

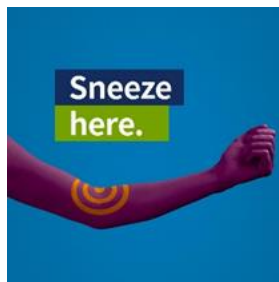
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Covid-19 - Update from the MOE

During the week there has been much media coverage on this topic. The Ministries of Health and Education have been providing regular communication to school principals on this issue for the last few weeks.

Handwashing to prevent spread - The preventative measures the Ministry of Health are encouraging schools and early learning services to practice are those of good hygiene, which include:

- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet



- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

Advice from the Ministry of Health asks everyone to wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure you dry them thoroughly. Singing Happy Birthday twice slowly, or any song of similar length, should take about 20 seconds.



Further information can be found on the Ministry of Health website. If you have been traveling or intend to travel you should check the latest information on their website.

We do not wish to alarm families but want you to be aware of practices which we can all implement.

If you are interested Seven Sharp had an informative item, on Tuesday night, which talked about what a virus is when talking with children. It also talked about hand washing and how we can look after ourselves.

Important Dates:

9th March - EBOP Golf Champs in Ohope (Y 5-8)

10 March - Interschool Swimming Sports

11 & 12 March - 'Getting to Know You' whanau meeting

18th March - EBOP Swimming Champs 8-12+ year olds

24th March - EBOP Cricket World Cup (Y 3-6)

Whanau Evenings – Getting to Know You:

These are planned for Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

These evenings will be an opportunity to share your aspirations for your child with the teacher. Share their interests, hobbies, how they like to spend their out of school time. What do they find challenging or maybe want to find out more about? Your child will also be part of this discussion. All this discussion can contribute to the learning journey for your child and the development of learning goals after the meeting. Be sure to complete your online booking. We look forward to spending time with you.

When: Wed 11th and Thurs 12th March 3-6.30pm with 15 min time slots.

Access booking

via <https://www.ohopebeach.school.nz/> with booking

code **z6z4j**

Eating at School:

We have made a few changes to eating at school. The children are eating in class, at their tables, or at the outdoor picnic tables for some. This provides an opportunity for children to sit and eat in a social setting. Sitting in a walkway on our verandas is not the ideal place for enjoying your lunch. We have been working on this and ways to minimise food waste left on the tables and the floor. The children have made place mats to use when they are seated at the tables. We thank the children for their adaptation to this change and will continue to monitor how it goes.

Halo – Sustainable Backyards:

Just a reminder that this evening is planned for tonight, 6.00pm in the school hall.

Messages to the Office:

You may, at times, arrange alternative going home arrangements for your child. Please ensure you have let the teacher know in the morning and that your child knows. You can always pop a message in your child's lunch box as a reminder.

We are getting a number of phone calls, in the afternoon, for messages to be taken to classes. This becomes problematic as classes may be swimming or out on the field and we try not to disturb the class lessons. If an emergency has arisen, then do phone the office. Thank you for your support of this.

Teacher Development Days:

We have planned the following days for Teacher Development this year. The school will be closed for instruction on these days. We wanted to advise you now, so you have plenty of time to make arrangements for your child/children or plan your weekends.

Friday 29th May – Term 2 (the Friday before Queen's Birthday holiday)

Monday 10th August – Term 3 (same day as the High Schools)

Friday 23rd October – Term 4 (the Friday before Labour Day holiday)

School Camps:

Both our school camps are not far away now. All year 4 children will be attending the Ohiwa camp from Wednesday 25th March to Friday 27th March.

Year 5 & 6 children will be attending the Totara Springs camp from Wednesday 1st April to Friday 3rd April.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the notices about camp, as they come home. Payment for camp can be made to the office or online.

Bank details are 12-3253-0057930-00

Be sure to note your child's name and what the payment is for.

Camp to Ohiwa (Y4) is \$40.00

Camp to Totara Springs (Y5 & 6) is \$200.00 (less any credit you have from Chocolate sales)

We are looking forward to these excellent learning experiences for the children. Thank you to the staff who are organising these and who will be in attendance.

Working Bee:

We are planning to hold a working bee at school to get a few tasks sorted. We would really appreciate any support you can provide. We are planning this for Saturday 14th March from 9.00am to 12.00pm. So please if you can spare us some time it would really be appreciated. We will be painting, sorting out some excess furniture and a few more activities. Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Nga mihi

Cathryn Naera - Principal

School App:

Currently there are a number of communication tools in use for the school. We have now set up a school app which you will be able to download and have access to school information on your phone.



You can download the app by searching for SchoolAppsNZ.

This is the logo you need to be looking for.

Once you have downloaded this app you will be prompted to search for the School.



You will be asked to select groups you wish to receive alerts from. At this stage groups are not yet set up but will be a feature of the app as we move forward.

You will be able to notify the school of student absences via the app either by phone or email.

Other features will evolve over time.

We look forward to keeping our communication with parents as accessible as possible.

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PRIDE VALUES

P – Positivity - We participate in all activities with enthusiasm. We say kind and positive words.

R – Respect - We listen and use our manners. We care for ourselves, our belongings, the environment and each other.

I – Integrity - We make the right choices and do as we say. We are trustworthy.

D – Diligence - We try our best in all activities and take on challenges. We work hard to achieve our goals.

E – Empathy - We think about others and their feelings before we act.

This term we are focusing on a different **PRIDE** value each week. This week is **Integrity**.

Each week 2 to 3 children from each learning space are the Pride time winners and they have an extra 30 minutes of special time on Friday.

All those with PRIDE tickets go in a weekly draw where 3 names are pulled out as are 3 bus pride tickets. These children receive a special treat.

SUBWAY FRIDAY LUNCHES - Friday lunches are supplied by Subway Whakatane. To order your child's lunch you need to go to www.subway.co.nz/schools.

Orders can be made at any time during the week but must be completed by 9am Friday morning ready for the lunches to be delivered to school.

Please make sure you enter the correct classroom name on your child's order to ensure that their lunch will be delivered to their class. If you do not know the classroom name, ask your child.

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School
 Search school
 Select from all schools

Class
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 Enter class here...

Student name

New order

Classroom names and teachers:

Manuka – Whaea Meg, Whaea Emma &

Whaea Abi

Kowhai – Miss Gouk, Mrs Hanlen & Miss McCarthy

Awatea – Mrs Jones

Matariki – Whaea K

Meremere – Ms Baker

Rimu – Mrs J & Miss Spencer

Totara – Mrs England

Kahikatea – Ms Walker & Mr Meyer