

TE KOPURU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 22 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.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is pleasing to note more students returning to school this week.

As a school we are doing our very best to ensure that our whole school events still take place, considering, of course, the pandemic requirements of the day. The health and safety of our students is always at the forefront of any planned event. As principal, I am also aware of the importance of the attendance of our school community at such events, and the pride your children display when a family member is there especially to see them! We are holding our school swimming sports this week; the triathlon next week; and are looking into our whakawhanaungatanga wiki at the end of this term.

I am asking that parents please play their part in ensuring all our students are kept as safe as possible. Please wear your masks, sign in, and please keep your distance from other students and whanau. Thank you.

We have a busy week with our school swimming sports on Thursday. I have also confirmed a visit from "Mahi Pai" - a show to promote student well being- also set for this Thursday at 11.30am. This is a 45 minute fun performance and will be set up outside (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to watch the show after the senior school swim sports. Please see the timetable for Thursday in this newsletter.

School update: To keep our community informed -

There are four families now in isolation for the remainder of this week that we are aware of.

Whaea Sarah (Room 1 teacher) has been identified as a household contact and is isolating this week. Thanks to those parents who are keeping their child at home while Whaea Sarah is absent. If you would like your Room 1 child to participate in the Junior Hub Swim demonstration please bring your child to school on Thursday.

After 7 days of isolation for Whaea Lucy as a household contact (Room 3 teacher), I was informed this morning that she has now tested positive for covid. So Whaea Lucy will be absent from school for another 7 days and hopefully will return next Wednesday 28. In the interim, Mrs Bradley will be teaching in room 3.

Teacher aide Diana Reihana Ruka is also a household contact and is at home self isolating.

I am unable to find relief teachers as every school in the Northern Wairoa has the same issues with teacher shortages. We are managing to keep most classroom learning programmes running with a skeleton staff. If your child is at home please contact the class teacher for home learning packs.

Please communicate with the school if you have a positive case in your whanau, and are self isolating.

Please take care, and keep safe.


Nga mihi nui

Lee Anderson

Te Kopuru Swimming Sports: Thursday 24 March 9am start

This event will be a day focused on student participation and fun. In the spirit of cooperation, we are asking all spectators to wear masks on the day, and keep in mind social distancing. Our students will be told to stay with the student group.

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY:

SWIMMING SPORTS	Approximate times
<p>Order of Events - Events will run through with no breaks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rope Cup Finals Boys/Girls 9am• All swimming races <p>MAHI PAI PERFORMANCE AT 11.30 AM ON THE SCHOOL FIELD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior students demonstration. 12.15am• Relays - Students Parent/Students Relay• LUNCH <p>Please send your child to school well prepared for our day with hat, water bottle, sunblock, togs, 2 x towels, warm jacket and lots of energy food. NO FIZZY or SPORTS DRINKS.</p> <p>Come along and have a great day supporting our swimmers. We will need parent helpers. Please ring the office if you can help out. THERE IS NO NORTHERN WAIROA SWIMMING EVENT THIS YEAR</p> <p>In the interests of health and safety, all adults are asked to wear masks at all times and to scan in. Please adhere to social distancing. The swim sports has been split into a senior and a junior school programme to keep our student numbers down which allows for adult spectators. Thank you for your support.</p>	 A circular icon with a grey border. Inside, a white silhouette of a swimmer is shown in a freestyle stroke, moving from left to right. Below the swimmer are three wavy lines representing water, colored in shades of blue and grey.
<p style="text-align: center;">MAHI PAI PERFORMANCE AT 11.30 AM ON THE SCHOOL FIELD</p>	

Calendar

Thursday 24 March Te Kopuru Swimming Sports

Thursday 31 March Te Kopuru School Triathlon

Thursday 14 April Last day of Term

Friday 15 April: Good Friday

Monday 2 May: Term 2 Start

Te Kopuru School Triathlon: Thursday 31 March

Children should now be thinking about the school triathlon event that is coming up next week.

The triathlon includes a swim, bike ride and run. Children may decide to form a team, with each member choosing which leg to do.

I would challenge our more able athletes to compete as an individual in this event.

This is an annual event and all students are required to take part, unless there is a medical exemption.

We rely on parental help on the roads to ensure our children stay safe. We really appreciate your support in this regard. Please contact the school if you can help.



If you wish to enter as an adult please notify the school.

All cyclists will be using the school bikes and helmets. However if students wish to use their own bike could they please be dropped off at school next Wednesday.



Year 1 & 2 Students have a short individual course inside the school grounds. Every student participates.

Students will use the school bikes and helmets, but if you have a bike or scooter that they wish to use, could you please bring them to school next Wednesday.



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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.

Covid Advice for anyone who is unwell

- Anyone who is sick should stay home until they are well.
- When a child has respiratory symptoms, they should stay at home and seek advice from their GP or Healthline. Staying home is key to controlling the spread of **any** virus in a school setting.
- Many children will have a long-lasting runny nose or cough after viral infections. If it is over 10 days since the onset of COVID symptoms and they are no longer feeling unwell, they are very unlikely to be infectious and can therefore return to school.
- However, if they are continuing to feel unwell or their symptoms are worsening after 10 days, they should not return to school and a GP review, or a call to Healthline, is recommended.
- *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***

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.

