



NEWS



Paraire 28 Kohitātea 2022/ Friday 28 January 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou. Welcome back and we hope you have managed to enjoy a wonderful sunny holiday with your whanau and/or friends. Our team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2022 year and can't wait to see everyone back onsite.

A special welcome to our 46 new students and also new teaching staff, Miss Liana Gainsford in room 1 year 1, Miss Olivia Pickerill in room 16 year 4, Miss Ella Duncraft in room 18 year 5 and Mrs Courtney Harris in room 22 year 6. Mrs Helen Marantes also joins us as a teacher aide. Mrs Kate Green will lead the middle syndicate this year while Mrs Devine is on leave. We hope your Hauraki experience is a happy and meaningful one. Please read the fortnightly Thursday newsletters so you keep up with school happenings.

Our traditional Meet the Teacher evening for parents is to take place on **Wednesday 9 February 7.30pm** via zoom. You will be sent a link the day before and we look forward to as many as possible attending that as it help you to get to know your child's teacher, gives guidance around expectations for the year and a chance to ask questions.

You are no doubt wondering what school will look like under Red Light, hence me sending this first newsletter of the year earlier than normal. As always we follow Ministry of Education guidelines provided.

The school is reopening for all students from the first day of term 1, Thursday 3 February. The expectation is that all children attend unless they have a medical certificate that states otherwise. Online learning will be considered for those students only.

We know that the first few weeks of the year are critical for students to get to know their teacher and peers in person, as well as coming to know routines and how to focus on learning. In short, this time paves the way to ensure on going success for the rest of the year.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

As we are required to keep numbers of people on site to a minimum, please say goodbye to your children at the front gate as close to 8.55am as possible each day and not before 8.30am. Teachers will be on the gate to provide support where needed. Exceptions will be brand new students beginning Hauraki School for the first time. You should arrive at the front school gate at 9.15am for the first two days. At the end of the day we will have staggered finishes. Please collect your children from the front gate, juniors (rooms 1-10) at 2.45pm,

KEY DATES

Thursday 3 February 8.55am
Term 1 begins

Wednesday 9 February 7.30pm
Meet the Teacher evening via zoom

Wednesday 9 February
Scooter Testing

Thursday 10 February
Bike Testing

Friday 11 February
Leadership Day for year 6's

Monday 14 February
Senior Swimming Sports
Year 5 9-11am
Year 6 11am – 1.30pm
No junior or middle school swimming sports

Monday 21 February 7.30pm
BOT meeting

Monday 22 – Friday 25 February
Year 6 School Camp



A taste of my holiday on the Routeburn Track! A great insight into N.Z's spectacular natural beauty!

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middles (rooms 11-16) at 2.55pm and seniors (rooms 17-23) at 3pm. Siblings of junior children may leave their classroom at 2.45pm.

Parents are asked to wear a mask, avoid congregating at the school gate as much as possible, and observe social distancing rules. Thank you for your cooperation with these important matters.

BREAK TIMES

Children will basically stay with their own teacher and class as much as possible each day. Large groupings such as assemblies or syndicate sport will not go ahead. Children will eat with their own class only, and juniors, middles and seniors will each have designated play areas.

HEALTH MEASURES

All students and teachers in year 4 and above are expected to wear a mask to school. If exempt please provide the class teacher with evidence from a medical practitioner of this. It is not mandatory for year 1 to 3 teachers and students to wear a mask but you can if you want.

Basic hygiene practices will continue to be in place including regular supervised handwashing and sanitiser use, cough and sneezing etiquette, good ventilation, and daily cleaning of surfaces. If there are any sickness symptoms including runny noses or coughs **please do not send your child to school under any circumstances**. We have a duty to protect everyone who is well as much as possible.

If your child is unwell please leave a message at the office. This saves us ringing you which we will do as part of our safe arrival policy.

And of course if any of you are affected by Covid and/or required to self- isolate for any reason we would be grateful if you could please let us know.

We have a good contact tracing system in place so that if there is a confirmed Covid case who has been at school while infectious, we can quickly identify who was a close contact of that person. We will then quickly advise those contacts of what they need to do.

Only if the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education advises to do so, would we consider closing the school and moving to distance learning for everyone. At Red we will keep everyone learning onsite for as long as we can.

