



Te Kohanga
Primary School
Kia Kaha Kia Toa

School Newsletter – 22nd June 2020

Daily Attendance

Please remember to phone the school and leave a message if your child will not be at school or text through the Skool Loop app. This is for Health and Safety to ensure we know where all our tamariki are. It is not Whaea Linda's job to phone each home to find out why your child isn't at school and can take up a lot of her day. If we do not have any contact with the family, then your child is recorded as having an unauthorised absence.

New Attendance Services

The North Waikato Cluster of schools have employed Adrian Clark as our new attendance officer. He previously worked for the Solomon Group managing attendance across the Franklin area but is now contracted just to our area. Adrian is based at Tuakau High School. Students can be referred to Adrian when their attendance has fallen below 80% or when they have three days of unauthorised absence.

School Nurse – Jenny Ram

Our school nurse Jenny is in school on a Tuesday. She comes to school to support students and their families with any ongoing or immediate health concerns. She asks students if anyone needs to see her. This could be for school sores, sore teeth, sore throats etc.

Previously Jenny was able to swab for Strep Throat at school but due to a sore throat being a symptom of Covid-19 she can no longer do this. If your child has a sore throat she will phone home and ask you to take them to the GP. The GP may refer the family to get a COVID test.

SWiS – Social Worker in Schools – Dori Phillips

Our school's social worker Dori is at school on a Tuesday and Thursday. Dori is able to help whanau with a range of concerns. She is a great ear to listen to any problems you are having with housing, school attendance, finances, your child's behaviour or needing food parcels. Dori is able to help support with appointments and offers different courses for children (such as Anger Busters) throughout the year. Dori is able to meet with you at school or is happy to do home visits. Dori works alongside our nurse Jenny, to look at whether they can help with Healthy Homes applications.

The school asks Dori to contact all new Enrolments just to touch base and introduce herself. Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to speak to Dori or Jenny.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, Head Lice did not die out over the lockdown period. Please check your child's hair every night (especially girls with longer hair). We have treatment at school which can be sent home so please call and let us know if you need any. Our school nurse Jenny can also help support you with treatment. Students should not have time off school for head lice especially because it often reoccurs. It should be treated at night and then they should be back the next day. The treatment will kill the lice but leave eggs. Often hair needs combing with a nit comb daily for weeks to remove all traces of the eggs.

Remember that head lice love both clean and dirty hair so there are very few things you can do to stop your child getting them. Some children are also more susceptible to repeat infections.

Please remember your child's hair must be tied up everyday at school (we have spare hair ties in the office). Soaking the hair ties in tea-tree oil is meant to help repel the lice.

BOT Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent representative on our school Board of Trustees. A further letter regarding our Board of Trustees will be sent out early next week.

Term 3 – Health Curriculum

Term 3 each year has a focus on the Health Curriculum. We look at Hauora which is a Maori philosophy unique to New Zealand. It comprises of taha tinana, taha hinengaro, taha whanau and taha wairua. These are physical health, mental and emotional health, social well being / self esteem, and spiritual health.

We will have a number of visitors into the school to support this programme. In week one we have The Life Education Caravan with Harold the Giraffe, and we have St John's First Aid for all students. We will be following the Police Keeping Ourselves Safe programmes and also looking at Fire Danger. It's a very busy term!

Communication

Please make sure you have the Skool Loop app downloaded on your phone. All newsletters and any important notices are posted to here.

Facebook Page

The school facebook page also has photos of events that have taken place at school.

Dates for next term

The school term ends next Friday 3rd July at 2.20pm

Term 3 starts on Monday 20th July and finishes on Friday 25th September. It is a ten week term.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 17th August

School will be closed for all students. Teachers will be attending professional development on Te Reo Maori and the DMIC Maths programme.

Parent / Whānau Hui – Wednesday 22nd July (week 1)

Because of the strange first half of our year, many schools are not writing mid-year reports. Instead we would like to invite whānau to a mid-year hui to discuss your child's progress and look at targets for the second two terms.

A booking sheet is in the office. Please phone the office and we can reserve a time slot for you. Alternatively feel free to come in and book one yourself.

Set aside ten minutes for each child.

School Trips / Events

T4S Planting – Thursday 2nd July

Next Thursday 2nd July, Room 1 will be planting our Trees for Survival Seedlings at a farm in Mercer. We need parent help for transport and would love any to stay for the day and help planting. Lunch is provided. Please see attached the letter for Room 1 students.

Netball for Year 5/6 – Thursday 30th July (week 2)

The school will be taking one mixed team to the Franklin Netball tournament held at Pukekohe Netball Courts. Parents are welcome to come and watch and umpire if you are keen!

T3 Dunes Planting – Friday 31st July (week 2)

The school has been invited to help planting native species on the Port dunes on **Friday 31st July**. This will be for the whole school. This trip takes a bit of organising as we ask parents who are able to drop their children off at the dunes entrance at 9am so they don't need transport from school back to the Port. We have lunch in the park after planting and those who can are allowed to go home from here. The other students will come back to school and wait for the bus. We will need parent help for this trip. More information will come out after the holidays.

King of the Mountain – Friday 7th August (week 3)

Year 5 and 6 have been asked to take part in the annual King of the Mountain run which is held at Cornwall Park. This involves 5 schools from around Auckland and ends with a BBQ and police dog demonstration. Transport may be required to help transport students to and from Cornwall Park. The two fastest runners from our school are awarded a Warriors jersey!!

