



(Ready for) - **Monday 18th May - Rāhina 18 o Haratua**

School Newsletter

Week 6, Term 2, 2020

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

Hutia te rito o te harakeke,

Kei hea te kōmako e kō?

Kī mai ki ahau;

He aha te mea nui o te Ao?

Māku e kī atu,

he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata!

Kōrero o te Tumuaki:



Kia ora koutou e te iwi!

On Monday 18th May, we begin term 2 at school, after 7 weeks in rāhui (protection bubble), under our nationwide alert levels. We start on Monday 18th May as 'week 6' and will complete another 6 weeks as term 2. This doesn't affect term holidays or future dates. Term 2 is technically a 12 week term, with 5 of those weeks under alert level 3 and 4. Please see our 'key dates' below. Again, I would like to acknowledge Matua Jared Grace who starts his new position this week and welcome Whaea Joanne Winiata to Room 10. We welcome Whaea Stevee-Ray Raureti, who returns to us in the role of Room 1 class teacher, and Dave Willis who will be in Room 6 for 2 weeks at this stage as Whaea Carole continues our home learning component.

We are pleased to have the majority of tamariki and staff now working and learning onsite, with a portion who will continue working and learning from home. We can reassure you that our staff are well prepared and we have our safety plans and Golden Rules in place. Our approach is considerate of the social and emotional impacts the rāhui time may have posed with the challenge of staying home for a long period of time. We will be discussing the many positives and worries our tamariki may have.

Our 'Caught Being Good' this week, without hesitation, should be awarded to all of our tamariki, staff and whānau for the huge efforts over the last 7 weeks. We have been overwhelmed by the home learning that has taken place and want to thank our whānau for 'stepping up' to the challenges that came with that. We understand our whānau have varying circumstances and we will continue to meet the needs of whānau the best we can.

Callie Raureti - callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz

Acting Principal.

Caught Being Good!

Presented to: Tamariki, staff and whānau

House: Unukaria, Whakaue, Rangioru, Hinemaru

For showing:

Respect/Manaakitanga

Inquiry/Patāpatai

Integrity/Mana Tangata

Excellence / Kairangatira



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He mihi aroha:

We would like to acknowledge Matua Jared Grace, who shared his last day with us on Friday, 15th May. Matua Jared has made significant contributions to our kura in his time with us and we wish him all the best on his journey ahead. Ka nui ngā mihi nui, e hoa! Whaea Joanne Winiata is readily excited to be taking over Room 10 as the new classroom teacher for the remainder of 2020. We will be supporting a smooth transition for all tamariki and whānau.

Alert Level 2 - Safety Guidelines:



- Our bus is up and running in the morning and afternoons as normal. There will be sanitiser available and we will keep a record of who is on the bus each day.
 - When your child/children arrive at school we will encourage you to let them walk into school on their own.
 - There will be staff members at each gate to greet the children when they arrive in the morning and staff out on morning duty around the school.
 - Please use our 1 main entrance, which is between Te Hono - our carved posts.
 - If your tamariki are in the Hub or room 2, whānau can take these tamariki to the outside of their classroom - if you need to talk with our kaiako, they will come and see you if it's not during class time.
- We are hoping that 8.30am can be the time of morning arrival for most students, with the exception of whānau who start work at 8.30am.
 - Our free school lunches do start back next week also, but not our fruit supply at this stage.
 - Please ensure your tamariki has a morning snack and a water bottle to use - we are turning off our drinking fountains during alert level 2.
 - We are introducing an optional early finish for any tamariki or whānau who feel an eased transition is best. We will ring an extra bell at 12.30pm for this option and I will duty the gate at this time. If lunches are available at that time, we can send that home with the tamariki. If you select that option, can you please let the office, or your child's class teacher know about this.
 - Transition to school will commence at alert level 1. Our transition team will contact whānau this week to have a friendly kōrero with you.
 - Breakfast Club will be available from 8.30am - 8.50am for tamariki who want a kai in the morning.
 - We will provide follow-up information about sports and extra-curricular activities in time.
 - For tamariki who will continue learning from home, Whaea Carole and Whaea Tricia will be connecting with you next week in Class Dojo, please check in, so we can keep a record of attendance.
 - We will cater for learning at home and at school - if we don't hear from you at all, your child's absences will be marked as 'unknown absence' - after 21 days, the Ministry 'notice'.



