



# TE KOPURU SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 3 December 2021

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**Whakatauki: Manaaki te katoa Be kind to all**

**Ngā mihi mahana atu ki ngā Mātua katoa  
Warmest greetings to all Parents/Caregivers**

Tenei te mihi ki te whanau o Aisha Baker ki te kura o Te Kopuru. Tenei te mihi, tenei te mihi, tenei te mihi.  
Welcome to Aisha and her family to Te Kopuru School.

I hope this email finds you safe and well. Please find a communication from the Ministry of Education.

### **New COVID-19 Protection (Traffic Light) Framework**

You may have heard that everyone in Aotearoa will move to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework on Friday 3 December. We will be moving to Red.

Elimination and the alert levels have worked well, with New Zealand having the lowest numbers of cases and hospitalisations in the OECD. While controlled, Delta is in our communities and the strategy now focuses on minimising its impact. With 85% of eligible New Zealanders now fully vaccinated, and by mid-December it is expected to be approximately 90%, this allows a careful reopening while continuing to protect New Zealanders.

This means that we don't have to change the way we are operating classes this year and everyone can continue to attend school onsite.

For next year, we can confirm that everyone will be back onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in (Red/Orange/Green). This is good news and means we can plan for a great 2022.

Health measures in place at school.

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid)
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation.

For regions at Red from 3 December:- One change is that face coverings are encouraged to be worn when indoors for students and staff in years 4 – 13.

And if we are at Red at any stage next year:

- face coverings will be required at school when indoors for students and staff in years 4 – 13
- we will ask that only essential visitors come onsite.

With all these measures in place, public health has confirmed the risk of infection remains low when at school, with households continuing to be where COVID-19 is spreading the most. As noted by Dr Caroline McElnay, Director of Public Health:

Our experience in New Zealand and overseas with COVID-19 shows that it does not affect children and teens in the same way it does adults. Children and teens don't become as unwell if they do get infected, and they don't tend to pass the virus on so much as adults when in a classroom setting.

Compared to other places, schools and early learning services are not environments where we have seen significant spread of COVID-19. Household members and work colleagues who are in close contact with people with COVID-19, are the most common sources of transmission.

However, if we do have someone confirmed with COVID-19 in our school, we have a plan in place to manage this and will contact you as soon as possible.

If you'd like to learn more about the framework visit [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#).



**Congratulations to Keisha Moffett on her recent DANCE awards. Keisha received Honours in both Jazz and Tap style from Kings School of Dance**

## **PRIZEGIVING 2021**

Prizegiving has always been a special event for Te Kopuru School. It is a time to recognise the achievements and success of our students, and it is also a time to farewell our year 8 students as they move on to their secondary education.

However, restrictions imposed on schools due to Covid have meant that we need to rethink about how and in what format our 2021 prize giving ceremony will look like - with the safety of our students always at the forefront. I have spoken to other principals in our area - some schools are holding virtual prize givings; some are holding prizegiving with students only.

At the moment, our prize giving event is set for Friday 10 December. How this will look for Te Kopuru School will be determined after I attend a meeting with the Ministry of Education on Monday 6 December to discuss restrictions, vaccine passes and the implications for our school in the traffic light system.

I know we are all frustrated with the constant changes imposed on us. However, I am asking for your patience and understanding from a school's perspective.

A final newsletter for the year will be sent out to parents on Tuesday 7 December to inform you of the confirmed details for prize giving. Thank you for your continued support.

### **End of Year Reporting to Parents**

There will be no parent/student interviews this term. Reports will be emailed to parents on Wednesday 8 December. If you would like to meet with our child's teacher, please contact the school office.

### **Prize Giving Trophies**

If you haven't already done so could you please return all trophies to the school office by the end of this week.

### **Last Day of School 2021**

The last day of the school year for students is **Friday 10 December**. Teachers will be planning for 2022 on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 December.

### **School Resources**

Please can any school resources, including library books, readers etc be returned to school by the end of this week. Thank you.

## **Te Kopuru School Board of Trustees**

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## **TE KOPURU SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- Friday 10th December -Te Kopuru School Prizegiving. Last day of school for students

## **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:**

**School Stationery** packs are no longer sold at the school office. Please purchase stationery packs online directly from baigents website <https://nzschoollshop.co.nz> click on school list and type in Te Kopuru School They will get delivered to the school for collection.

**School Uniforms:** This year was a transition year for the implementation of our school uniform. School uniforms will be required for next year. All uniforms can now be ordered directly online. There is some limited stock of uniforms left at the school office. All new orders for school uniforms need to be done directly online at <https://sportclub.co.nz/pages/find-your-school>

**For Sale:** Fully grown boar - live \$400.00 contact the school