



Thursday 18 February, 2021

Tēnā koutou, Kia orana, Malo ni, Fakaalofalahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kumusta, Ia orana and Greetings!

Welcome back to our tamariki who have returned from a short lockdown period.

SCHOOL TRIP

Tomorrow's trip to Otahuhu Pools has been cancelled. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience but due to the recent lockdown and the uncertainty of student attendance and supervision on the trip, I felt the need to make the call to cancel. However, our leadership team will be organising an alternative trip on another day later in the term.

FREE LUNCHES

Just a reminder that all our students are provided with a free and healthy lunch every day of the week. Therefore, you do not need to send lunch to school with child.

WHANAU DAY – MEET THE TEACHER

We had scheduled this event to go ahead next Wednesday however, due to unfortunate circumstances, I have decided to postpone next week's Meet the Teacher afternoon. We will update you with a new date at a later time. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

ALERT LEVEL 2 GUIDELINES

Please support us in keeping your child safe at school by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Students will need to be at school between 8am and 8.40am every day, ready for the start of their school day at 8.45am. Please do not send your children to school before 8am until further notice.
- The school gates will be locked at 8.45am daily. Do not be late.
- If dropping off your child/ren to school, please drop them off at the school gate. Do not enter the school grounds unless you need to purchase a school uniform at the school office or need to enrol a new student. If this is the case, then please go directly to the school office between 8am and 8.40am.
- Please do not go to any of the classrooms.
- If you are dropping off tamariki to either Sathya Sai or Poetiare preschools then please drop off your tamariki between 8am and 8.40am. You will need to wait at the preschool gates until the staff there give you entry.

- Our Transition into School programme for new 4-5 year olds will be from 8.30am to 9.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please contact the school Office for more info and/or to register your child.
- Our playgrounds will be closed every morning before school and after school however, we will open it during morning tea and lunchtime breaks for our students. The playgrounds will be sanitised every day before each break.
- All students will need to go directly to their classrooms on arrival to school.
- Please send your child/ren to school with their own water bottle and
- Our school water fountains will not be in use.
- Breakfast Club will operate from 8am – 8.30am.
- Our school day finishes at 2.45pm and all students who usually get picked up from school will be escorted to the school gates for parents/whanau to collect. Please ensure that your child is picked up on time.
- Our school gates will be locked at 3pm daily.
- Please keep your child home if they have a cough, feel unwell or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.

Please reinforce the following safety practices:

- Cough into elbows
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth, nose, face etc
- Maintaining appropriate physical distancing
- Avoid being within another person's moist breath zone
- Sick children and staff must stay home.
- Children and staff must sanitise/wash hands on entry into the school/classroom, before meals, before and after going out to play.
- Our staff have been instructed to daily sanitise touch points such as door and cupboard handles, digital devices, classroom telephones etc.

We are doing everything we can to ensure that our school is safe for all students and staff. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's teacher or the school office: (09)274 6055. Take care and stay safe!

Kia manuia,

Paeariki Johnson
Principal