



WHAKAMARU SCHOOL

Growing Creative Thinkers

#01 Newsletter - 28 January 2022

Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, tēnā koutou katoa i roto i ngā āhuatanga o te wā.

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful summer for your whānau.

Our team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2022 year and can't wait to welcome everyone back onsite.

In regard to COVID-19 we have moved fully into the new traffic light framework for all our school and kura activities and events this year. You will be familiar with all the health measures we will have in place and it is good to know that at Red setting, we are able to support everyone learning onsite.

Frequently asked questions about in the Red Light setting.

Vaccinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All staff are fully vaccinated● All volunteers such as transport, sport, fundraising or camps for the school must show their vaccination pass.● Vaccinations for 5 -12 years old upwards are encouraged but not a requirement.● All members of the community vaccinated or not can attend school activities such as parent teacher interviews, sport gatherings around learning etc. (mask must be worn)
Mask wearing - face covering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In our school setting our Year 5-8 will be wearing masks inside the classroom. So this makes it only Room 1 & 2 mask wearing inside.● Year 4 up must wear a mask on the bus.● Our Government has suggested N95 grade masks this is not a requirement it is more around how you wear the mask.● Don't worry if you don't have these specific types of face coverings, as public health experts also say that any face covering is better than no face covering.● No masks are required outside, so we will be encouraging that a high percentage of teaching be outside depending on weather.● Please supply your child their own mask, we will have a limited supply of masks. See link to make a homemade mask.
Basic Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Good hand hygiene,● Cough, and sneeze etiquette,● Avoid touching your face,● Regularly clean and disinfect surfaces.● If your child is ill, please keep them home.
Visitors to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All visitors must come through the office and use our visitors register for contact tracing.● Parents and caregivers, if onsite should wear a mask.● If at school for assemblies, parent/teacher meetings etc you are not required to show proof of vaccination.
Drop off & pick up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Please drop your child at the gate.● Pick up, we will continue to direct your child safely to your car.

Education Outside the Classroom Sporting events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Camps and day trips can go ahead with careful planning.● School Sporting events outside can continue under strict guidelines and with limited numbers.● All students can attend camps & day trips including the unvaccinated.● All parent/caregiver volunteers must show a vaccination pass.
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Sorry for the late message to you all but I wanted to ensure I had all the important information given to us by the Ministry of Education before I shared it due to some confusion throughout the country. If you need more information please do not hesitate to call the school. An talk to me

Nga mihi nui
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