

Covid Alert Level 2 Information

The Prime Minister has advised that in Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for our children. With this in mind, this newsletter outlines the health and safety practices for our school so that whanau are confident that our school is a safe place for our children and our staff.

We need to work together to keep our school community safe by minimising risks. It is important that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone. Please discuss with your child their roles and responsibilities in keeping themselves and others safe. Talk to them about social distancing; the need to wash and sanitise hands regularly; to avoid touching their faces; sneezing and coughing etiquette; and no touching of others. Talk to them about bus behaviour or walking to and from school with their friends.

If your child is sick, please keep them at home.

If your child or whanau member has been in contact with someone infected with Covid-19, please stay at home and follow the Ministry of Health guidelines.

The school has a contact tracing system in place. This is just a reminder to everyone to be vigilant in signing in /or using the contact tracing QR code at all times

For COVID-19 health advice and information, contact the Healthline team (for free) on 0800 358 5453

Te Kopuru School Safety Plan Alert Level 2 at School

The key principles for Alert level 2 are to:

- Reduce the risk of someone getting infected in the first place
- Ensure we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected
- Understand that level 2 is not business as usual

The safety and wellbeing of students, staff and their households continues to be a priority in Alert level 2. When opening school facilities, **the public health requirements must be adhered to** so that the threat of Covid-19 is minimised from spreading within the school community.

Students:

Student learning programmes will focus on student well being and their own responsibility of keeping our school a safe place. At the start of each day, and before lunch, and at other times throughout the day, students will be reminded of the following health practices:

- **Physical distancing:** maintaining a physical distance so that students are not breathing on each other. There is **no touching of others**. It is recommended **a metre distance**.
- **Good Hygiene Practices:** regular washing and drying of hands are to be encouraged. All staff and students will **hand sanitise at entry and exit points**. Hand sanitisers will be stationed at these points in the classrooms, and at central areas in the playground. Students are to **cover coughs and sneezes** with their elbow, or tissues, which must be thrown away immediately. Sanitise hands immediately.
- Avoid **touching, including the face**
- Students are not allowed on the school site if they are unwell. The school will **contact parents** if a child becomes sick and request that he/she be collected
- If student behaviours compromise the safety of others, parents are to be contacted immediately to collect their child
- Each room in the school will have spray disinfectant and cloth for cleaning of surfaces.
- Class movement around the school will be minimised.

If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact me at school.

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Next meeting: Tuesday 2 March @ 5.30pm

TE KOPURU SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **Monday 15 March:** Lunches in Schools commencement
- **Wednesday March 17th-** Te Kopuru Swimming Sports
- **Thursday 18 March** - Te Manawa Tahī 12.30 - 2pm
- **Wednesday March 24th** - Te Kopuru School 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**

Whakawhanaungatanga

Due to the changing covid levels and the uncertainty of what each week will bring; and because of a tummy bug and coughs and splutters spreading among our students, we have been unable to hold our annual whakawhanaungatanga event.

A decision has been made to still hold the event within school hours, - there will be no sleepover or shared dinner. It is disappointing as our students love their sleepover; and it is always enjoyable to meet and greet our whanau over a shared meal with our tamariki.

Lunches in Schools

*Change of date: Lunches in schools will begin on **Monday 15 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.

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.

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.

School Uniforms -The first lot has been issued and a second order has been placed. The turnaround time can be 3-4 weeks so all students should have been sized now. Covid is a disruption for supply. We appreciate your patience. Thank you.

TERM 1 FUNDRAISER EASTER RAFFLE \$2

3 draws of Easter treats

As part of our fundraising we are asking families to

- Donate some Easter treats for our 3 prize draws.
- Sell a card of raffle tickets (10 tickets).

TOP SELLER: a humongous Easter treat.

These tickets will come home later this week.



DARGAVILLE FORD FUNDRAISER

Saturday 20 March at field days site as part of the Kaipara Truck Show
10am - 2pm

Go for a test drive in one of the new FORD VEHICLES
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Te Kopuru Swimming Club squad have been inspired by the Paralympic Swim Team who completely embraced our young team, meeting with them, allowing them to watch their trainings and photo opportunities. Recently our young squad of 6 swimmers attended the Swimming Northland Age Group for the first time bringing home 1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze and 15 ribbons (4th-6th placings) and achieved 23 personal best times.

Te Kopuru Swimming Club
Learn to swim is still on this Wednesday. If you have had a tummy bug, strep throat or been in Auckland in the last week you will not be able to swim. The children who come straight down to the pool, your lesson will be at 3pm. This will allow our groups to be smaller. There will be no sausage sizzle.



You are invited to join us at Te Kopuru Centennial Hall on Tuesday 2nd March at 10.30 to 12.30. We want to connect with you!! Sing, share, pray and much more. Nau mai haere mai. All are welcome!!



Kai Iwi Lakes FREE Open Day 2021

Saturday 20th March | Promenade Point | 10am-2:30pm

Day and Night Snorkeling
**registrations for night snorkel essential.
More info on our FB page

Stalls and Activities
Water Safety, Biodiversity,
Flow Toys & Games

Waka Ama

Coffee and cold drinks for purchase

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Postponements announced via our website www.whitebaitconnection.co.nz - Back-up day 21st March. Visit our facebook.com/whitebaitconnection

On 7th March 2021 FREE ENTRY to KIWI NORTH for kids to celebrate International Children's Day

UP TO 3 CHILDREN FREE PER ADULT TICKET

See Raukura and Zephyr at home foraging
Kiwi Feedings at 11am, 1pm and 3pm
Tuatara Encounter with Flash at 11:20am
Lots to learn about in the Whangarei Museum
Join the Kiwi North Scavenger Hunt
Bring a picnic and enjoy Heritage Park



GATE 1, 500 SH14, MAUNU, WHANGAREI
WWW.KIWINORTH.CO.NZ

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Girls' Brigade 2021

Girls' Brigades weekly badge work is done in terms 2&3, winter months. But in terms one and four we will hold our 'Special Events'. Don't miss out. You must be registered. For girls 5-18yrs.

REGISTER NOW ONLINE
<https://www.trybooking.co.nz/GHA>



1ST DARGAVILLE GIRLS' BRIGADE KEEP UP WITH **The News** ON FB