

Inspiring a love of learning through an education that values the development of the whole child

8 February 2022

Week 2, Term 1

Kia ora koutou

Whaea Parekohai will not be at school for at least 5 weeks. We welcome Whaea Cilla back to the kura to work in the Immersion Strand 2 days a week, until the end of the term.



Operating Under Red Level - Covid-19 Response Planning

We are currently developing a school safety plan and covid response plan in relation to the current red level and potential Omicron outbreak. We hope to share this with you as soon as possible. **This plan will include:**

- Strategies at red level that reduce congestion of people as much as possible
- Strategies that enable us to be responsive to a changing situation
- Strategies that help us communicate effectively between staff, with the board and to the community
- Ways of continuing teaching programmes with reduced staffing
- Ways of delivering teaching to children at home and at school
- A maximum teacher pupil ratio across the school that will determine a point at which the school will move to online/home based learning only
- Flexible use of staff

Current key red level rules and protocols we are following:

- Teachers and students wear masks in the classroom years 4 - 8 Original Strand, years 5 - 8 Montessori strand and Immersion strand
- Teachers must wear the surgical masks or theKN95 masks
- Only teachers do road patrol
- If possible, parents and caregivers should avoid entering the school
- Parents/caregivers who need to enter the school to drop off, pick up or visit for another necessary purpose are required to wear masks in the school
- Parents and caregivers are not to linger
- Everyone should try to social distance.
- Do not congest the office area.
- Classrooms must be well ventilated. (We have a test kit to measure Co2 levels)
- No full school assemblies
- Essential visitors only on-site
- Kapa haka outside only
- Hygiene practices applied (wiping, hand washing etc)
- School staff must receive a booster vaccine no later than 183 days after their previous vaccine if they are to remain on site.

Future Online learning

Should there be an outbreak of Omicron and children are at home sick or self-isolating, teachers will be able to deliver online learning, whether a hybrid model (teacher still at school and some students learning at home) or if delivering to all children at home. I want parents to know that we have the resources

necessary for this. However, a hybrid approach is a whole new ballgame. Realistic expectations, as well as understanding and flexibility, will be needed from all parties.

We really appreciate all your cooperation and support. None of this is easy and sometimes it feels counter to how we would normally act. For example, seeing parents chatting and mingling after school is a sight we have always appreciated, so telling parents to pick up and go isn't a message that "feels right." However, that is the hard reality we find ourselves in. We also appreciate that everyone (us included) has their own views and ideas about the covid-19 situation, vaccines, mandates and MoE advice and guidance. Our job (mine, the staff and the boards) is to apply the rules and regulations, and the advice and guidance to our own situation and manage things as best we can in the interests of our tamariki.

School Fair - Due to the current Covid-19 situation a school fair is no longer possible. However we will look at other ways for fundraising to continue.



Taonga Horomata/Virtues - Manaaki/Caring. We like to teach our virtues within a real context. Caring is often communicated by actions such as a hug, a friendly smile and kind words. At the moment we also show caring when we wear a mask, social distance or sign in on the tracer app.

Caring often involves Pukuaroha (empathy)

Nā koutou i tangi nā tātau katoa

When you cry, your tears are shed by us all

“To make a difference in someone’s life you don’t have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.” Mandy Hale

Immunisations Yr 7/8 – Coming home today, are immunisation forms. Please ensure they are completed and returned as soon as possible (even you do not wish for your child to be immunised).



Technology for Year 7 and 8s – Last week we were informed that technology fees have increased to **\$55.00**.

Financial: Costs - Here is a summary of the upcoming costs required:

- Technology for Yr 7/8 - **\$55.00**
- Class Consumables - **\$10.00** per child
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Original strand: (Seesaw, Reading Eggs, Mathletics) **\$18**
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Montessori strand: (Educa, MathsBuddy,) **\$18:00**
- Contribution to costs for digital learning and reporting platforms - Immersion strand: (Seesaw, Mathletics,) **\$15:00**
- Donation: Parent Donation **\$250** per family
- Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution **\$10** per child





Thursday Lunch - Our newest lunch option, Nada Bakery, starts this Thursday. See below for information on how to set up an account.

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2022 Term Dates

Term 1: Tues 1 Feb – Wed 13 Apr

Term 2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 Jul

Term 3: Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept

Term 4: Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec

Teacher Only Days: 14 Apr, Fri 3 June, Fri 19 Aug



Otari School Lunches

Nada Bakery every Thursday

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and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order



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Karori Rec Centre Netball Clinic: A chance to learn and develop your pre-season netball skills, such as correct warm ups, passing, shooting, court positioning, footwork, defence and injury prevention. **Year 5-6:** Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm. **Year 7-8:** Fridays, 3.30-4.30pm. \$95 for a 10 week term. To book, call 04 476 8090 or karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz to secure your place.

FOOTBALL SKILLS TERM 4- YEARS 1-8 - Kelly Sports are back in Term 1 with the popular Football Skills programme – Perfect for Beginners and those just wanting to have some fun!

Held in the "Green Room", Ian Galloway Park, Wilton, **"Wednesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm" Starting 16 Feb 2022.** Come along and improve technique, knowledge and learn more about the basic skills of "The Beautiful Game" (Football). We will focus on the core skills of: **Control, Dribbling, Passing, Tackling, Shooting** but most importantly **having as much fun as possible!** To Book go to www.kellysports.co.nz



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PRESCHOOL
music and movement
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Just turn up!

From 15 Feb 2022

\$5 per session (eftpos only). Bring your mask and vax pass



Tuesdays 9:30am
161 Karori Road
Marsden Village



Karori mainly music



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GIRLS**

CRICKET, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT

KARORI

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TUESDAYS
3.30 - 4.30pm
21 FEB - 15 MAR
Ben Burn Park
Ages 9 - 14
FREE!

FREE BUCKET HAT WHEN YOU REGISTER



KAT Theatre's Play-in-the-Park

The Sleeping Beauty
Who Didn't
by Thomas Barker
and Company

February
12 & 13
19 & 20

1:30 & 3:30

Khandallah Park
Bad weather? - go to
KAT Theatre Facebook page.

Entry by koha
(EFTPOS available)

My Vaccine Pass required for entry
to roped-off-area in front of stage.

Did she wake in time
to save the kingdom
from a grasping
villain?