

Term 2, Week 9 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa



I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Ministers announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. The children were very excited about it when they arrived today.

Our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.

The key changes for schools at Alert Level 1 are as follows:

- Physical distancing is not a requirement **but where possible or practicable** is encouraged when you are around people you don't know
- There are no specific public health requirements
- There are no restrictions on personal movement so all students, children and staff continue to be safe to go to school / early learning, and all students must attend school
- We are no longer required to keep a contact tracing register but will continue with the usual practice of having a visitor and an attendance register (and will need to work with local health authorities to identify close contacts, should there be a case connected with the school)
- There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events.

There are Golden rules (key public health measures) for everyone in New Zealand to follow. For schools and early learning services this means:

- If people are sick, they should stay home (phone Health line or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms)
- Continue to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows
- Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms and classrooms
- Regularly disinfect shared surfaces
- Support contact tracing efforts by displaying QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App (see below for more information)
- Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days – [Ministry of Health information for self-isolation](#).



At all levels, upon advice from the local medical officer of health, any schools connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days.

I would like to strongly recommend that parents and caregivers continue to drop off and pick up their children at the school gate. A real positive of Alert Levels 2 and 3 has been how our children have built their resilience and independence. Alert Level 1 will be a great time to consolidate and build on this.

Staff have noticed the following benefits from children being dropped off and picked up at the gate

- Children's independence has increased
- Children's organisation and self-management has improved
- There is virtually no separation anxiety
- Less / no noise and /or distractions outside the classrooms during learning time (particularly at the end of the day)
- Relationships between teacher and children have been strengthened



I will continue to meet students at the gate most mornings and junior syndicate teachers will bring their classes around to the junior playground at 3:00pm.



Parents are welcome to visit classrooms to look at their child's learning – we suggest you pick a day e.g. Friday, rather than popping in each day.

We have a new student with high needs beginning school visits this week. They will start school at the beginning of term 3. Until property modifications can be carried out on the fences and gates by the Ministry of Education we will need to lock all but the main gate at 8:30am and the main gate from 9:10am. The school number and my mobile number will be on the gate for anyone wanting to come into school after 9:10am.

### Covid-19 QR Code

Parents are no longer required to sign in when undertaking drop-offs and pickups. We will have our school's QR code posted on the Main office door and the hall door for those parents wishing to maintain a digital journal of their travels.

I would like to welcome Franklin and his whānau to Wainuiomata Primary School.

### School Assemblies

We hold a whole school C.A.R.E. assembly every fortnight at 11:30am in the hall. Parents are very welcome to come to the assembly. We are looking forward to having our first assembly in a very long time this Friday 12 June.



### Achievement Certificate

Congratulations to Elijah from room 15 for getting an achievement certificate for working co-operatively – Ka Pai!



### Enrolments 2021

We need to ensure we have the best possible information about enrolments for 2021. *Please contact the school if you have, or know of, a child or children who will be starting at Wainuiomata Primary in 2021. We need to have their names and dates of birth.* Thank you for your help. Thanks also to all those who have already contacted the school.



### Happy Birthday

Best wishes to these students whose birthday was last week or is this week: Franklin, Sophia-Grace, Sophia, Akeelah and Baylee

### Important Dates

- End of term 2 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Start of term 3 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Learning Conversations – Week 2 Term 3 – 27-31 July 2020
- School Photos – Week 3 Term 3 – 3-7<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- Teacher Only Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

*Allison Burdon*

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### Enrolments for 2021 are now open.

Enrolment packs are available on the High School website or by contacting the High School Office via phone, email or in person.

Join us and our students for the  
**Wainuiomata High School  
Year 8 Open Evening**

**Thursday 18 June 2020  
Tours begin at 5pm and 7pm**



Due to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 restrictions bookings are capped at 100 attendees per tour.  
Please reserve your place at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Event Code jhdt2

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