

Term 4 ahead!

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Kiā ora e te whānau

As we kick off Term 4, please read the important reminders below.

I am sure you can appreciate in these uncertain times, things are very changeable. We are continuously trying to keep up to date with MOE and MOH guidelines and I can assure you we will do our very best to share the information with clarity and in a timely manner.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can't promise that I can answer straight away, but I will seek advice and get back to you (karen@tawhai.school.nz).

What Alert Level 2 looks like from Monday in line with the new changes imposed by the MOE

During drop off and pick up times parents and caregivers will need to be wearing a face mask and remain outside the school buildings. We are still encouraging kiss and go at drop off times. Pick up will be from 2:40pm. At this time please make yourself known to the teacher, a wave at the window or gentle knock at the door and the teacher will send your child outside. Any children remaining at school at 3pm will leave as normal. It is important to let your child know if you will be picking them up or if they will be remaining at school until 3pm - in this time of uncertainty we want to minimise any anxiety children may experience waiting for a parent that is not coming.

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please be patient. Where possible the teacher will pop outside and have a chat with you there. Alternatively you can email them to arrange a suitable time.

We have not received full guidelines on managing parent helpers within the school - these will be shared with you asap. For now the outside building rule will apply e.g. if you are a parent helper for swimming, please wait outside the room.

School Production

A message from the BOT

The BOT would like to announce a change to our traditional Tawhai School Production. Due to these very unprecedented times the production will go ahead but will only involve the **cast and dance troupe**. Both casts will have the opportunity to perform with a limited live audience - 2 tickets per cast member, per show (more details to come). This is to comply with guidelines for gatherings at Alert Level 2.

The performances will also be filmed and discussions are still underway about how this will then be shared so that all our school community can enjoy the show.

We would like to acknowledge the commitment, passion and hard work of Janette Page, Anna Sissons, Julia Dorgan and their team of helpers. And of course to our wonderful cast who will still get to shine!



Health Survey

Every 2 years we are required to consult with our community on **Health Education**.

Here is a link to the survey, [2021 Health Survey](#)

A big thank you to those who have completed it - this will only take a few minutes.

We would love to have your thoughts.



Sunsmart

A reminder about our Sun Protection procedures:

- We ensure that sun protection is considered for all outside school events and activities, on-site and off-site, including sports and EOTC. We try to plan outdoor activities to minimise exposure to the sun during the summer (e.g. timing, use of shade).
- Students are encouraged to make use of shaded areas when outside. Students eat lunch in the shade or inside, as appropriate.
- We encourage students to keep hydrated by drinking water - **please ensure your child has a drink bottle at school.**
- We require students to wear hats that shade the face, neck, and ears whenever they are outside during school hours and/or activities, e.g. interval and lunch breaks, P.E., sports days, outdoor EOTC trips, and other school activities. Students at school without a hat must remain in an allocated shaded area or (if allowed) inside at break times. Hats must be broad-brimmed (min. 7.5 cm), or legionnaire/bucket hats (min. 6 cm brim, deep crown).
- We encourage students to protect themselves with broad spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF30 (Sun Protection Factor).
- We encourage students to wear clothing that protects the skin (e.g. long sleeve tops, rash tops) when at risk of extended sun exposure (such as at sports days, school camps, and picnics), or when swimming outdoors.
- Staff are encouraged to model appropriate sunsafe behaviour by wearing sun protective hats and clothing, sunscreen, and making use of shade whenever possible. Parents are also encouraged to wear sunhats and be positive role models when picking up children or participating in school activities.

Important dates to remember - apologies for the TBC (to be confirmed), there are some events that we will need to review in accordance with Alert Level guideline.

Term 4

- Monday 18 October - first day of term 4
- Monday 18 October - 12 November - Dental van
- Monday 25 October - Labour Day
- Tuesday 26 October - Teacher Only day
- Monday 8-11 November - Production week (see note above) - further information regarding times and tickets to follow
- Tuesday 9 November - Northern/central zone athletics **TBC** (11 November postponement date)
- Wednesday 24 November - Interzone athletics **TBC** (30 November postponement date)
- Tuesday 30 November - Parent helper Christmas morning tea **TBC**
- Tuesday 7 December - Regional athletics (9 December postponement date)
- Tawhai Cup - **TBC**
- Year 6 leavers dinner - **TBC**
- **Last day of term 4 - Thursday 16 December (1pm finish)**

Ngā mihi nui

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