



# TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 8 March 2022

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**Whakatauki: Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi  
Engari he toa takitini**

**My strength is not as an individual  
But as a collective**

**Tenei te mihi, tenei te mihi, tenei te mihi.**  
Greetings, Greetings, Greetings.

Tenei te mihi ki a Harlym Wiki mea Nelly Hubbard, Max Newton-Sander, Te Maania Turner ki te kura o Te Kopuru.

Welcome to Harlym, Nellie, Te Maania and Max and their whanau to our school.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

*Our community has certainly been hit by omicron over the last few weeks and I am writing this newsletter to give you an update of confirmed cases in our school that we are aware of.*

*At the moment: seven students have tested positive and are home isolating with their siblings and whanau; Whaea Hellen and Anthony Nelson have tested positive and are home isolating. Some students are household contacts and are self isolating. Our thoughts are with these families and we wish them a speedy recovery.*

*The good news is Whaea Robyn is now back at school.*

*I am aware that some parents are keeping their children at home as a precautionary measure. We encourage parents to make informed decisions in regards to sending your child/children to school. We will be supportive of your decision, and not judge or discriminate. These are difficult times for everyone. You know your child and your whanau best; and we know that your decision will be made in the best interest of whanau health and wellbeing.*

*However, we do ask that you let the school know if you keep your children at home, so that a home learning package can be set up to ensure learning continues for our students.*

*I hope the information below is a helpful guideline/reference for you.*

*With Phase 3 of the Omicron response:*

- *only confirmed cases and their household contacts need to self-isolate*
- *attached are two info files to explain the different types of contacts and what to do under Phase 3 of Omicron.*

*If we have a positive RAT test, we need to lodge this with the Ministry of Health so that you can get the supports that you need. Here is the link to lodge a positive RAT test: [Reporting a RAT result](#) or watch the [Video](#) or phone **0800 222 478 and press option 3.***

*Under Phase 3 of the Omicron response the Kura is still open for learning and we will continue to follow Public Health Guidelines.*

As a school community we ask that you:

- Continue to send your tamariki to kura if your tamariki are not showing any signs or symptoms of COVID including -
  - A new or worsening cough
  - Sneezing and runny nose
  - A fever
  - Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
  - Sore throat
  - Shortness of breath
- **Please keep the Kura informed if you have a positive case at home**

Please take care, and keep safe.

Nga mihi nui

Lee Anderson



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

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## **BoT Members Needed**

Board of Trustee elections take place in September 2022, so now is the time to start thinking about your interest in becoming a Te Kopuru School Board Member.

This is an opportunity to be involved in your kura and community.

You are welcome to talk to any of our current board members to find out what is involved. Please contact them on the numbers, above.

## Calendar

Thursday 3 March: Sport Northland Swim Safe

Thursday 10/Friday 11: Rooms 5,6,Poutama "Have a Go Sailing"

Wednesday 16 March Te Kopuru Swimming Sports

Tuesday 22 March Te Kopuru School Triathlon

Thursday 14 April Last day of Term

Friday 15 April: Good Friday

Monday 2 May: Term 2 Start

**"Have a Go Sailing"** day at the Kai Iwi Lakes for Rooms 5,6,Poutama this Thursday 10 / Friday 11 March - depending on the number of students. An information letter has been sent home, with the parent permission slip. Due to low numbers of student attendance, we will probably only go to the lakes on Thursday. This will be confirmed tomorrow.

**Te Kopuru School Swimming Sports - Wednesday 16 March:** Once again, low student attendance may cause the format of our swimming sports to change. It is difficult to organise these events under our present circumstances, so please bear with us. It is difficult to run a race with only one competitor in the event! At the moment we are taking a day at a time.

## 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:** We are aware that many students have no 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>

## 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.

### Dental Clinic

As part of the Covid-19 Response our school dental clinic will not be open, due to the Northland DHB Oral Health Services reduced capacity. This will be reopened once circumstances allow. If you have any concerns about your children's oral health, please contact them on 0800 698 3384, and they will be able to assist you.

### Optometrist

On May 5th and 6th the optometrist from the Mr Four Eyes foundation will be coming up from Whangaparāoa to deliver **free** advanced vision testing at Dargaville Medical Centre, for students in the Northern Wairoa. These appointments will take 30 to 40 minutes, and if needed, glasses will be provided free of charge.

Appointments can be made simply by calling Dargaville Medical Centre and asking for an appointment with the optometrist on May 5th or 6th.

PLEASE note that if you make an appointment and then fail to turn up, you take a spot from another student needing an eye test, and waste the time of the optometrist who donates his time to this worthy cause.

## **Ear Clinic**

The Mobile Ear Clinic is back in Dargaville.

The aim of the Mobile Ear Clinic Service is the prevention or timely intervention and treatment of ear disease, to prevent complications, development delay, behavioural problems and educational disadvantage.

Free clinics are held across Northland on a rotational basis. These clinics are drop-in clinics, so no appointment is required. The next clinic in Dargaville is Monday 7 March, 9 am - 2pm (closed 12-1pm). Otherwise, phone 0800 MY EARS (0800 693 277) to speak directly to one of the team for more information including dates and venues for upcoming clinics, or email [MobileEar.ClinicNurses@northlanddhb.org.nz](mailto:MobileEar.ClinicNurses@northlanddhb.org.nz)

Services provided for children and young people up to the age of 18 include:

- Glue ear assessment
- Treatment of discharging ears
- Pre and post grommet checks
- Wax and foreign body removal
- Education

Referrals are received from and sent to:

- Audiology
- Special Education Services (GSE)
- Speech Therapy
- Ear Nose and Throat Specialists
- Paediatrics
- Public Health Nurses
- Plunket Nurses
- Iwi Health Providers
- General Practitioners

