

Re Calibrate! - Level 2 - Āpōpō - Tomorrow!! Wednesday 17th November 2021

Nau mai Haere mai! Welcome back! 😊

Wow-what a surprise announcement yesterday! We are all getting used to readjusting and being flexible. So here we go again - ignore most of what we sent out last week.

The main messages that are constant are:

1. **Every child attending school must be healthy!** If your child is unwell in any way, keep them at home, isolate and get tested. Please do not send a child to school, who could spread any illness to others.
2. **No extra adults can come on-site:** All children will need to be dropped at the gate. If you have concerns with this, please mention it to your teachers, so we can pick these children up at specific gates. Gate 2, in front of our newest classrooms and our covered Gate 3, are best for our smallest Juniors and students who may be anxious to be greeted and welcomed.
3. **Please keep your distance at gates and wear a mask:** We are still told that adults pose the greatest risk of passing on the virus to our tamariki.
4. **Tomorrow morning:** All children, please arrive at school between **8:15am and 8:30am** and go directly to their own classrooms to hand sanitise in.
5. **Whakatau Welcome - 11:30am**, for all our new five-year-olds in Puriri 5. Weather permitting, we are delighted to be able to hold a Whakatau welcome assembly for all of our new families, who have joined us over lockdown and some just this week. We will be holding our welcome back and Whakatau assembly outside Manuka 16 - on the courts that face the main car park. All parents are very welcome to come into the car park, bringing a deck chair and a sun hat and join us outside the fence. Our microphones and Haka should be easily heard by you there.
6. **Afternoon Gates:** Juniors will head out to their gates at 2:20pm, Pirongia 2:25pm and Seniors at 2:30pm.

Other reminders:

7. Please send your children with their **sun hats** tomorrow, along with warm uniform items, in case we are sitting out in the cold winds predicted. This may be a good opportunity to check all items are named, as the summer term is notorious for mountains of lost property, as clothing is discarded around the site, when the days get warmer.

 8. **Sun cream and hand sanitiser** is also a good idea to pop into bags. Swimming will start next week, if the weather is warm enough. We have been waiting on new covers to come out of Auckland.

 9. **Food and Drink:** As normal, no food is to be shared. All children will need to bring their own drink bottles, as no drinking fountains can be used at this time. There will be no more lunch orders for the term.
- ❖ **There will be no Before and After School care operating at this stage.**

 - ❖ **The bus will be running** - bring a mask to wear just in case.

 - ❖ **Mask wearing:** At this stage, we are unsure of the mask-wearing rules, we are hoping that all of our students will not need to be wearing masks. However, they may wear masks if they feel safer in them.

Please be assured that under Level 2 and with the Delta variant in our backyard, we will continue to implement the many measures that we have set in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I am sorry for any confusion. Even now I am not writing with surety, as I have not yet received the Ministry's update on yesterday's announcement. They had said schools would be given 48 hours for the changes. Other information says there won't be any level changes mid-week. This is what we think tomorrow will look like, but please don't hold us to it, as we are not sure!

The one thing we are sure about is the happiness and excitement everyone is feeling about having all of your wonderful children back with us physically once again.

If anything does change apart from our own internal arrangements, we will let you know later in the day.

We look forward to seeing your children's smiling faces and your masked ones outside - Āpōpō! (Tomorrow 17th November) 😊

Ngā mihi nui

Waveney & the team