

Level 3 School Update - 19th October 2021

Kia ora koutou

Thank you all for taking the Level changes and organisation with your children and their learning in your stride. We really appreciate it. In these very strange and uncertain times, if Mum and Dad can go with the flow, then children just naturally take it as being OK and they relax and fit in with whatever is happening so much more easily.

We had really hoped - as I am sure you did as well - for a change back to Level 2 for tomorrow, but this is not to be. So, we will continue being flexible and adapt again to the next stage of our journey, unsure how long it will last.

At School, all staff are providing us with a negative test before joining us on-site and we are now operating 3 Bubbles for whānau groups. Children in these bubbles need to meet the MOE criterion as listed below:

“At Alert Level 3, children should only go to school if their parents are required to work and there is no other care option available at home. Ultimately, schools, for the most part, do remain closed except for those workers where there are no other options available for the care of their children.”

Thank you to our Essential Workers. We are trying to make your children's restrictive Bubble school as positive as possible. Please be aware that to staff Bubble School and the Online Learning platforms as well, sometimes your teachers may be held up in responding, if they are face to face on site, instead of sitting at home in front of their computer.

Devices

Students needing to borrow a school device have been communicated with and dispatched this afternoon. Let us know if there are any problems in this area.

Library Books

Mrs Kewish has started the week in Mawhero Bubble but will be heading to the library tomorrow to start sorting books. Huge numbers of books went home for holiday reading and Mrs Kewish would love to get them back in, so she can send out more packs to homes over the next few days. If you have books that you have read, can you please **drop them off** at our covered main **Gate No 3, over the next two days during Bubble School Time.**

If you would like more books to have at home, please email Mrs Kewish tkewish@tamahere.school.nz . Initially Mrs Kewish will bag you up a **Surprise Bag of Books** and she will communicate with you around pick up. The surprise books are due to so many titles you may be requesting, already being issued.

Book Fair 2021

Our upcoming Book Fair forms an important part of the budget for our new 2022 book purchases. Mrs Kewish is worried that without being able to come on-site, we may not get the sales and revenue we need. Can we please ask if you are planning

to buy books for Christmas etc, that you see what we have available to sell and do it the online way this year? We hugely appreciate your ongoing support.

This is a great opportunity to organise your Christmas shopping and support our school at the same time! Our library really relies upon the annual Scholastic Book Fair, as the sales generated by this event, contribute towards 50% of our library book purchases.

There will be a few changes to the Scholastic Book Fair this year:

Level 3: Unfortunately at Level 3 the Book Fair cannot happen.

Level 2: The Bookfair will be held in the library for students to come in during class time and then they can take home a wishlist, which has the bank details form on the back. The students can get this filled in by parents and Mrs Kewish will fill their orders. They can also bring cash to the library with their order. Unfortunately, no parents will be able to be on-premises.

Level 1: The Book Fair will operate as normal, during Week 3, from Monday to Wednesday from 2.30 pm-5.30 pm and everyone will be welcome.

If we are able to go ahead this year, Mrs Kewish will also share photos of the books available on the website Library Blog.

AG Day

We are still very keen for Ag Day to happen for all our children and their animals. Under Level 2, we have many organisational arrangements to keep everyone spaced and safe. The plan is, if we are in Level 2 next week it will go ahead on Wednesday 27th October, otherwise, our last actual postponement date will be on Wednesday 3rd November. The judges are still very happy to try and achieve this for us. If neither of these dates are possible, the Committee will come back with possible online plans. Let's keep our fingers crossed! Thank you everyone for your flexibility and enthusiasm to keep this day happening for our children.

A Message from the Tamahere Community Centre Committee- 2021 AGM

*It is hard to believe that a year has almost flown by and our 2021 AGM is approaching. We have had an amazing year with lots of great developments. This message is a reminder that our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 28th of October at 7.00pm** in the Tamahere Community Centre. We would love as many people as possible to attend. You do not need to be on the committee or have intentions of going on, it is a great opportunity to hear how the year has progressed and intentions for the future.*

We look forward to seeing you there if Levels allow.

Kind Regards,

TCC Committee

We hope your online learning is going well, please let us know how you are getting on, so we can support you as best as possible.

Ngā mihi nui

Waveney Parker