Please make sure your contact details we have on file are up to date, so we can get in touch with you quickly if needed. Any phone number, email or physical addresses that have changed within the past few months must be communicated to the office please office@auraki.school.nz

VACCINATIONS

Just to reiterate all staff at Hauraki School are double vaccinated and are now in the process of receiving their booster shot.

The free five- to 11-year-old vaccination programme is another way to help prevent the most serious harm from the COVID-19 virus, less likely to get seriously ill and less likely to transmit the virus to others. [How to book a vaccine for your five – 11 year old](#) and [some great videos](#) on the Kids Health page can support you to talk to your tamariki about the COVID-19 vaccine.

PARENTS ON SITE

Firstly a big thank you for all those who have already paid for stationery and donations. This is hugely helpful with beginning of the year organisation.



Keeping visitors to school including parents to a minimum, is a Ministry directive so the more who can pay online the better. However, some of you will be wanting to come on site to pay for stationery, donations and buy uniform. We strongly urge you to do this **before** the first day of school on either Tues 1 or Wed 2 February. Please make sure you wear a mask, scan in, socially distance and wait outside so only one person at a time is in the office area. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

EXTRA CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We are told that these should be limited. Before and After School Care will go ahead by following adaptive practices. As well, after school one on one music classes will go ahead.

No Chinese classes, dance classes, chess or Lego club are to go ahead at the moment.

Inter-school sporting opportunities will be reviewed as time goes on but at this stage we cannot proceed with these under the Red Light.

SCHOOL SHOW

At this stage We have decided to delay the planned year 5/6 musical school show and aim to perform it at the end of term 3 instead of term 2. By later in term 1 we hope things will be a more certain.

SCHOOL CAMP

School camp for year 6 is expected to go ahead. This is a memorable and great learning experience for children and the expectation is that all attend. Any concerns about this please direct to deputy principal chris@hauraki.school.nz or myself principal@hauraki.school.nz

BIKE AND SCOOTER TESTING

Scooter testing is Wednesday 9 February and bike testing is Thursday 10 February. All those wanting to bike or scooter to school need to pass a test. This includes all students who have been tested previously.

All those who are 9 years of age and over or turn 9 this term are eligible. They should bring their bike/scooter on the testing day as well as their vest and helmet. Please ensure these are in good working order.

NEWSLETTER

This is sent digitally every second Thursday afternoon. Virtually all information we want to convey to you is in there so please read these regularly to keep abreast with school happenings and so your children do not miss out on important opportunities. Those newsletters are also on our website as are key dates. It is therefore essential that your contact details are up to date. If email, phone number or address has changed in recent times please see the office or email them so our records can be updated.

You can also access daily notices via the school website.

STATIONERY

Please note that at Hauraki School stationery is provided by us and is to be distributed on the first day of school next Thursday to all those who have paid. In this way all students have the same which is important to us.

ROAD SAFETY

Please note the following:

- If you're wanting to get to the other side of the road you must use the school crossing when in operation.
- Please do **not** park on yellow lines, not even momentarily to drop off or pick up children or park across driveways and on corners. These are strictly prohibited.



- 安全小提示：
- 1. 為了您和孩子的安全，請您使用人行道過馬路。為孩子樹立一個良好的榜樣，是我們共同的職責。
- 2. 請切勿在早上 8 點至下午 5 點之間將私家車開入校園。所有接送孩子的車輛必須停在學校外面的街道上。謝謝大家的合作。

VANDALISM

Unfortunately we had some serious vandalism occur over the holidays involving the smashing of multiple windows in the hall and also a classroom. If anyone knows anything about this please do not hesitate to contact me. The board and I have now opted for an upgraded and extended security system which will provide improved clarity when identifying culprits.

CARETAKER

On another note, Hauraki School requires a full time caretaker with a few handyman attributes, great interpersonal skills and an interest in gardening. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position please make contact principal@hauraki.school.nz

And finally, the Ministry of Education has some helpful information on their [Parents and Whānau website](#) to support your tamariki to get back to school. There is also a very important reminder about how you can [take care of yourself](#) While this might all feel a little overwhelming at times, we know that all these measures will help our children return to school, reconnect with whānau and friends and do what they enjoy.

We are also here to help. Please get in touch if you have any concerns or need help in any way principal@hauraki.school.nz

Meantime the junior playground will be partially open by next Thursday. Almost there! A few photos below.

Nga mihi nui.

Clarinda Franklin

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