

# TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4 February 2020

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**Tenei te mihi, tenei te mihi, tenei te mihi.**

Greetings, Greetings, Greetings.

**Ko tenei te panui o tau hou.**

This is the first newsletter of the new year.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Tenei te mihi ki a Brody Chamberlain, me Deja Shelford, Dion Kena, Levi Duder, Manea Natiso, Rangitakuna Kingi-Te Hiwi, Quinneliah Tuatara, Florence Rope, Atarangi Ferguson-Henare ki te kura o Te Kopuru.

We welcome new students and their whanau into our school.

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. I hope you and your family have had a fantastic holiday and that our children are refreshed and set to start a new year. We have had a slow transition back to school over the last two weeks, and I remind parents that this week is also a short week with Waitangi Day this Thursday 6 and a Teacher only Day on Friday 7 February. The school will be officially closed on that day.

The theme for the year is **“with rights comes responsibility”** so that our children come to understand what good citizenship looks like and the positive contribution they can make to our communities.

Please make sure your children are prepared for school, with enough healthy food to last the day, a water bottle, hat, sun block, togs, cap and towel as well as classroom requirements. Please remember we provide fruit (starting next week) and sandwiches at break times. We teach our children about brain food, so it is appreciated if you provide healthy food for lunch and leave the processed foods, e.g. chips, for treats at home.

It would be appreciated if students could purchase their stationery as soon as possible, so that teachers can begin classroom programmes

A positive communication between home and school is pivotal in the continued learning of our students. Staff appreciate information from home, so please do not hesitate to let us know your concerns, ideas and suggestions.

I look forward to a positive and productive school year.

Kindest regards  
Lee Anderson

# Te Kopuru School Board of Trustees

Anthony Nelson (Chairperson)	439 6444	Kathie Fletcher	kathiefletcher@hotmail.com
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Lee Anderson (Principal)	439 1802	Charles Samuels	439 7853
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**Please note: Teacher only Day Term One, Friday 7th February 2020**

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## TE KOPURU SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **Thursday 6th February** Waitangi Day
- **Friday 7th February** Teacher only day
- **Friday 14th February** Yr 7 & 8 Technology starts - reminder covered in shoes to be worn.
- **Friday 13th March** Teacher only day
- **Wednesday 18th March** Te Kopuru Swimming Sports
- **Wednesday 25th March** Te Kopuru Triathlon
- **Friday 3rd April** Northern Wairoa Swimming Sports To be confirmed
- **Thursday 9th April** Term 1 ends

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

**Security cameras are permanently operational in the school grounds at all times.**

- **Hats** are now compulsory for term 1. Students must wear a hat at break times.
- **Empire Lunch orders** will start again each Friday from 14th February. Orders to be placed at the office before the first bell in the morning. If you require a list of food available please request one from the office.

## STAFFING 2020

Principal		Lee Anderson
Assistant Principal	Junior Hub	Mrs Sheila Martin (Year 2/3)
Assistant Principal	Room 5	Pere Tahere (Year 4,5)
Room 1	Junior Hub	Marie Birkenhead (Year 1)
Room 3	Junior Hub	Eva Pirini (Year 3,4)
Room 6		Robyn Young (Year 6,7,8)
Poutama		Eddie Matthews (Year 4-8)
School Secretary		Jessica Duxfield

Teacher Aides: Mrs Aimee Bradley, Mrs Kerry Little, Mrs Dawn Dreadon

Groundsman: Lewis Martin

Social Worker in Schools: Mark Manzano

Resource Teacher of Learning Behaviour: Sheryl Rope

## TE KOPURU SCHOOL KARAKIA

E TE ATUA

Me o matou hoa e noho nei i o  
Ratou kainga, me nga hohipera,  
Me nga kohanga, me nga kura katoa.  
Awhinatia matou, i a matou mahi  
i te kura o Te Kopuru.  
Ki a tau mai a tatou te Aroha,  
Te Tika me te Pono.  
i raro I to ingoa tapu.  
Amine

DEAR LORD

Grace upon our families this day,  
and our friends in their homes,  
hospitals, playcentres and schools.  
Support us here in our work at  
Te Kopuru School.  
Give us love, honesty, and truth.  
We ask in your name.  
Amen.

### **Te Kopuru School Parent/Caregiver Information:**

We would be very grateful if you could notify us of any **change** in your address and contact details below. This will in turn allow us to update our School Records.

**Parent/ Caregiver Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency**

**Contact:(x2)** \_\_\_\_\_

### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:**

**Breakfast in Schools:** Weetbix is available for our students from 8.20—8.40 am.

**Fruit in Schools:** Fruit will be available each morning break beginning February.

**Correct contact details:** In an emergency (students in sickbay, accidents, changes of clothing needed, discipline matters) it is **important** the school has on record a minimum of two local persons phone numbers. Please check details held with the office and update regularly.

**Lunch orders-** From Empire Luncheonette. **Only available on Friday each week.** Place order at the office in the morning before the first bell.

