

TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 9 February 2021

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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 Artcher Edwards mea Jamie Leathart, Taikaha Honetana, Kheil Harding-Flavell, Kingston and Memphis Langley, Jericho Tawhai, Leshia-May Ashby ki te kura o Te Kopuru.

We welcome new students and their whanau into our school.

Welcome back to our new 2021 school year. I look forward to another productive year with your tamariki.

This year our theme will be **Manaaki te tangata** - caring for the people. Due to the continuing worldwide implications of Covid, we want our students to show manaaki - caring, understanding and empathy - towards others. We want our students to show gratitude and appreciation for what they have as a family, a school community, the wider community and for the privilege of living in Aotearoa New Zealand. We want our tamariki to act with responsibility and respect towards others.

The school year has started very positively, with new students brightening our classrooms. Please encourage your students to be prepared for their learning, including togs, towels, caps, homework completed etc.

I can reassure you that as a school we will continue to encourage healthy routines and procedures and to regularly clean all parts of our school.

Please take care, and protect yourself, your whanau and your whakapapa.

Nga mihi nui

Lee Anderson

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

At the end of last year the Te Kopuru School Board of Trustees approved the introduction of school uniforms. Orders have been submitted, but because of the slow importation of overseas goods the shipment has not arrived yet. Thank you for your patience. We are continuing to make available samples for you to try on your child and orders are being taken. You are welcome to come in during the school day to do that, preferably before 2.30pm.

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TE KOPURU SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **Wednesday -Thursday 17th-18th February** - Whakawhanaungatanga
- **Friday 12th February:** PTA Meeting 3pm
- **Friday 12th February:** Technology for our Year7&8 students begins this Friday at Dargaville Intermediate
- **Mon 15 Feb, Mon 22 Feb, Mon 1 March, Mon 8 March, Mon 15 March:** Sport Northland Matua Wyllie
- **Monday 8 March:** Lunches in School start date
- **Wednesday March 17th-** Te Kopuru Swimming Sports
- **Thursday 18 March** - Te Manawa Tahī 12.30 - 2pm
- **Wednesday March 24th** - Triathlon
- **Friday 26th March-** Northern Wairoa Swimming Sports
- **Friday 2nd April, Monday 5 April, Tuesday 6 April** Easter Break
- **Friday 16 April:** end of term 1. School starts again: **Term 2 Monday 3 May**

STAFFING 2021

Principal

Lee Anderson

Assistant Principal Junior Hub Mrs Sheila Martin (Year 2,3)

Assistant Principal Room 5 Pere Tahere (Year 5,6)

Room 1 Junior Hub Marie Birkenhead (Year 1)

Room 3 Junior Hub Eva Pirini (Year 3,4)

Room 6 Robyn Young (Year 7,8)

Poutama Eddie Matthews (Year 4-8)

School Secretary Jessica Duxfield

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

Groundsman: Anthony Nelson

RTL B Resource Teacher of Behaviour and Learning (RTL B): Sheryl Rope

Learning Support Coordinator (LSC): Lisa Thomson

Social Worker in Schools: Mark Manzano

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, play centres and schools.
Support us here in our work at
Te Kopuru School.
Give us love, honesty, and truth.
We ask in your name.
Amen.

COVID 19 Level 1 Safety Measures in Te Kopuru School:

There are key public health measures for everyone in New Zealand to follow. At Te Kopuru School we will continue with the following health and safety measures:

- If students/staff are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
- Continue to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows.
- Regularly disinfect shared surfaces, including desks, tables, chromebooks.
- Physical distancing is not a requirement. However we will encourage physical distancing when around people we don't know.
- Require all visitors to the school, including parents, to sign in at admin, as part of our health and safety requirements.
- Support contact tracing efforts by displaying QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App

PTA Meeting this Friday 12th February in the staffroom at 3pm all welcome!

