

Tahunanui School



"I can - I will"



TAHUNANUI SCHOOL NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your feedback and questions regarding your child's transition back to school next week.

Today, I experienced a Level 2 new normal at my local gym and cafe. In both situations, I felt a little anxious, a little excited, and a little uncertain as did the people working there. This is very normal and may be how you're feeling right now. Please remember our Prime Ministers key message in this process. We want your children to come back happily and safely. We want things to go as smoothly as possible and we want children to reconnect with their friends and learning and be confident and excited about school again. With those goals in mind, please do read through the material we have sent you so far and consider the best options for you and your children on that first day.

The Ministry of Education has updated their website with some specific advice on how to prepare your children for a return to school.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/covid-19-preparing-for-alert-level-2/>

We are very excited to be able to welcome everyone back on Monday.

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

Barbara

LEVEL 2

We were very excited when the announcement came that we would be able to invite everyone back to school on Monday.

We have put in lots of work to make sure that we can keep everybody with enough space between them and keep up with a regular cleaning routine. It does mean that some things are a little different.

It is preferable that you do not come into the school grounds, there will be staff at the gates to help your children get to their classes. If it is essential that you come into the grounds, you will be required to sign in and out. This process will take some time so we do ask for patience as we all come to grips with this.

Please do not come into the office area unless you need to, if there is already people in the office, please wait outside until it is clear.

Breakfast club will not be running in term 2. Please make sure your children have had breakfast prior to coming to school.

RETURNING CHROMEBOOKS

If you were issued with a school chromebook, library books or readers, these needs to be returned to school when your child returns.

There is a black container in each classroom for this process. They will be sanitised before they are returned to the school supplies.

Any exercise books, stationery or other personal items belonging to your child can be placed back their trays or kept in their bags.



ACCESS TO SCHOOL

Access to school will be via Muritai Street and Rawhiti Street gates only. If you come down the hill and cross at Tahunanui Drive, we will ask you to walk around the corner and enter at Rawhiti Street.

The car park will be closed from 8.30am to 9am and from 3pm to 3.15pm each day.

There are currently road works on Muritai Street as they construct the new cycle way. It may be easier to park a bit further away and walk the last bit to school.

There is plenty of parking in Rawhiti Street as well.



CHECKING IN

We will be using the Covid-19 register web app to check in people entering the school grounds. If you want to come into school with your child, please add this web app to your home screen. You will need to check out as you leave too.

Visit <https://covidregister.nz/> to add this to your phone. You will need to have downloaded a QR code reader if you don't already have one, scan this QR code to set yourself up before you come to school.

If you aren't able to access this, you will need to sign in via our ipads, these will be at the Muritai Street and Rawhiti Street entrances along with a staff member to help you.

There is an instructional video to help you to

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlglRrhRCMY&feature=emb_title for Android users

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sM8Rr71vST8&feature=emb_title for iphone users



END OF THE DAY

At 3pm the bell will ring and children will be released from class as usual.

If you need to collect your child from their classroom, you are welcome to come into school from 2.45pm, after you have signed in at the gate, make your way to the classroom, when the teacher sees you are waiting, they will release your child. Do not go into the classrooms. Please then leave the school grounds straight away and sign out as you leave.

We know you are all wanting to catch up with friends and chat, but we simply cannot allow social gatherings at school during this time.



LIBRARY

To allow Room 7 enough space to practice social distancing, the library will not be operating as usual.

We are working through a system where children can access the library catalogue from their classrooms and the books will be delivered to them. This is work in progress however so please be patient!

After school library will not be running for some time yet.



CHAMBERLAIN TEAM

Chamberlain continues to operate from Rooms 11, 12 and the Library space. Miss Schwass, Miss M.T. and Miss Syme have been working hard to make sure the classes are ready for everyone to return. We are hopeful that the newly renovated space will be available next term. Room 7 will be in the whole of the library space to allow for enough space between students.



TOSSWILL TEAM

Mrs Hedge has been hosting the Tahuna Maccas Bubble in Room 15 during level 3. She will be in her usual space of Room 13 from Monday. Sarah, Stu and Sophie can't wait to see all of their classes back to their usual classroom spaces.



Each student will have their own space and tote tray with their equipment.

BURRELL TEAM

Miss P has been hosting the Level 3 Hubble Bubble in the Tamaki home space, but they have got everything ready for Tamaki, Orakei and Rui to return to Burrell and Rotoiti to return to their room. Miss P, Miss B, Mr Barnett and Mr McMillan are really looking forward to seeing you all again!



BEING KIND

Being kind has been a bit of a catch phrase during the Covid-19 pandemic. As we head back to school and work it is still very important.

Not everyone will have had the same experiences in lockdown that you have. Some of us will have sailed through it with no concerns over job security, family dynamics or health fears. While for some these concerns have been very real and very large.

Not everyone will make the same decisions as you, some of you are joyous at the idea of returning to school, some are quite fearful.

The messages to be kind, be respectful, be genuine and to be patient still need to be heard. Remember to maintain social distance and ensure your children do too, be respectful of people's opinions and decisions at this time, we are all doing the best we can for our set of circumstances, be genuine in your response to people and be patient, we aren't all on the same page or at the same stage.

