



Linking the past, building the future

Waituna Creek Kura Newsletter #1

Monday 31st January 2022

Haere mai, welcome to 2022 at Waituna Creek School. As you all are aware I am the Acting Principal for the first term as the BOT completes the process appointing a new principal. I am loving my new role at Waituna and look forward to teaching in Ruru on Thursdays and Fridays.

Our staff will be Moragh Sutherland in Piwakawaka/Kereru, Senior Class; Rochelle Macmillan in Ruru, Junior Class Monday-Wednesday; Jennifer and Lindsey Teachers Aides, and of course, Rachel is in the Office.

Term One is always a busy term establishing routines and reconnecting with friends from last year so to ensure the children are ready for learning, please maintain their home routines of adequate rest.

This is also a sun awareness term and so everyone will need their sun hat whenever they are outside, whether at play or sports.

In Week 3 (14-16 Feb) we will be going to the Waimate pool and students will need their togs, towel and sunscreen in their waterproof bag. Rash shirts are also a great idea as we will be swimming after lunch when the sun is at its highest UV level. All notices and newsletters will be available on School Loop and as it is our main communication source I advise all parents to have it loaded on their phone/computer.

Please ensure you notify the Office (leave a message on the answer phone if the Office is unattended) if you are having someone else pick up your child after school or are changing their usual mode of transport for the day. This is an important health and safety requirement.

COVID rules:

1. The Ministry of Education asks that parents/caregivers refrain from entering the school and if it is absolutely necessary then to wear masks, sign in and maintain social distance.
2. Please wear a mask while waiting to pick up your child at the gate, sign in and maintain social distancing.
3. Picked Up students will be brought out to the gate by the teacher on duty. Bus students will be loaded onto the bus by the teacher. Piwakawaka/Kereru bus students will need to wear a mask while on the bus and we strongly encourage Rurus to also wear a mask while in the close confines of the bus.
4. Teachers will wear masks while inside the classrooms along with the children in Piwakawaka/Kereru class as mandated by the Government. Ruru can also wear masks if they wish to.

If you wish to contact me to discuss anything, please call Rachel to make a convenient time. Of course, Mondays to Wednesdays are best as I am in the office then.

IMPORTANT DATES

Some of these dates are subject to change. Keep an eye out on skool loop notices, calendar and emails.

Term 1	
Monday 31st January	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 1st February	School Starts for Students
Monday 7th February	Waitangi Day Public Holiday
Friday 11th February	Life Education Van
Mon 14th - Wed 16th February	Swimming at Norman Kirk Pool
Monday 7th March	School Photos
Thursday 14th April	End of Term 1