



TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15 February 2022

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

Greetings, Greetings, Greetings.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Tenei te mihi ki a Aporina Swanson mea Gabrielle Parore, Riki Parore, Jaii Mutu, Jade-Marie Mutu, Ariana Matthews, Sophia Kuljish, Kelly Kerr, Aisha Dhillon, Kyeisha Livingston, Oliver Allan, Rodney Aloua ki te kura o Te Kopuru.

We began our school year with a powhiri to welcome our new teachers, our new students and everyone else back. Tenei te mihi ki a Whaea Robyn mea Whaea Sarah, Whaea Lucy, Whaea Andrea ki te kura nei.

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.

The school safety plan has already been sent out. 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. Parents will be notified immediately if/when a positive case is reported and we will follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Education. Please keep your child home if they are sick. Thank you.

Please take care, and keep safe.

Nga mihi nui

Lee Anderson

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.

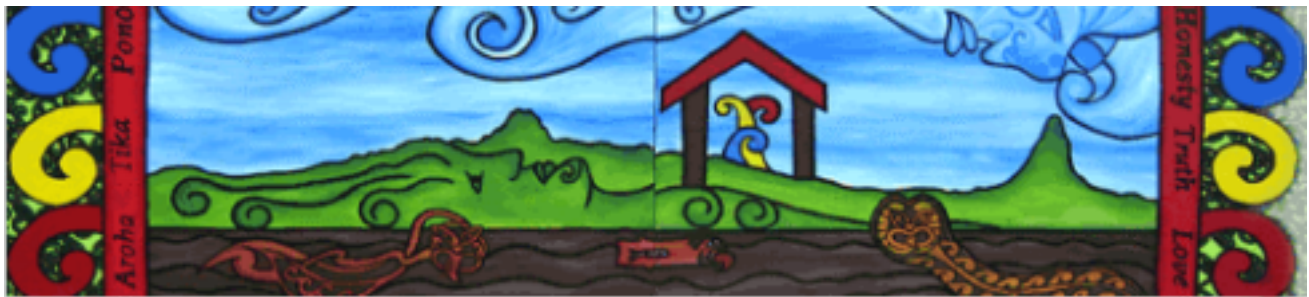
Support us here in our work at

Te Kopuru School.

Give us love, honesty, and truth.

We ask in your name.

Amen.



Ko Ranginui ki runga, ko ia a tatou tahuu.

Ranginui is above, he is our roof

Ko Papatuanuku ki raro, ko ia a tatou Whariki.

Papatuanuku is below, she is our mat.

Ko Maungaraho korua ko Tokatoka me ngā Poupou.

Maungaraho and Tokatoka are the posts

Ko Wairoa te Awa.

Wairoa is the River.

Ko Pokopoko, ko ia te Taniwha o te Awa Wairoa.

Pokopoko is the Taniwha of the Wairoa River

Ko Rangiriri, ko ia te Taniwha Rakau e kaukau atu ki te tai.

Rangiriri is the log that swims against the tide.

Ko Hoeroa, ko ia te Taniwha Ngarunui ka haere mai.

Hoeroa is the big wave that comes up the river.

Ko Te Whare Whakapiri Tuhono o nga Tangata Katoa.

The House that Brings all People Together.

Ko Pono, me Tika, me Aroha, ko tatou nga Uara.

Honesty, Truth, and Love are our Values.

Ko Te Kopuru a tatou Kura.

Te Kopuru is our School.

Tihei Mauri Ora, Tis the breath of life.

Te Kopuru School Board of Trustees

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2022 Staffing and Classes:

Room 1: Sarah King Room 2: Sheila Martin/Aimee Bradley Room 3: Lucy Harris

Room 5: Hellen Ashby-Nathan

Room 6: Robyn Aloua Poutama: Pere Tahere

Teacher Aides: Kerry Little, Aimee Bradley, Dawn Dreadon, Diane Reihana-Ruka, Rose Green

School Secretary: Andrea Palmer Caretaker: Anthony Nelson Principal: Lee Anderson

Parent Information

Please remember that students need to bring a water bottle, hat, swimming togs, & named mask.

