



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 19 November

Teacher Only Day

Friday 26 November

Moutere Hills Athletics Day

Friday 17 December

Last Day of Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

Last week I fell behind in student welcomes. Sylvie Thomas joined Tui Class on the Tuesday of last week (on her birthday by choice!). Well done Sylvie on your great start.

This week our Year 3, 4 and 5 students have had a chance to experience the Bridge Valley Adventure Centre. Thank you to the staff and parents who have assisted with supervision and transport over the past two weeks. We are very lucky to have such great outdoor education venues nearby.

Today we farewell April Young who has completed a four week student teacher placement in Kea Class. We wish April all the very best for completing her qualification next year.

Our library is currently being prepared to move to a larger space once the new classroom block is delivered. A massive thank-you to Cathy Dubbelman, Anna Marinkovich and Janet Thorp for the volunteer time that they put into updating the resources in our existing library.

Please remember that on Friday of next week we have a teacher only day to allow for staff professional development for the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme.

Next week the COVID-19 vaccination mandate comes into place from Tuesday 16th November. As mentioned last week we are still operating at Alert Level 2 procedures and we will now have the addition of the COVID-19 vaccination mandate. In the immediate future, there are few implications for unvaccinated parents and caregivers as we do not have any planned trips or camps beyond this week for the remainder of the year. The only exception is the Moutere Hills Athletics postponement date which is still subject to cancellation at Alert Level 2. For the time being we will be treating all parents and caregivers as unvaccinated (MOE wording) and as a reminder these are the procedures:

- Visits to the school office / administration area must be done with a mask and should be kept to essential interactions e.g. purchase of items only available at school.
- Parents of Tui Class students can enter the school grounds to support handover to the classroom teacher in the morning.
- Staff are unable to accept walk-in meetings. Meetings need to be booked via email stating clear reasons for the meeting. Should you be able to produce evidence of vaccination, staff may choose to invite you to remove your mask

This upcoming week may be quite 'bumpy' for some of our local schools and our local colleagues. I know that we can rely on our school community to maintain a kind, calm and sensible approach regardless of your opinion around the vaccination mandate.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Rob

COMMUNITY COMMENT ...

Weekly Community Comment - Term 4 Week 5 2021 - Monday 15th - Friday 19th November/Whiringa-ā-rangi

Weekly School Goal: Respecting and appreciating the efforts of our peers

Key points for this week:

Monday / Rahina 15th

- Hayden is out for Beginning Teacher Release - Cindy is in Kakapo Class
- Anne Dorne is in 9am - 10:30am
- Hui at 12:00pm - certificate catch up
- Syndicate meetings at 3:15pm

Tuesday / Rātu 16th

- Sue is out for PD - Melanie is in Kea Class
- Ally is out for PD - Kieley is in Hoiho Class
- Lisa is out for day off

Wednesday / Rāapa 17th

- Cate is out for day off - Rob is in Weka Class
- Maia is out for day off - Melanie is in Kereru Class
- Anne Dorne is in 9am - 10:30am

Thursday / Rāpare 18th

- Sue is out for day off - Melanie is in Kea Class
- Jude is out for Voice Collection survey am / CRT pm - Cindy is in Tui Class

Friday / Rāmāre 19th

- Teacher only day - Pause, Breathe, Smile professional development programme for staff

Term 4

- Teacher only day for staff professional development - Friday 19th November (Term 4, Week 5)
- Moutere Hills Athletics Day - Friday 26th November (Term 4, Week 6)
- School closes for Term 4 - 2:55pm Friday 17th December (Term 4, Week 9)
- Teacher only day and preparation for classroom moves with new building arriving - Monday 20th December

Cleaner Wanted:

Part time / occasional cleaner wanted for holiday accommodation in Williams Road. \$25 - \$30 ph.

Please phone Adi on 0272177155.



Some photos from the Senior Camp at Bridge Valley. There are more on our facebook page.

