



Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all

We welcomed our students back to school this week after approximately 7 weeks of Level 3 and 4 Lockdown. Most students have settled back into their daily routines really quickly, which is brilliant.

We would like to thank the students for their amazing efforts during Lockdown and also to parents who became teachers and teaching assistants. It was a huge challenge for everyone concerned and we made it through the 2 levels. Our teachers enjoyed this new type of learning and did extremely well in providing a variety of educational activities for their classes. Hopefully, we will get to Level One as soon as possible.

Thanks to Rachel, our office manager who ensured accounts were paid, teaching staff received payments and email messages were answered. Also, thank you to Ken Morriss, our caretaker for checking our school pool was okay and for checking our school grounds.

I would like to thank Julian Usher, our BOT chairperson for being the first responder to alarm callouts. Julian is the first person to receive a message from our alarm company when it goes off and this could be at all hours of the day and night. Not always a safe thing to do on your own at 3am in the morning!

FAREWELLED STUDENTS

Unfortunately we were not able to farewell these 3 students who moved out of our district during Lockdown: Destiny (Kauri) and Harmony McKendrick (Kahikatea) and Riley Slattery (Kauri). We wish these students well in their new schools.

NEW STUDENTS

Recently we welcomed these new students to our school:

Kowhai - Deklan Burton, Corrina Lawry, Laykin Street

Rimu - Ysabel Famador, Tyler Kereopa

Totara - Lucy Kereopa

Kahikatea - Libby Kereopa

Kauri - Enrique Famador, Emi Tsuruta

School Roll: 116 students

BOARD MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou katoa

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank the people who have worked tirelessly throughout levels 4 and 3 lockdown, ensuring our school has met all Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health expectations and requirements. Kevin Jones, our principal, made certain the school was locked down appropriately, meeting all health and safety measures necessary throughout this time. He also ensured families in our school community had resources they needed for home learning, checking people were coping in such unfamiliar conditions.

We would also like to thank Suze Case and Kevin who were our teachers on site during level 3 who helped supervise and support those children who had to return to school at that point and of course, all of our teachers who spent many hours planning and providing a home learning programme, encouraging our children to be engaged and extended throughout lockdown term time.

Finally, the Board would like to thank Julian Usher (Chairperson) for ensuring board members were kept abreast of all Covid-19 developments and communications from the MoE and MoH, keeping us aware of all obligations and implications as we worked through these levels. It has been uncharted waters for everyone and we are feeling confident negotiating our school towards normality once again.

"Kia kaha koutou, kia māia, kia manawanui... be strong everyone, be confident, be patient."

SCHOOL BUS

Our school buses are running each day with our drivers taking a daily roll for contact tracing. The students are using a hand sanitiser as they hop onto the bus.

Please let Rachel in the office know if your child will not be using the bus in the afternoon or on set days each week. This can be recorded on the front of the bus book in the office and saves parents having to contact the office each time.

KIO KIO SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE & KIO KIO CARES FACEBOOK GROUP

A big thank you to Emma Telfer and the Supporters' Committee for organising food parcels for families during lockdown.

Emma liaised with the local community 'Kio Klo Cares' Facebook group, who donated a variety of food items for the parcels. We are indebted to the generosity of this group.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Next week we will inform our parent community as to how we will be writing mid term reports and holding parent/teacher interviews at the end of this term.

SCHOOL SPONSORS - SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

In today's Flash we are listing our sponsors who support our school in the various fundraising activities we undertake during the year.

We all need to be showing our appreciation by supporting these sponsors, especially during these unprecedented times. Without sponsorship we would not be able to purchase ICT equipment such as our 50 chromebooks.

Support local businesses and they will continue to support us.

BREAKFAST CLUB & MILK IN SCHOOLS

These will begin once our milk and weetbix stocks have been replenished. Days for breakfast club will be Monday and Thursday with start time at 8.15am. We may increase the days for this later in the term.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

We still have some outstanding camp and stationery fees from the beginning of the year. We understand that in these uncertain times that some families may struggle financially over the next few months or so. We will be sending out statements later this term to update families of these outstanding monies, however please make contact with the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Please note that we do not have eftpos facilities.

Ngā manaakitanga

***Kevin Jones - Principal
and Staff***



SUBWAY COLLECTION ROSTER

22 May

Kelsey Richards

29 May

Abby Keech

SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

Account number is:

BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000

School Phone: (07) 873 1816

Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725

The Kiwi Kids Club

Before and After School Care
at Otorohanga Primary School Hall Before
School we open at 7.00am we give
children breakfast and drop them off to
school.

Cost \$5.00 + GST an hour.

After School care we pick children up from
school give them afternoon tea swim or
play till child gets picked up open from
2.30pm till 5.45pm

Cost \$6.00 + GST first hour then \$5.00 + GST
hour cost are broken down to quarter
hours.

Winz subsidy is available.

For more information or to enroll your child
phone

Wiggs 021491616

Contact Tracing Register

Parents are most welcome to come onsite to pick up or drop off children or to meet with class teachers.

Please ensure you sign the Contact Register in the office when you arrive and leave.



Production 2020

Peter Pan

Every 2 years, a whole school production is held at Kio Kio School. In the past years, we have staged productions such as Alice in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz and The Jungle Book. This year, our school production will be Peter Pan. The actual performance of the show is planned for Week 9 of Term 3. As part of their learning during Lockdown, children were asked to watch the traditional movie of Peter Pan. This week, Senior children have been thinking about roles they would like to audition for. Non-threatening auditions will be held next week for the lead roles. Each classroom teacher will be beginning to talk with their class about the roles they will play in the production.

We aim for every single child to be performing on stage. This allows the opportunity to build self-esteem and a belief in themselves. There is always a real sense of achievement for our children at the conclusion of these performances. As we begin preparing, we will be needing helpers. There is a lot of behind the scenes help needed to get to the final performance.

Please let Mrs Coleman or Mrs Telfer know if you are willing to assist with costumes, props or in any way.

REMINDERS:



- Students are to bring a named water bottle each day.
- Any students who are unwell are asked to stay at home.
- Discuss with your child about the importance of continuing with correct hygiene practices, as we are doing across each class.
- With the increasing cold weather please ensure your children are coming to school with appropriate warm clothing.
- Return any overdue library books

Essential Art Awards - Winners Announced!

Congratulations to Eden Culpan who won the Year 5 section with her colourful entry, and Zoe Lupton who received a Highly Commended.

The Waikato regional art competition was initiated by Hamilton West National MP Tim Macindoe, who wanted to acknowledge and thank all Essential Workers during the Lockdown period.



TOTARA CLASS ARTWORK TODAY

Totara has been looking at why we use hand sanitizer- exploring what viruses and bacteria look like and creating our own virus.