**School Stationery-** Is available for purchase from the school office. If your child requires extra throughout the year a note will be sent home. Cash payments can be made at the school office, no eftpos available. Automatic payment arrangements are welcomed. Please inform the office and use your child's name as a reference on the payment. **School bank account** - 06-0309-0065275-00

## **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:**

**Cyclists:** A reminder to parents and students who use the school grounds to ride their bikes, that there is a legal requirement to wear helmets.

**Technology at DIS:** Technology at the Dargaville Intermediate School for Year 7 and 8 students will be every Friday morning for Term 1 and 2. The children will need to wear 'covered' shoes.

**Swimming:** All children are required to undergo instruction in water safety and water skills. This is viewed as a compulsory part of the PE/Health Curriculum, unless excused by a note from a Caregiver or Doctor. Students must bring named togs, towels throughout the swimming season. The School Pool Water is tested on a regular basis. Swimming caps are encouraged. Blocking filters caused by hair is a problem.

**Lost Property:** There is always a huge amount of clothing and footwear etc. left at school each day. It is expected that all student's clothing and equipment be named clearly.

**Homework Centre:** This is available after school from 2.45pm to 3.45pm - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. (Friday supervision only for Dargaville Bus Students).

Afternoon Tea is provided. If you require your child to attend the homework centre, please notify the school either by phone, email or note. If there is no notification, your child will be sent home as per their normal after school routine.

**Absences:** It would be appreciated if the School is notified if your child is absent for the day. Please phone or email. This is a Ministry requirement. Satisfactory Ministry of Education reasons for absence: Illness for 1—3 days, Medical Certificate for longer than 3 days. Family death/illness of relative.

**Reminder:** We are a SMOKE FREE and DOG FREE SCHOOL

## **AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINES**

Parents/Caregivers must notify the school in writing or by phone call if there is any change to normal after school student routines. It is preferable for the school to be notified in the morning, and **no later than 2pm** when the phone messages are cleared for the final time of the school day.

The school will not be responsible for relaying any late phone messages to students.

The school asks that parents/caregivers use the manned road patrol if students are being picked up by parents. **The school asks that parents park across the road in the parking area to avoid congestion on the school side.**

School finishes at 2.40pm and students need to be collected from school at that time.

If parents want ineligible bus students to travel on a bus, parents must organise this with Ritchie's Bus Transport (Ph 439 4902) for approval before notifying the school.

Please make sure you inform your child before school if there are any changes to their after school arrangements to avoid confusion.

## Communication with the school

- We run an open door policy, Please come in and discuss any concerns/questions you may have.
- Contact details- **Please ensure the school has a current phone number in order to get hold of you in an emergency.** Phone or email Jessica at the office. Phone 439 1802 and leave a detailed message or email [jessica@tekopuru.school.nz](mailto:jessica@tekopuru.school.nz)
- School Newsletter: The school newsletter is emailed fortnightly, Please supply your email address to the office. The eldest student in each family is given one to take home. If you miss a copy you can obtain one from the office or go to our website [www.tekopuru.school.nz](http://www.tekopuru.school.nz)
- If it is easier for you to report absences or change afterschool plans via email please add [jessica@tekopuru.school.nz](mailto:jessica@tekopuru.school.nz) to your contacts. Note the same rules apply as a phone message, cut off for messages is strictly 2pm daily.
- Parents/Caregivers can send a written note to the office to advise of absences or any changes to student routines.

