



2nd May 2022

Kia Orana Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau,

Welcome back to school and to our Autumn/Winter term. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of our Te Kura o Wairau guidelines around Covid at the 'Orange Setting', and to let you know about some things that will support you and your child/ren this term and beyond.

Congratulations & Welcome

We have a new teacher Lynn Su'a who is joining our Kowhai Team this term, and who will be working from Room 12 alongside Mrs Alefaio. When you see her please make her feel welcome and show her how kind and caring you all are.

Covid Information - (Orange Setting)

At Te Kura o Wairau (in the Covid 'Orange Setting') we will....

1. Continue to promote the use of the **QR scanning codes** when coming into our school bubble.
2. Continue to use the **Covid Registers** in our learning environments so that we can still capture any whanau/visitors who come into our kura.
3. Continue to strongly promote **whanau/visitors to wear masks** when coming onsite at our kura (indoors).
4. Continue to promote the wearing of **masks (indoors) from Years 4 upwards**. Students younger than Year 4 can also wear masks to support their health and wellbeing.
5. **Staff** will continue to wear **masks (indoors)** when working alongside students.
6. **Kowhai teachers** do not have to wear **masks (indoors)** when working with the Kowhai students.
7. Continue to **ventilate learning environments** well (opening windows/doors/use of aircon units).
8. **Physical distancing in the hall** will be encouraged (as well as good ventilation - windows open/aircon units on).
9. **Whole school gatherings** will take place outdoors.
10. **Whole School Assemblies** will be via zoom.
11. If **Team Assemblies** are on they will take place in the hall with physical distancing, mask wearing and good ventilation.
12. **Just Brass** will start up again.
13. **Performance Groups** will start up again.
14. Continue to use good **hygiene practices** - washing and drying hands well, coughing and sneezing into elbows, and sanitising hands when returning to class after break times.
15. Continue to **regularly clean and disinfect** our kuras environments.
16. Continue to promote **staying at home and getting tested if unwell**.

Devices

It is vital that your child/ren return their devices asap. Our IT Technician needs to clean and clear all devices before they are returned to class, and our teachers/students want to have access to them for learning every day.

Bicycle Track

In the holidays our bicycle track has had the street names, pedestrian crossings and signage done. Now when our students use the bicycle track they will be able to relate their learning and experiences inside our kura to their learning and experiences outside in our community. Thank you Roadmarking Services and Pioneer Highway New World for your support and services.



Te Kura o Wairau School Uniforms

It is very important that your child/ren are warm during the cooler months. To assist them please come in and purchase one of our new green sweatshirts or black polar fleeces. It is vital that all our students are in their school uniform and feel part of the school team and community. I have asked staff to be more observant around students wearing the correct school uniform, and to follow up if their students are consistently coming to school in different clothes & hats. Please do not be offended if a staff member makes contact with you about this as we have all agreed that it is not fair that some students/whanau follow our rules and guidelines and some do not. Please help support us with this as we take much pride in learning, working, and being part of the team at Te Kura o Wairau

Team Newsletters

On Friday you will all receive a Team Newsletter that will outline some details of what's going on in the team for the term. Please read these as they give you dates and information that supports you and your child/ren

Ngā mihi,
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Tumuaki/Principal