

# Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2021



Responsibility ~ Haepapa, Respect ~ Whakautē, Resilience ~ Aumangea It's the Mangatawhiri Way  
"In life we learn in school we nurture the spirit for life" STRIVE ON

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents & Community Members,  
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Welcome to week 5 and to learning on line as we manage this recent cluster outbreak. It seems a little closer to us all with places of interest nearby to us on both sides of our borders. We won't know the Government plans until 4pm this afternoon but a reminder that our school sits under the Auckland Ministry of Education and we will follow the rules set for Auckland. Our situation is made harder in that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our staff live within the Auckland boundary so we cannot operate school on such low staffing levels. I will keep you posted as information and changes come to light.

Zoom classes got underway today and from what I have seen so far we have had a super number of students turn up, well done everyone.

The teaching staff have spent many hours since last Wednesday, communicating with one another as they planned the distance-learning opportunities. I was super impressed with the range of learning experiences set up and the wonderful presentation of slides. I am sure the children will enjoy some form of 'school normal' with these. It is expected that every student attends their daily class zoom sessions. If they are unable to do so we do require an email to the class teacher so we can account for our school roll just as normal.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher through their school email addresses for any reason. In the meantime, stay connected through our parent email tree, Skool Loop app and Seesaw.

Stay well.

*Sharron Scouse*

**PRINCIPAL**



  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
TE TĀHUU O TE MĀTAURANGA

## MESSAGE FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

A big thank you for taking the lockdown seriously and doing what we have been asked – we've seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission and save lives. It is even more important that we all follow the health advice because the Delta variant is very contagious.

Breaking the rules risks the health of those close to you, the wider community and could result in the lock down period being extended. Please remember that the school, playground and school grounds remain closed at Alert Level 4.



- ☺ **Staff** for spending so much time preparing distant learning opportunities, the slides are awesome!
- ☺ **All our staff – support team included** for being involved, and helping where they can – it is very much appreciated
- ☺ **Families** for connecting with our first class zoom sessions today
- ☺ **Tracey & John Schumacher** for organising the Chromebook pick ups

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## School Calendar!



<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August:</b> • On line learning @ home	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August:</b> • TBC
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August:</b> • TBC	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August:</b> • Fun day Friday ~ Yellow • Daffodil Day
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August:</b> • Cricket Coaching Day for whole school	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September:</b> • R8 Technology	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:</b> • Fun day Friday ~ Rugby • 8.35am R4 Assembly • East Group Rippa Rugby Tournament
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • R9 Technology • Sports Leaders Sports Trip to Dilworth Campus	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • Fun day Friday ~ • 8.35am R5 Assembly
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • Maori Language Week	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • R8 Technology • 6pm Family Maths Night
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • Fun day Friday ~ • 8.35am R6 Assembly	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • 6pm BOT Mtg
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September:</b> • School Open Day • 3pm~6pm Share my Learning	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:</b> • R9 Technology • Sports Leaders Sports Trip to Dilworth Campus
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • Fun day Friday ~ • 8.35am R7 Assembly • Talent Quest	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • Senior Sports Camp Week
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September:</b> • R8 Technology	<b>October</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October:</b> • Fun day Friday ~ Muffi • 8.35am ~ R8&9 • Term 3 Ends	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October:</b> • Term 4 starts

## COMMUNICATION DURING LOCKDOWN:



**PLEASE**

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE CHECKING:**

- **EMAILS**
- **SEESAW**
- **SKOOL LOOP**

**REGULARLY**

**You may be missing key information  
These are our main tools for  
communication**



**No one is to be on school property during lockdown. This includes the fields, courts and playground. Keep Safe**

YOU DID IT!  
**Congratulations**



**SCHOOL AWARDS:**

**Piano Award:**

**Maddison Black**

Great effort of Theory bookwork

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# CROSS COUNTRY

We will hold our School Cross Country Event on our return to school  
East Group & Franklin  
Cross Country CANCELLED



## CALF CLUB

### Non-Animal Students:

If you are not having a chicken, lamb, goat or calf at Calf Club day this year then you can be working on the Scarecrow Challenge now

### Scarecrow Challenge



- This task encourages you to be creative in order to keep birds and pests away you're your garden
- All entries into The Scarecrow challenge must:
  - ☺ Be child created
  - ☺ Be made of all recycled materials
  - ☺ Be no taller than 1 ½ metres
  - ☺ Be weatherproof



### HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE (HPC) ENROLLMENT ZONE CHANGES

This morning I received an email from Hauraki Plains College regarding changes to Te Kauwhata College's proposed enrolment zone and the impact on the HPC zone from 2023. This will have an impact on our families. I have attached the HPC bulletin.

### What if instead of 'falling behind', this group of lockdown kids are actually ahead? Hear me out...

What if they have more empathy, enjoy family connection, can be more creative and entertain themselves, love to read, love to express themselves in writing?

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own garden and sitting near a window in the quiet? What if they notice the birds and the dates the different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organise their space, do their laundry and keep a well-run home?

What if they learn to ride a bike, play a board game, do simple crafts, learn to bake, climb a tree, play without a screen?

What if they learn to understand the value of money, what's important and how to live with less? What if they learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home?

What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?

What if they learn to just be: to be resilient, to be content?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers?

What if, among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life?

**What if they are AHEAD?**

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