

Week 7

01/09/2020 by Karen Poole

Kiā ora e te whānau

Wow! Here we are in Week 7 of the term! Despite the restrictions in place we have certainly had lots of exciting things happening.

Last week we had a very successful onesie day and replenished all of our civil defence food supplies - a big thank you to all our families for their contributions.

Over the next two weeks we have the build and play trailer on site which provides a great opportunity for children to be creative and hands on with materials and tools.

COVID-19 Alert Level 2

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting us by following the Alert Level 2 guidelines. These guidelines will be in place until we are advised these are no longer required.

If you are keeping children home, please contact the office. We are continuing to ask that even if children are feeling unwell, they need to remain at home and parents contact school. If children display any signs of illness at school we will contact parents/caregivers to come and pick them up.

All children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.

Welcome Sarah! With the busyness of the term I had neglected to introduce you to our wonderful new staff member Sarah Tucker.

Sarah is working alongside Jane Kenworthy to support a successful transition for newest members to Tawhai School. Sarah has already become a very valuable member of our team.



School docs policy review

Pop onto to the school docs website

www.schooldocs.co.nz.

username: tawhai

password: partnership

1. Follow the link to the **Learning Support** policy to be reviewed this term

2. Read the policy.
3. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your name (optional).
6. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the [review form](#).

Upper Hutt Cluster Update

We have the privilege of being part of the Upper Hutt Cluster and below is a bit of an update about what we are trying to achieve as a group of schools.

The Upper Hutt Cluster continues to work closely together as we have for a number of years. Our cluster includes all primary, intermediate and secondary schools. We work together towards our vision of *shaping our future through engaging learning pathways for nga ākonga (learners)*. We are focused on ensuring the best possible outcomes for students across our city.

We have a strategic plan for the cluster which has 3 key strategic goals with action points:

1. *Develop agentic learners across the UH Cluster*, with a focus on unpacking what is essential for all students to learn and how schools can work together to support our students as they transition through their education.
2. *Having a resources model and plan that considers people, funds, time and their allocation across the cluster*, working on bringing key resource groups together to support our students and the work of schools, developing processes around our recently appointed Learning Support Coordinators, and looking at how we can share and access resources to support our work.
3. *Strengthen the capability of teachers and leaders within the UH Cluster* which has a focus on providing quality professional learning opportunities for staff working in our schools across the cluster. This has included shared teacher only days and providing opportunities for our teachers and school leaders to learn alongside and from each other.

We are also focused on making sure our practices are culturally responsive for all members of our community. Our work was recently highlighted by the NZ Principals' Federation as a great example of schools collaborating together.

Part of our strategic plan is to ensure we keep our community informed of our work together. We are incredibly proud to be in such a collaborative, hardworking and innovative cluster and we know our students across all of our schools are benefiting from the dedicated and united approach to getting the best outcomes for our students.

Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Poole