



TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 26 May 2020

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Whakatauki:

Me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa
We must work together for the wellbeing of all

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tenei te mihi ki a Joshua Miller, me Chrissy-Lee Ranui, Larissa Kena ki te kura o Te Kopuru.
We welcome new students Joshua, Chrissy-Lee and Larissa and their whanau into our school.

It was a pleasure to see our students returning to school last week. They were happy and enthusiastic to be back - eagerly reconnecting with their friends and greeting the staff. Our children are to be highly commended on their positive attitudes and the responsibility they are taking in adhering to our safety requirements at level 2. The focus across the school is making sure we are responsible for ourselves, and responsible for everyone in our school bubble.

I want to reassure parents and whanau that our school is a safe place for our students; and that staff are proactive in following the school health and safety plan for level 2. Learning programmes are focusing on student well-being and teaching our students about safe practices. Table tops, benches and door handles are sanitised regularly, as is our sports equipment and playgrounds.

The Prime Minister Jacinda Arden will reconsider alert level 2 settings again on 8 June, and no later than 22 June will consider a move to alert level 1. So for now we will continue with the practices that are already in place. We will continue to update you as new information comes to hand.

I would like to acknowledge the work our staff have done over the last 2 months under level 3 & 4 lockdown. The requirement from the Ministry of Education was to ensure our students continued to learn at home - home based learning - and this was done through the delivery of hard packs and through an e-learning platform. Many parents took up the challenge of the e-learning and I have enjoyed reading all of the activities and work the children have up-loaded in their sharing e-journal. I am fully appreciative of the work, effort and time parents and caregivers have put into their childs' learning journey.

A couple of points for our families to keep our school safe.

If you need to come into the school, please make sure your first port of call is the office where you can hand sanitise and complete the contact tracing register.

If your child is sick, please keep them at home to recover. This keeps everyone safe. Class home based learning will be able to be accessed on our school website. Thank you and take care.

Kindest regards

Lee Anderson

ATTENDANCE

It is a concern that some students are not back at school. We have been advised to send information on student non-attendance to the Ministry of Education.

The Ministry of Education has clearly outlined attendance protocols under level 2 Covid 19. They are:

- *Schools are open onsite to all.*
- *It is safe for Schools to be open and additional Public Health measures are in place.*
- *It is important that all students attend.*

The only exceptions for student absence are:

- *If your child is sick.*
- *If your child has been in contact with a person with suspected Covid 19. Testing and self isolation would be required until results are clear. Please contact the office by phone or email to keep your child's record updated.*

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TE KOPURU SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **Tuesday 9th June-** School Photos.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

- School Photos - Please complete your photo order form (attached) and return to school by Friday 5th June.
Easy online ordering can be done at www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz.
Any queries phone Liz on 027 457 1151.
Family photos will be done in the morning before the first bell. Any queries please phone the office.