Lunches in Schools

*Lunches in schools will begin on **Monday 8 March**. This is a new Ministry of Education initiative that was announced in 2020. **Free lunches** will be supplied every day to all students. At the moment we are working through the processes and logistics of the healthy menu requirements, distribution, food and package waste disposal so there is minimal disruption to the school timetable.*

It is important that parents contact the school immediately if your child has any food allergies or special dietary requirements so that your child's needs are met.

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) _____

Food Allergies/Special Dietary requirements _____

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.

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

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.

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**

There are **no lunch orders** this year in school as we have the ministry providing free lunches in school starting the **8th of March**. Please notify the school office of any food allergies your child may have.

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. Children will be sent home if they are not wearing a regulation helmet

Technology at DIS: Technology at the Dargaville Intermediate School for Year 7&8 students will be every Friday morning for Term 1 & 2, beginning Friday 12 February. 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. Blocked 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 please.

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.

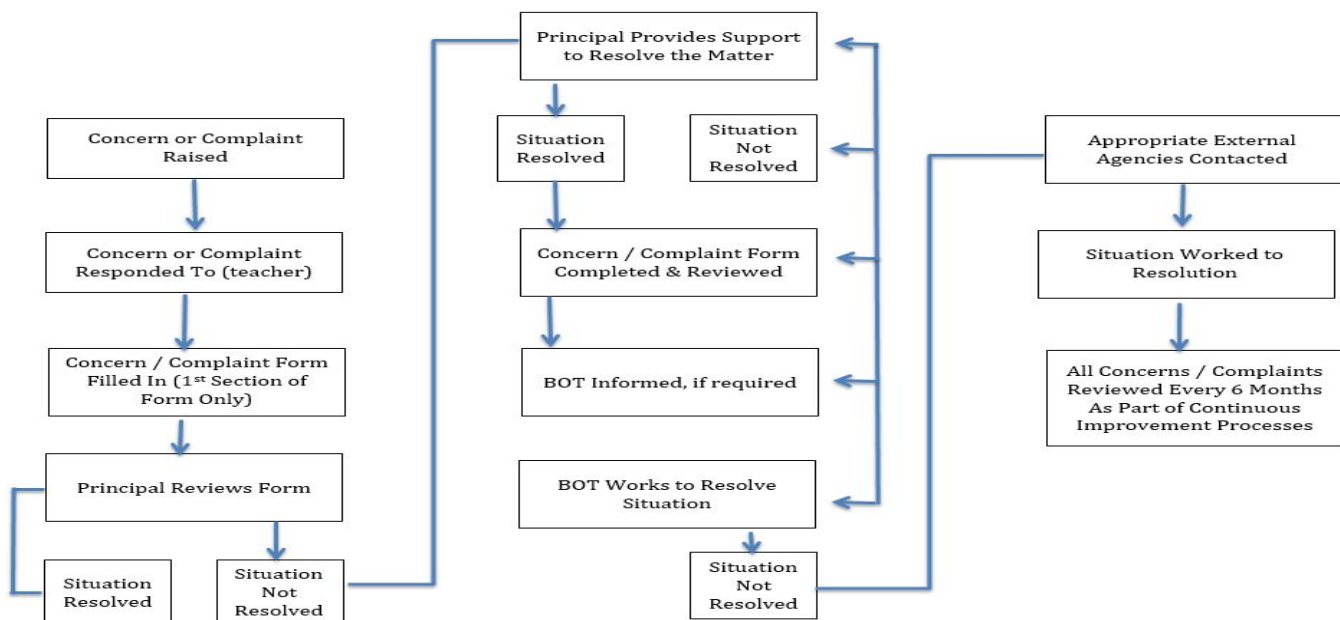
Please make sure you inform your child before school if there are any changes to their after school arrangements to avoid confusion.

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
- School Newsletter: The school newsletter is emailed fortnightly, Please supply your email address to the office. If you miss a copy you can obtain one from the office or go to our website 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 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 School

Concerns / Complaints Flowchart Procedure



Te Wiki o Whakawhanuangatanga

He mihi aroha ki nga Maatua katoa.

