

9th September 2021

Dear Parents and Whanau

We have welcomed our children back to school today. It is lovely to hear happy voices and see smiling faces.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and **schools are open** for all students from **Thursday 9th September**.

School bus runs have recommenced, and will follow the usual timetable. Please be patient if times differ slightly as families readjust.

Face coverings are not required on school buses or at school, although students and staff members who wish to wear masks are most welcome to do so. **The use of face coverings for students aged 12 and over** is strongly encouraged.

For most day-to-day school activities the **rules for gatherings do not apply**. Under the Covid 19 Public Health response order, **schools are exempted from physical distancing** requirements however students will be reminded to respect other children's personal space and observe good hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette.

Hand sanitizer will be provided and hard surfaces will be sanitised regularly.

Students will **require their own drink bottle** as drink fountains will be disabled until Alert Level 1.

School interval and lunch times will be staggered until further notice to reduce the number of students congregating in the playground.

There will be **no interaction** or large gatherings for **sporting or cultural activities** until further notice. **Sick children and staff must stay at home**. They should seek medical advice if they have COVID like symptoms.

Under Alert 2, we ask that parents please not come to classrooms. Children can be dropped and collected from the carpark. Teachers of young students will be escorted to the carpark after school. If parents need to contact a staff member or Admin staff please email or come to the school office and scan in or sign the visitor register. As an added precaution we ask that parents wear masks if you need to come on site. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to phone the school office.

We have had to cancel or reschedule some events or activities due to lockdown.

UPDATED - WHATS ON THIS TERM- TERM 3

Week 7

Week 8

Tuesday 14th September AG Day Meeting – 6.30pm in the staffroom- Everyone welcome

Week 9

Week 10

Wednesday 29th September Wig Wednesday/Crazy Hair day in aid of Child Cancer

Friday 1st October Last day of Term 3

Pinelands Rugby tournament - Cancelled but may reschedule in Term 4

TERM 4 Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th October First day of Term 4

Friday 22nd October AG Day

Tuesday 26th October Yr 7-8 Tough Guy/Gal Challenge (please note will be an early start)

Late November Tuwharetoa Kapa Haka Festival (TBC)

Wednesday 1st December School Production (TBC)

End of Term School Hangi & Prizegiving

Kind Regards

Rose Symes and Staff