



Friday, 12 November 2021

Kia Ora Katou

Hope this finds you and your whanau well. Thanks to all those who returned yesterday's survey that gave us an indication of how many tamariki to expect back next week.

We are delighted to be able to welcome children back onsite under Alert Level 3 from next Wednesday 17 November. We know learning face to face is the best option for children.

If your child is already attending five days a week they can continue to do so in their current bubble. For other children returning, we are following Ministry guidelines by "keeping children and staff in stable groups and wherever practicable keeping them physically distanced from other groups" as much as possible. Our decisions have been balanced with giving consideration towards student well being and connecting with friends and teachers which is also an expectation.

The plan for the remainder of the school year is as follows:

- **All boys only at school on Mondays and Tuesdays**, then online learning at home to continue Wednesdays and Thursdays for them.
- **All girls only at school on Wednesdays and Thursdays**, then online learning to continue Mondays and Tuesdays for them.
- For next week **only** all boys are to attend on **Wednesday 17** and girls on **Thursday 18**.
- **Fridays** will be online learning each week for all students that will provide staff with time to acknowledge completed student work and plan for the following week.
- Staggered break times and designated play areas for each year level will be in place so that at any one time either a junior, middle, or senior syndicate only will be having morning tea or lunch.
- Class teachers will stay with their own class bubble for the day. This includes eating supervision that is outside unless wet, and separate from other classes. Once children have eaten they will be able to play outside with other children in their syndicate only.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated with doors and windows kept open throughout the day.
- Physical distancing will be adhered to as far as possible (roughly a third of a class at a time in any one classroom as some are not returning)
- Regular handwashing will be supervised before morning tea and lunch, and hand sanitiser will be used on return to the classroom

KEY DATES



By Sophie Douglas

Rangitoto
Intimidating, Menacing
Waiting, Threatening,
Observing
Zombie, Spectator, **Prisoner,**
Outsider
Boiling, Bubbling, Exploding
Maddened, Aggressive
White Island

Clever Poem by Sam Perrin



By Mandy Qiu

after breaks.

- All year 4, 5 and 6 students **must** wear a mask when indoors unless they have an exemption, evidence for which would need to be provided to me before returning to school.
- All staff will be wearing a mask for the day and only those who are double vaccinated will be on site.

Beginning and end of school day

- We ask that children arrive at the front school gate as close to 9am as possible. Children are to go straight to their classrooms on arrival.
- If you are coming to the front gate to deliver your child please wear a mask.
- No parents on site please unless you have a very good reason for doing so in which case you must wear a mask and scan in.
- At the end of the day there will be staggered finishing times. Juniors will be brought to the front gate at 2.45pm for pick up, middles at 2.55pm and seniors at 3pm. Students with siblings in the junior school are able to leave their rooms at 2.45pm

Those Not Returning

For those who aren't returning you will just continue with the online learning that is provided.

Other

- No before and after school care is available as this would have tamariki intermingling. This is a Ministry directive.
- No extra curricular activities such as music or sports practices or lunch orders.
- Should there be a confirmed Covid case in the community, public health officials will undertake a case investigation and work closely with the confirmed case to identify any close contacts, including any connection to a school or early learning service. Health officials will provide direction on contact tracing and other relevant information.
- If a staff member, parent or caregiver first notifies the school that they or their child are a confirmed case, we would contact our regional Director of Education, who would provide advice on the next steps. The community would be advised immediately.

What you can do to help as suggested by the Ministry

- stay at home if you or your child is sick
- avoid catching up with other parents, children and whānau at the school gates
- wear a face covering and maintain a two-metre distance from people not in your household bubble
- get advice from your doctor if you or your child has complex medical needs (and please get in touch so that we can support your child to return onsite, wherever possible)
- avoid having playdates inside with children from other families at Alert Level 3.

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

If you have questions or concerns, you can contact me or your child's teacher by phone or email principal@hauraki.school.nz

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

TROPHIES/CUPS

Please can all recipients of last year's trophies and cups return these to the school office as soon as possible. They all need to be back by no later than Friday 19 November.

Ngā manaakitanga
Clarinda Franklin, Principal



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Integrity