

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Rāmere 15 Whiringa-ā-nuku ~ Friday 15th October 2021

Next week we will welcome the children back for term four. We do hope you have all had a good break. This term is a sunhat term, and we remind children to bring their sunhat to school each day or have a named hat which they can leave in their class at school. Children will also need to have their named drink bottle at school as the drinking fountains remain closed during alert level 2.

Unfortunately, we continue to work under Alert Level 2 guidelines this term. **I have included the Alert Level 2 Guidelines with this newsletter for your information.**

Calendars:

Your child will have brought an order form home for their calendar artwork. Order forms can be returned to your child's teacher with payment, or payment can be made online. Remember to reference your online payment with your child's full name and "Calendar Order".

Orders close on Friday 22nd October.

If you require an order form, we do have spare copies in the office.

New Children:

If your child is starting at Ōhope Beach School this term please come to the office on your arrival at school and a staff member will meet with you.

Intermediate Open Days and Enrolment:

We have received the following information about open day and enrolment for Whakatāne Intermediate in 2022.

Term 4 Plans:

Week 1: 2022 Prospectus delivered to us to distribute to the Year 6 children

Week 2: Tuesday 26th October – Open Evening beginning at 6.30pm for all schools

Wednesday 27th October – Open Day for Year 6's which will run from 9.30am to 11.30am

Week 2- 4: Enrolment interviews to occur

Ōhope Beach School Community Curriculum Survey 2021:

This survey is designed to provide you an opportunity to be involved in the future direction and development of our school. Community consultation around the curriculum direction is undertaken as part of the strategic planning schedule. Your feedback is valuable to us so we can meet the needs of our tamariki and aspirations of whānau. A link was emailed to you on Friday 1st October. We will send this out again on Monday.

The survey will be open until Friday 22nd October.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday morning.

Ngā mihi
Cathryn Naera

Future Board Meetings

TERM 4: 2nd November & 30th November

Up Coming Events:

- Monday 18th October – Term four starts
- Friday 22nd October – Calendar orders close
- Monday 25th October – Labour Day
- Tuesday 26th October – Bike wise Ngā Huiarau
- Tuesday 26th October – Intermediate Open evening – 6.30pm
- Wednesday 27th October – Bike wise Ngā Huiarau
- Wednesday 27th October – Year 6 Open day at Intermediate – 9.30am to 11.30am
- Thursday 28th October – NZ Shake Out
- Friday 29th October – Wacky Hair Day – Can donation for this
- Monday 1st November - Bike wise Ngā Peka
- Tuesday 2nd November - Bike wise Ngā Peka
- Tuesday 2nd November – BOT Meeting 5.30pm
- Tuesday 9th November – School Athletics Day for Ngā Huiarau and Ngā Peka children who are 9 years old on the first day of term four.
- Thursday 11th November – Ngā Peka Athletics
- Tuesday 16th November – Class and Individual Photos
- Friday 19th November – 2021 Road Patrol Day Out

Ōhope Beach School – Alert Level 2 Procedures – October 2021



The overriding principles for Alert Level 2 are:

- To minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place
- To ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected
- Understand that Level 2 is not business as usual

These procedures have been developed with the safety of staff and students in mind. We will ensure that school is the safest possible place for your children to be, outside of your family bubbles. We are using the most recent Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education Guidelines to develop our plan for your child's return to school.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF	CLASSROOMS	ATTENDANCE AND TRACKING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are asked not to enter the school grounds. Please be respectful of this as we want to eliminate as many possible contacts as possible. • Parents/caregivers are asked to drop off and pick up your children outside the school site, while maintaining social distancing. • Pick Up – you will be able to wait outside the school in the staff carpark, for your children, but the usual physical distancing needs to be observed. • Parents are asked to park safely, there is no entry for vehicles into the school carpark, except for disability parking. • Students will not be allowed to enter school before 8.00am and need to be picked up at our usual end time of 2.30pm. • If you do need to come on site, please do this via the office. • Ensure you complete Covid-19 tracking by scanning the QR code on display and you are asked to wear a mask. • Parents are asked not to go to the classrooms. • Road patrol will continue to operate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no bubble concept at Alert Level 2. All students will return to their normal classroom with their regular teacher. • When students return to school in Alert Level 2 their well-being will be our number one priority. • Teachers will focus on building their class culture first. We will be re-establishing classroom routines. • Good hygiene and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces will be a priority. • Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and the office. • Covid19 protection posters will be displayed, and their messages actively reinforced in all classrooms • Students are to bring their own named water bottles. • There will be no sharing of food at Alert Level 2 • Masks are not mandatory for students at school; however, it is an individual's child's choice to wear one if they wish. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is expected that students will return to on-site learning at Level 2. • Any children and staff will stay home if they are sick. • Children will be sent home immediately if they show any symptoms or if they are unwell. • Our contact tracing will utilise our class timetables, attendance register and Covid QR code scanning. These will provide information to the health authorities if they need to contact people that might be considered a close contact of a confirmed case. • Our contact register will be used to record any contractors, visitors or parents /caregivers who come on site. • All visitors to the school must come in via the school office. • If your child is going to be away from school, for any reason, please make contact via the school office or the school app.
CLEANING AND HYGIENE	PLAYGROUNDS	BUSES / GATHERINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitizer, disinfectant spray bottles and tissues will be available in every classroom, in the office and in the staffroom. • Posters about handwashing, sanitising and coughing and sneezing will be provided for each space. • Soap, paper towels and hand driers will be available in bathrooms. • The cleaning contractor will complete daily cleans in line with Ministry of Health guidelines. • Disinfectant and cleaning cloths will be available in classrooms for children and teachers to sanitise spaces and equipment during the day as required. • Teacher aides will clean and sanitise any spaces, they are working in, regularly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School playgrounds will be open for use. The use of sports equipment and activities can resume. • Physical education sessions and break time activities can include access to sports equipment, including playgrounds, but hygiene practice should be observed after playing with equipment. • Students will wash hands/sanitize before and after using playgrounds and sports equipment. • Drinking fountains will remain turned off. Students will need a named drink bottle at school. • Term 4 is a sunhat term, please ensure your child has a hat with them when at school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational facilities and school transport are not considered mass gatherings because they are managed environments. • This means there are no restrictions on numbers of people indoors or outside at schools other than what other public health or health and safety measures require. • We will not hold whole school assemblies until further notice. • School bus transport will continue as scheduled. • Masks are not required on school bus transport for under 12-year-olds. Wearing of masks is by choice for our children. • Bus registers will be undated at the start of the term, so we have up to date, accurate records.