Welcome again to another new year at Te Kopuru School. The time has arrived for our annual whole school 'Whakawhanaungatanga' Camp. Our focus this year is "**Manaaki ki te Tangata**" Aroha, Gratitude, Sharing and Caring to Build Strong Self Wellbeing and Confidence and forming Meaningful Relationships.

We will once again be having our camp sleepover and our two days of collaborative team activities at School. Parents are invited to come along and participate as a team. (Please let me know) (10 per team).

The camp will be held next week on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th Huitangaru (February). On Wednesday 17th our students will be involved in a variety of collaborative activities and games aimed at challenging and promoting teamwork and meaningful interactions and conversations.

At 5.30pm we will be having our Whanau shared dinner on our main deck followed by a parent meeting in the school hall around 6.30pm.

Our 2021 Young Leaders will be announced at this get together and this is also an opportunity to meet and greet our teaching staff and new families to our school; and to hear about our school goals.

Students from the Junior Hub(rooms 1,2,3) can sleep over if accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. They will bed down in their respective classrooms in The Hub.

Students from rooms 5, 6 and Poutama will sleep in the hall. Parents, if you wish to come and spend the night with your child in the hall or perhaps set up a tent and sleep the night on the field, you are more than welcome to do so. Please let the school know.

Students who will be staying over will remain at school at the end of our first day.

(Wednesday). Normal after school routines will apply to those students who will not be staying overnight.

On Thursday there will be a continuation of the activities as per the previous day and end with our whole school Burma Trail Blind Challenge.

We sincerely invite all parents to be part of our shared dinner and request a contribution towards this meal. If your child/children are not sleeping over, you are still very welcome to the shared meal, and meeting.

The appropriate permission forms for the school sleepover are attached and need to be completed and returned to school before the end of the week.

The equipment list is also attached for your information.

This is an important event on our school calendar with important and meaningful learning for our students. Working together, cooperation, trust, respect, self-resilience, self-management are just some of the values we hope to instil in our tamariki.

Our Whakawhanaungatanga Camp, we believe, is a positive way to begin to learn and practice these new skills and attitudes. Our sincere hope is that parents and our whole community come along and support this learning experience with our Tamariki as it sets our 2021 school year off to a positive direction.

“ Nau te rourou naku te rourou “

With your basket and my basket

Matua Pere

EOTC Co-ordinator.

An equipment list and parent permission form will come home tomorrow.



Athletics in the Northern Wairoa

*6 Week Programme
Introduction to Athletics
Supported by Sport Northland and Athletics NZ*

*Track and Field Techniques...
Skills/Drills/Fun Games...*

*Creating Pathways for our whānau
through Athletics in the Northern Wairoa*

*If the interest is high an athletics club will be
formed in Term 4 2021...*

*Age Groups – U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's
Mixed Ability and Gender Groups*

*Monday Nights 5.30pm – 6.30pm
At the Dargaville High School fields...*

*Starting Date: February 15th 2021
Followed consecutively Feb 22nd, Mar 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
Registration Fee - \$10 per participant for club development purposes...*



Tākiwira Touch

*6 Weeks Development Program
Supported by Touch NZ, Sport Northland and the NZ Police*

Learn to play Touch Rugby... Skills/Drills/Games...

*Creating Pathways for our tamariki in
Tākiwira through Touch Rugby*

*If the program's interest is high a competition will
begin in Term 4, 2021..*

*Age Groups – U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's
Mixed Ability and Gender Groups*

*Thursday Nights 5.30pm – 6.30pm
At the Dargaville High School fields...*

*Starting Date: February 18th 2021
Followed consecutively Feb 25th, Mar 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Fun Celebration Disco Friday 26th March to conclude the program...*

*Free Program, Free Sausage Sizzle, Free Family Fun!!!
Nāumai Hāere Mai Tākiwira...*