



## Te Kura o Taitoko ki Te Tokerau

Ko Rāpare, tekau mā ono Haratua: Thursday 10 February 2022

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to the New School Year!

For the last 4 years I have been Deputy Principal and Principal two days a week, but this term I am leading the school as Principal. My two Deputy Principals are Emma Hansen and Anna Cooper. Megan McKenzie is our Junior School Team Leader.

2022 will be different with the approaching threat of Covid in the Horowhenua and New Zealand's Red setting. We have been lucky so far to avoid a major Covid outbreak in our community. As a school we are in close communication with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health regarding the latest and ever-changing requirements. We have a number of plans in place for different scenarios for our new 'NORMAL'. These scenarios include staff and student absentees.

Our "**Kiss and Go**" drop-off at school will continue, which will help reduce traffic congestion and the potential spread of Covid.

We have appreciated your support during the Covid era and look forward to working with you to help keep our tamariki safe. If you do need to enter the school grounds, please wear a mask and stay for a short time only.

**Mask Wearing:** Please be kind to others if they are not wearing a mask. Some of these people have mask exemptions - these can be obtained from one of the following three agencies.

### Requesting an exemption card for face masks:

If you cannot wear a face mask, you can get an exemption card and you can show your exemption card when needed. You can request a card from:

- Disabled Persons Assembly NZ by contacting them on 04 801 9100 or emailing them at [info@dpa.org.nz](mailto:info@dpa.org.nz) — for disabled people or if you have a health condition.
- Blind Citizens NZ on 0800 222 694 or emailing them at [admin@abcnz.org.nz](mailto:admin@abcnz.org.nz) — for blind, deaf/blind, low vision, and vision-impaired people.
- Deaf Aotearoa by emailing [covid@deaf.org.nz](mailto:covid@deaf.org.nz) — for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing.
- You should only request an exemption card if you have a disability or health condition that makes wearing a mask difficult.

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The mandatory requirement to wear masks will be challenging for us and especially for everyone in Rooms 1, 3, 5 and 10. As teachers we rely on our voices to talk to students, so teaching will be different.

We have a number of plans in place regarding mask usage.

- \* Gazebos will be set up outside so students and staff can learn outside;
- \* Deck areas will be maximised, regular mask breaks will be established and training around wearing masks will be given; and
- \* We will continue with our Pause Breath Smile programme to help students reduce stress and anxiety.

**Vaccinations:** All staff and volunteers have been mandated by the government to be vaccinated and now boosted. Our role of educating continues.

If you are wanting to vaccinate your child, Muaupoko are running clinics at 10 Bath Street - Youth Space - on:

**First Dose: February 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th - between 2pm to 7pm**

**Second Dose: March 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st - between 2pm to 7pm**

**Ventilation:** In the holidays I met with the Ministry of Education who were checking our school for ventilation and we have received a measuring device to ascertain CO2 levels indoors.

**Learning:** Our online programmes will continue if students are at home sick. But as you can imagine operating classrooms and online learning will provide a challenge to the normal busy teacher. If students are required to be at home for long periods of time, Chromebooks may be available. Please check with your child's teacher.

**Keeping up to date with what is happening at school:** HERO is our main form of communication. Please ensure your email is up to date with the office.

Breakfast Club will continue to operate and School Lunches will continue to be provided.

If you need help with providing your children's books for school this year, please speak to your child's teacher or myself and we will ensure you are supported.

On the learning side, we have lots of awesome things planned for the term and we are looking forward to another year of sharing our progress with you all.

Nga Mihi / Kind regards

Hoani Perigo  
Acting Principal

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## OnBoard Skating/Swimming

We have been lucky with the warm weather as we have some awesome activities in place for outdoor learning. OnBoard Skate has returned and are supported by our TA Dean Armstrong. Our swimming pool is open at lunch time for all to enjoy and cool off! Such a wonderful asset to our school.



## We Need Your Help - Hats & Drink Bottles

Our warm summer sees the need for hats and drink bottles. Many of our students are forgetting these and it would be a great idea if you have a spare hat and drink bottle to keep in your child's classroom.



## 2022 Camp (Year 5 & 6)

We are currently waiting on El Rancho to get back to us about their arrangements under the Red setting Stage 1 and Stage 2. We will keep you posted.

## School Newsletter

The School Newsletter will now be available fortnightly. However any important notices will be uploaded to HERO and Facebook as these come to hand. It is important that you have uploaded the HERO app to keep track of your child's progress at Levin North and any up to date news. Please note that newsletters will only be found electronically when the Red setting changes.

## 2022 Important Dates

Teacher Only Day: Friday 18 March

Year 5/6 Camp: Wednesday 30 March to Friday 1 April

Term Ends: Thursday 14 April

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