

1 December 2021

Hello, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Bula, Ni Hau, Namaste, Malo e Lelei, Deea awit, Fakalofa, Lahi Atu, Vinaka, Dia daoibh, Sillaw, Hola, Huan Ying, Bonjour, Sagutom, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Здравствуйте

We have now had two weeks of our new rostered school system. As you will be aware, we are using Fridays for some of our tamariki who need additional support to return to school and for our transition processes to continue. We are also organising a very different version of the Year 6 graduation celebrations for December 10th and more details will come out regarding this in the coming days. Last Friday we held a lovely face to face, socially distanced picnic at Waterlea Park for a group of students and their whanau who have only met online through zoom. The sun was shining and it was a lovely way to welcome new families and students to Waterlea. We are hoping to have another such picnic on the last Friday of the term.



You may have heard that everyone in Aotearoa will move to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework on Friday 3 December. In Auckland, we will be moving to Red, allowing for a careful reopening while continuing to protect New Zealanders. For Waterlea and other Auckland schools, this means that we don't change the way we are operating classes. Everyone continues to attend school onsite in the rostered manner (odd/even days) we introduced the week before last. This plan will continue until the end of the year.

For next year, we can confirm that everyone will be back onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in (Red/Orange/Green). This is good news and means we can plan for a great 2022.

### ***Health measures in place at school***

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for staff and volunteers
- if you are sick you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation

While we are at Red this year or at any stage next year:

- face coverings will be required at school when indoors for students in years 4 –6 and all staff
- we will ensure that only essential visitors come onsite

With all these measures in place, public health has confirmed the risk of infection remains low when at school. However, if we do have someone confirmed with COVID-19 in our school, we have a plan in place to manage this and will keep the community informed.

If you'd like to learn more about the framework visit [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#).

#### Wānanga Day - Wednesday 2 February

More details regarding this will be in next week's newsletter when we have confirmed the teachers for each class. We are almost there in terms of 2022 teacher/class organisation and will have it ready for next week too.

#### **Waterlea Weekly Challenge - Return Readers and Devices!**

Thanks to all of you who participated in last week's challenge.

This week, have a look under beds, in cupboards, in the car and other places where readers and library books like to hide and send them back to school with your child. Also if you were lent a device this needs to come back asap. If your child is not back at school, please drop these off to the office and phone when you get here - 6364233. Thanks for your help!

#### **PTA News**

The PTA would like to thank and wish Jody and Hamish Bennett all the best with their new family ventures. Jody has been a huge part of our PTA and will be missed.

We also would like to thank all Waterlea whānau for their support of the school staff over this time. We hope everyone has kept well and safe together over this difficult time.

#### **PTA Village Eats Cookbook**

The Village Eats cookbook team have given away copies of the cookbook to the Waterlea Teacher Aides (who work tirelessly behind the scenes) and the bubble teachers as a token of appreciation on behalf of the school community.

The Village Eats team also gave away 5 books to our lovely community last week: Sean McIlhone, Michael Sipou, Tina Kea, Jennifer Whitcome-Gillham, and Stacy Adler.

As part of their online learning from home, a number of classes did a Junior MasterChef challenge. We congratulated three amazing junior chefs for their online cooking classes, Maddy (rm 7), Havana (rm 23) and Michaela (rm 8).

We have raised over \$27k and we only have 16 books left! What a huge effort, thanks to everyone who has purchased a copy. And the result was a new junior playground!!

So get in really quick as there will not be a re-run. Email us on [village.eats.mb@gmail.com](mailto:village.eats.mb@gmail.com) to secure a copy.

#### **2022 Dates**

**Term 1—Wednesday 2 February to Thursday 14 April (2 February Wānanga Day Meetings, 3 February first full day of school)**

**Term 2—Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July**

**Term 3—Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September**

**Term— 4 Monday 17 October to Tuesday 13 December**