MASKS

All students in Year 4 and above are required to wear masks while inside at school, and on the school buses. Please make sure your child brings a mask to school everyday. The Ministry of Education supplies masks for staff only.

If parents need to come into the school, please wear your mask and go directly to the office to scan the QR code, or sign in. Thank you.

School Stationery packs are no longer sold at the school office. Please purchase stationery packs online directly from Baigents website <https://nzschoolshop.co.nz> click on school list and type in Te Kopuru School

They will get delivered to your child's school classroom for collection.

School Uniforms: Last year was a transition year for the implementation of our school uniform. School uniforms will be required to be worn this 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>

Change of Parent Contact Details: Please let us know if you have **any change** of contact details. This is especially important for our Covid response.

Homework Centre

Homework Centre, while we are at RED Level, will only be available for those students who travel on the Dargaville Town bus.

Lunches in Schools

Free nutritious lunches are supplied every day to all students. 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.

Parent Contact Details

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. It is very important the school has accurate

contact caregiver details given the covid presence.

Parent/ Caregiver Name: _____ **Child's Name:** _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Emergency

Contact:(x2) _____

Food Allergies/Special Dietary requirements _____

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 emergency contact phone numbers. Please check details held with the office and update regularly.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

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

Hats are now compulsory for term 1 and term 4. Students must wear a hat when outside. **Breakfast in Schools:** Weetbix is available for our students from 8.20—8.40 am.

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 11 February. The children will need to wear 'covered' shoes and masks.

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.

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, VAPE 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.

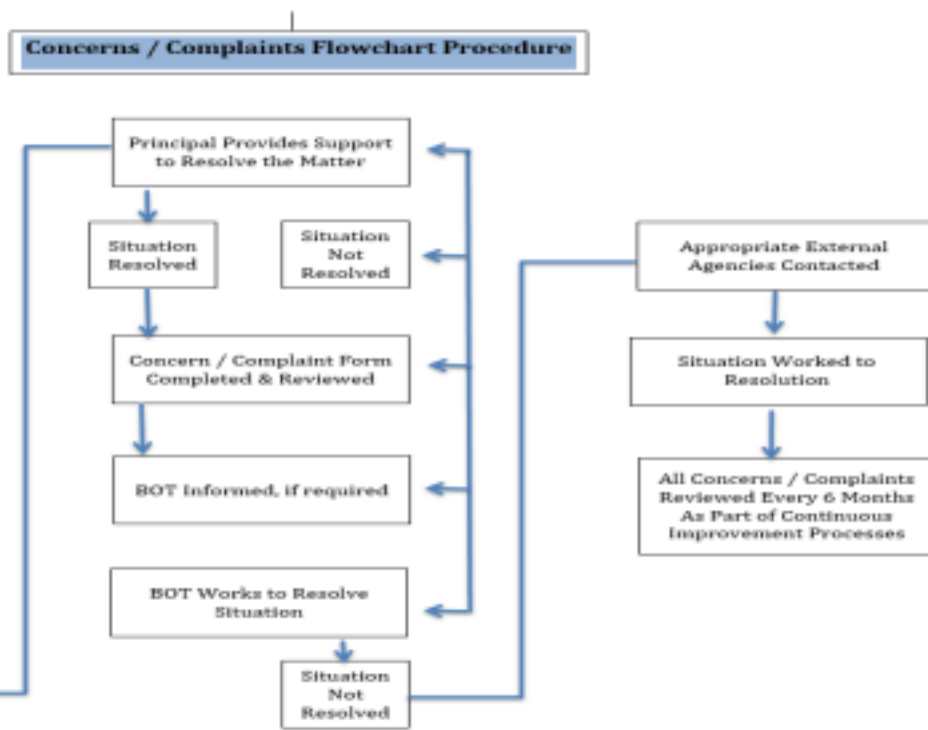
Please make sure you inform your child before school if there are any changes to their after

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.
- 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 office@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.

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WANTED:

Some classes are making their own masks as part of their technology curriculum. If you have any spare pieces of cotton material that you could give to our children to sew, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send along to school. If you could lend us a sewing machine that would be awesome...

