



Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2021



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"In life we learn in school we nurture the spirit for life" STRIVE ON

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents & Community Members,
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

I hope this special newsletter finds you and your whānau safe and well.

We are delighted to be able to welcome more students back onsite from Alert Level 3 from next Wednesday 17 November.

We know learning face to face is the best option for children. It's important for them to connect with their friends and teachers and it helps their social, physical and emotional wellbeing.

So, to allow for both Level 2 and Level 3 students to have access to school we are dividing the school week in half for the remainder of the school year.

Level 2 students will be at school on Monday and Tuesdays and on line learning Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Level 3 students will be at school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and on line learning on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Fridays will be set aside for staff planning as they will be providing:

1. Onsite teaching
2. Online learning
3. Home packs for children not returning to school
4. Professional development
5. End of year check in
6. Planning for 2022

We have created this plan so that all 224 students can have some face to face access to

school and teachers and a more 'normal' way of life, even if it is for a short period of time.

Families who have decided not to return to school for the rest of the year can contact Mrs Ormsby to arrange pick up of a hard pack so that your child will have some learning to continue with at home. These students are also expected to attend all of their class zoom sessions.

We are fully aware that this plan will require us all to work as a team to make arrangements for days that your child will not be at school but we hope that you can appreciate that this is the best plan for all 224 students.

If you no longer want to send your child to school or your child will now be coming to school, please let Mrs Ormsby know so we can plan for the numbers on site at any one time.

Please note, that the Government gave schools the mandate to operate schools as it suited their communities and situations. Our unique situation does make things very different for us. The Ministry of Education is aware of and supports our plans.

We are really looking forward to seeing our Level 3 students back at school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Take care.

Sharron Scouse
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COVID-19: ALERT LEVEL

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ALERT LEVEL 2 STUDENTS:

Mondays & Tuesdays:

Level 2 students on site at school with Level 2 teachers and staff on Mondays and Tuesdays

Week 5:

- Monday 15th November
- Tuesday 16th November

Week 6:

- Monday 22nd November
- Tuesday 23rd November

Week 7:

- Monday 29th November
- Tuesday 30th November

Week 8:

- Monday 6th December
- Tuesday 7th December

Week 9:

- Monday 13th December (Last day Term 4)

Wednesdays & Thursdays:

Level 2 Students on line zoom sessions with their Level 2 teachers on Wednesdays and Thursdays

- 9am R1,2,3 with Mrs McKinstry, Mrs Schu & Mrs Leenen [LINK](#)
- R4&5 with Mrs Millar [LINK](#)
- 11am R6&7 with Mrs Vujcich [LINK](#)
- 11.30am R8&9 with Miss Scouse [LINK](#)

Reminders:

- No parents on site unless absolutely necessary and must be wearing masks and scanning in

TRANSPORT:



SCHOOL BUS:

Will be operating and picking up Level 2 children as per normal (and normal times pre COVID)

If you do not normally use the school bus and would like to do so, please register with

Mrs Ormsby

All children **MUST** be wearing a mask

COVID-19: ALERT LEVEL

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ALERT LEVEL 3 STUDENTS:

Wednesdays & Thursdays:

Level 3 students on site at school with Level 3 teachers and staff on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Week 5:

- Wednesday 17th November
- Thursday 18th November

Week 6:

- Wednesday 24th November
- Thursday 25th November

Week 7:

- Wednesday 1st December
- Thursday 2nd December

Week 8:

- Wednesday 8th December
- Thursday 9th December

Week 9:

- Tuesday 14th December (Last day Term 4)

Mondays & Tuesdays:

Level 3 Students on line zoom sessions with their Level 3 teachers on Mondays & Tuesdays

- 9am R1,2,3 with Mrs Dodds [LINK](#)
- 9.30am R4&5 with Miss Spence & Mrs McPherson [LINK](#)
- 11am R6&7 with Miss Dearlove [LINK](#)
- 11.30am R8&9 with Mrs Biggelaar & Mrs Weight [LINK](#)

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TRANSPORT ACROSS THE BORDER:



SCHOOL BUS:

Will be operating and picking up Level 3 children as per normal (and normal times pre COVID)

Students **NOT** normally on the school bus can be picked up from the following stops:

- 7.20am King Road stop
- 7.30am Pinnacle Hill Road stop
- 7.45am Cnr Paparimu & Lyons Road stop

OR at your gate if you live on the school bus route to avoid any issues at the border as school buses have right of pass



PLEASE: If you don't normally use the bus but will now be doing so to get your child across the border, you need to register your child and the stop they will be picked up from or (home address if on the bus route) to Mrs Ormsby by Monday 10am. She will confirm an approximate time for pick up and drop off

- All children **MUST** be wearing a mask

Level 3 Students at School:

- Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8 students **MUST** be wearing a mask while at school

Dear Parents,

You and your child may be apprehensive about returning to school. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep your child safe while at school. We will continue to have health and safety plans in place including:

- regular hand washing
- sanitizing
- sneeze and cough etiquette
- distancing as appropriate
- children who are feeling unwell being sent home immediately
- classrooms well ventilated
- classrooms well cleaned between level changes (and daily cleans)

- Level 3 staff wearing masks as appropriate
- Level 2 and Level 3 staff meeting the MoH requirements to be on site

In addition to this, all staff and children in Years 4 and above are required to wear face coverings indoors (unless they have an exemption).

What you can do to help:

- Stay at home if you or your child is sick
- Avoid catching up with other parents, children and whānau at the gates
- When dropping off or picking up do not congregate in the car park, pick up and leave immediately
- Wear a face covering and maintain a two-metre distance from people not in your household bubble

We would encourage you to talk to your child about what our plans are and why this is happening.

We look forward to seeing you back at school next week.

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