' lives are warmly invited to join us at school on Friday 12 May. We invite you to spend the morning with your child in their classroom, followed by a morning tea with staff in our staffroom.



## 2023 'Reading Together' Workshops for Parents

Dear Parents and Whānau,

We are excited to offer you the **Reading Together workshop for Parents** this term.

**These 4 workshops will show you how to:**

- ★ How to help with reading at home
- ★ How to check the difficulty level of reading materials,
- ★ How to help children overcome problems in their reading
- ★ Sharing ideas about reading

Dates for these workshops are:

Thursday 11 May, Thursday 18 May, Thursday 25 May, Thursday 8 June

**You come to all 4 workshops.**

Workshop times: 7.00pm-8.15pm (Childcare will be available)

### About the 'Reading Together Workshops'

- Reading Together® is a gold standard, research-based workshop programme which helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading.
- No cost to parents- great for both mums and dads.
- Consists of 4 workshops- each 1 hour and 15 minutes. – **You come to all the workshops.**
- **Your child comes to read with you in Workshop 2.**

**The workshops are limited to 15 parents.**

We are looking forward to sharing these workshops with you.

Sharon Croft  
Reading Recovery/Literacy Leader

Peta Buckingham  
Reading Recovery Teacher

I am interested in participating in the 2023 'Reading Together' series of 4 workshops.

Parent(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

OR email above information to [dale.hammond@tirimoana.school.nz](mailto:dale.hammond@tirimoana.school.nz)

Sharon Croft

Peta Buckingham

**Year 3 to 6 Parents**



### Flu Immunisation

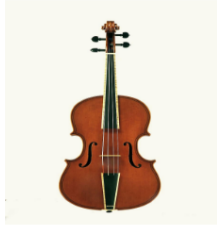
**From 1 April 2023, flu immunisation is free for tamariki from 6 months to 12 years. It is especially important and free for tamariki with certain long-term health conditions, and for women in pregnancy.**

#### Key points about flu immunisation

- the flu (influenza) can be a serious and sometimes life-threatening viral infection
- it is not the same as having a bad cold
- even if your child is fit and healthy, they can easily catch the flu
- flu immunisation is free for tamariki aged 6 months to 12 years from 1 April 2023
- it is especially important (and free) for children with certain long-term health conditions, who may develop complications from the flu
- ask your GP practice about flu immunisation

For more information please visit: <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/flu-immunisation>

**Music Education:  
Would you like your child to learn the violin during  
the school day?**



## Violin Lessons

We are offering Violin lessons at school through the Music Education Centre.

If your child is interested in learning Violin, please send them to the office to get a brochure.

The lessons will be taught to the learners through the school day.

Thank you.

### Before School Care - Places available

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For more information, contact:

- ✓ Name: Sunny Bu
- ✓ Email: [sunny.bu@totaraclinicalresearch.co.nz](mailto:sunny.bu@totaraclinicalresearch.co.nz)
- ✓ Phone: (09) 883 0123

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1 year

3 In person +  
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Our study website:

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