## ***Te Kopuru Swimming Club***

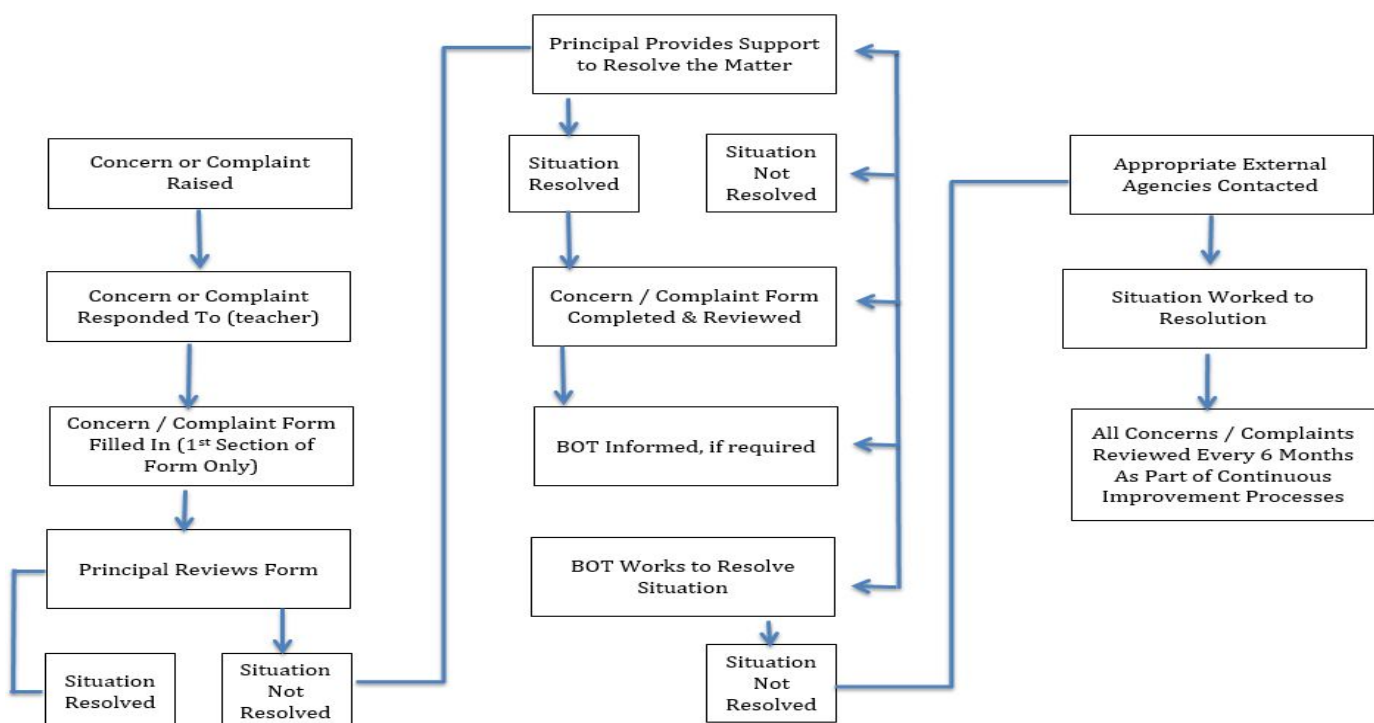
Learn to swim enrolments Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 3.30pm to 4.30pm. If unable to come please contact Jess Moffett on 0211300690.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the pool will be closed this week and will reopen next week

Also congratulations to all our swimmers that competed on the weekend, 28 PBs great work! Ahurei Hokai, Keisha Moffett, Zion Peita, and Izabella Kimpton-Brown.

### Te Kopuru School

### Concerns / Complaints Flowchart Procedure







RUAWAI



# Te Manawa Tahī Northern Wairoa

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDS SUCCESS IN SCHOOL



*Te piki o te ora,  
tērā te tupu o te  
rākau*  
*With improved wellbeing,  
the tree will grow*

### Contact us

Phone: 0800 5248 4256  
Email: [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz)  
Facebook: Te Manawa Tahī Northern Wairoa

### What are your concerns?

Are you worried about your tamariki at school/kura/ECE and the way they learn and/or behave? Do your tamariki have difficulty speaking, hearing or seeing? Any number of these concerns can affect a child's learning.



TINOPAĪ SCHOOL



TINOPAĪ

Ko te Tamaiti te  
Pūtake o te  
Kaupapa  
The Child – the  
Heart of the  
Matter



POUTO SCHOOL

### About us

#### What is happening?

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service

#### Who are we?

Learning Support (formerly Special Education) and the RTLB service (Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools/kura, early childhood, iwi and community providers to work together with the sole purpose of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs

#### How can you find us?

The Te Manawa Tahī flag will identify each Te Manawa Tahī site. Our timetable with dates and times is posted on our Facebook page. You can come into the hub without an appointment or you can call 0800 5248 4256 to make one. Your school/kura/early childhood service can also make an appointment for you.



# Coronavirus

As you will have seen in the media the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the coronavirus.

This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear, however it appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. This incubation period is currently considered to be 14 days.

Children and young people are currently returning to classrooms. The health of students and staff is a priority for all. I encourage you to err on the side of caution and here are some steps you can take.

- As always, anyone who is unwell should not be at school or at their early learning service. If you have a particular concern about any child, student or staff member, please urge parents or the staff member to contact Healthline at **0800 611 116** or their GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available **24/7 in 150 languages** and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available.
- If a student still attends school while showing symptoms the Principal of a state school can preclude them if they believe on reasonable grounds they may have a communicable disease (Section 19 Education Act). The student has to stay away for the infectious period of the specific disease.
- For any staff member or student who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, I encourage that the staff member or parent/caregiver of the student delay the start of their school year for 14 days and voluntarily stay away.

Iona Holsted-Secretary for Education

You can also contact your local District Health Board if you require further information

– [Public Health Unit Contacts](#)

The Ministry of Education is working closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that you have the most relevant information to inform your planning in regard to the potential risks associated with the coronavirus and information is now on our website - <http://education.govt.nz/news/novel-coronavirus/>



**Come join the fun 😊**

**Keas** 5-8yrs Mon 3:30-4:30pm  
**Cubs** 8-10½yrs Tues 4-5:30pm  
**Scouts** 10½-15yrs Tues 5:30-7:30pm

Visit us at 23 Onslow St, Dargaville or call 0800SCOUTS for further info.

**Term One 2020 Jan Start Dates:**  
Keas: 10<sup>th</sup>, Cubs: 4<sup>th</sup>, Scouts: 11<sup>th</sup>