



Newsletter #10 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 15 May 2020

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, Firstly, we would like to thank and congratulate you for your support of your tamariki and their distance learning over the past weeks. We know in some cases it has been challenging. The focus of our learning sites and Google Meets were to connect with your child and give them a sense of belonging as we know these are important pillars of wellbeing. Wellbeing and Learning go hand in hand. Your support has been invaluable to your tamariki and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the many messages of support we have received through these challenging times.

We are looking forward to seeing your children on Monday. The staff have had briefings on Health and Safety and the school and classes made ready for our tamariki to return.

We all have a part to play to keep us all safe.

Some of the operating procedures were outlined in the newsletter on Monday and others are outlined in further detail for you here:

- Please, **DO NOT** send sick children to school. Either ring or send a message via the APP to let us know they are going to be absent by **9.00am**.
- Please remember that your child needs to have their own drink bottle at school, along with plenty of food for the day. Please do not send food that requires preparation or heating at school as we will not be having shared use of the kitchens in the Learning Studios.
- Children returning to school must return any school owned devices. You will have received an email if this applies to you.
- If you need to contact the school office, we ask that where possible you do so by phone or email. If you have to go to the office there will be a 'one in, one out' system operating. Physical distancing of 2 meters is required for everyone waiting.
- If you have ordered items of school uniform the office will contact you when it has arrived and make arrangements with you for collection.
- We are going to delay having assemblies and other events until we have our new routines established and when we can be assured that we can do so in a safe way.
- At Level 2, the key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact



From The Principal continued ...

Drop-Offs: Children will not be allowed into the school grounds any earlier than 8.30am. We would prefer that children walk, bike or use their scooters to get to school and time their arrival for after 8.30am. There will be no need for them to wait outside the gate unless they come to school too early.

If you must drop your child off by car, the angle parking directly outside the school entrance is a 'Kiss and Drop' zone for parents staying in their vehicles. The 3 min parking times must apply. You will need to be patient, but this has been working well under Level 3 and we are really proud of the way the bubble children and parents coped with the dropping off and not entering the school grounds.

Please help us out by preparing your children so that they know that you won't be coming in the gate with them and that they will be ok. There will be plenty of staff, including at least one teacher from each Learning Studio, at the front of the school waiting to greet their tamariki.

If you absolutely have to enter the school grounds then you will need to speak to a member of staff at the gate to have your details recorded in the Contact Tracing Register, including time in and time out of the school grounds. Whanau of brand new New Entrants have been contacted and there are different arrival times and procedures in place for these children.

Pick-Ups: At the end of the day parents are asked not to enter the school grounds at the end of the day but to remain in your vehicle if possible, and outside the school gate if not. At 2.50pm children who walk or bike home from school on their own will be released from the Learning Studios to make their way home. At the same time, the eldest child in each family will be released from their Learning Studio to go and gather up their siblings and take them to the school gate to meet whoever is collecting them. At 3pm all remaining children will be released from their Learning Studio.

I understand that some of you may not think that these measures are necessary. However, making sure contact tracing happens properly is an essential requirement for us. I am reminded of Eleanor Roosevelt who said "***With freedom, comes responsibility***". If you exercise your right to come on site then it is your responsibility to comply with the contact tracing requirements.

We ask you to please trust us to look after your precious children. We believe our Health and Safety plan is robust, and we need everyone to play their part!

We can't wait to see everyone on Monday.

Noho ora mai

Liz Weir, Principal