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5 Golden Rules for whānau:

1. *Tamariki who are 5 or 6 can have an adult take them to the outside of their class - visit the office to sign the contact register.*
2. *If you need to come into school, the office is your 1st stop - we can't allow whānau to visit classrooms.*
3. *Keep your distance from other adults and tamariki onsite, 2 metres is recommended!*
4. *Be wise, sanitise!*
5. *Cough and sneeze into your elbow, if you are unwell, please stay home and phone us.*

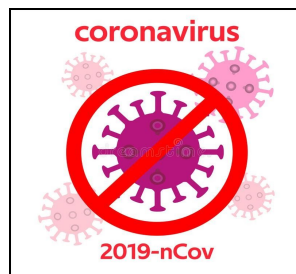


5 Golden Rules for tamariki:

1. *Keep your personal space - the bubble you can draw around you*
2. *Be wise, sanitise! (after playing outside, inside, or upside down!)*
3. *After using a door, wash your hands some more!*
4. *Cough and sneeze into your elbow, nobody wants a germ shower!*
5. *If you are unwell and feeling sick - stay home until a doctor's tick*

Please notice!

This image will mark areas around our school that we don't want the tamariki touching, ie, drinking fountains.



OUR KURA, OUR PLACE



2020 School Term Dates:

Updated!

Term 1: 28th January - 27th March

Waitangi Day 6th Feb (school closed)

Term 2: 15th April - 3rd July

Queen's Birthday 1st June (school closed)

Term 3: 20th July - 25th September

Māori Language Week - Possible Noho Marae

Term 4: 12th October - 9th Dec.

Labour Day 26th October (school closed)





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Transition to School for our 4 year olds:

Our transition programme will start again when we move to alert level 1 - we will be in contact with our ECE and whānau to keep you informed along the way. We are aware we have some 'almost' 5 year olds who are eager to start school and we will continue to support that the best we can during this time. We just want our current little people to settle into their new Golden Rules and routines so that we can ensure a calm and smooth transition. Whaea Callie is currently doing these inductions to school - feel free to contact me.

Sports Update (so far):

At this stage, our scheduled winter sports are cancelled for the remainder of 2020. We understand this plays a big part in developing physical skills, teamwork, following passions and many more aspects of our tamariki's social development and confidence. We are talking about how we can continue to foster these opportunities within our kura moving forward and Whaea Lorraine will update us regarding school sporting events. So far, we have Kimiora Insley, Sport BOP, ready to run programmes at school for tamariki of all age groups - watch this space!

Helpful links for supporting tamariki and whānau:

Link: [**First Week Back Ideas for Staff and Whānau**](#)

Our staff have been exploring lots of tasks and activities to support our tamariki returning to school. I have made this link available to whānau - this may help you to find resources that could spark good discussions in your home, also helping to support a positive transition for whānau as a whole. We also understand that tamariki, staff and whānau may have things to add to the 'worry jar' - we will be giving the tamariki space to discuss these. We want to validate all feelings during this time and hopefully provide some reassurance moving forward. If you as parents/whānau have something to add to the jar, please feel free to contact our teachers.



Our day structure:

To further ensure a safe and positive return to school we have made a few slight changes to our eating and play times to allow for good hygiene practices. Our overall day/times are as follows:



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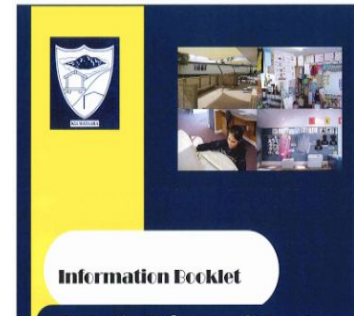
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8.30am - requested time of arrival for the majority of students
8.55am - morning bell for class start (learning block 1)
10.30am - morning tea kai time
10.40am - outside play time
11am - learning block 2
12.30pm - early finish for some students
12.45pm - lunch kai time
1pm - outside play time
1.30pm - learning block 3
2.55pm - school finish (wait outside the gate if you can)
4pm - all tamariki and staff offsite for cleaning to take place

New Enrolments at Alert Level 2:

[Link to enrolment forms 2020](#)

We can enrol new students during alert level 2. You can collect hard-copy forms from the office or print from the link above. Make a time to meet with Whaea Callie for the 'Warm Welcome' induction and discussions about transitions. This process needs to be completed before new students can start in their class - this gives our teachers time to prepare for the arrival of new students. If you have a 4 year old to enrol in our transition programme, you can also collect these forms from the office (different to school enrolment) and have a kōrero with our friendly staff. We thank you for your patience with this process during alert level 2.



Expectations - Golden Rules:

With measures put in place for the **safety of all tamariki, staff and whānau** through alert level 2, we want to emphasise the need for our tamariki to do their absolute best to uphold these 'tikanga' or 'way of doing things' in class and in the playgrounds. We have tried to keep as much normalcy as possible and considered a realistic and practical approach to our 'new normal'. This means, if our tamariki are finding it difficult to uphold these measures, ie, keeping hands themselves, refusing to follow instructions and misconduct, we may be in contact with whānau to discuss this. He waka eke noa, we all need to do our part to keep ourselves, and others safe. We will be teaching our tamariki that it is a shared responsibility to keep our school safe from germs.

Take care, contact us if you have any questions.

Team Ōwhata! Here to support tamariki and whānau.