

DEVELOPING LEARNERS FOR LIFE

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The Heads-up for the week ahead....

- **Wednesday 13th April - SCHOOL SHARING ASSEMBLY** (Waikite Valley Settlers' Hall) 2.15-3pm
- **Wednesday 13th April - Board of Trustees Meeting, 5pm**
- **Thursday 14th April - End of Term 1, 2022**
- **Friday 15th April - Good Friday (no school)**



Upcoming Dates....

- **Monday 2nd May - Start Term 2, 2022**

Kia Ora Koutou Whānau,

What a busy and unpredictable term we have had! With the snap of weather we have closed the pool (until Term 4) - can you please return your keys this week. ☺

I want to keep you updated about how our school is continuing to respond to COVID-19. As you may have seen, the media has reported a reduction in the number of daily cases. While we know that cases in school will rise and fall with that of the level in our community, the New Zealand health experts say that children are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 in the community than at school.

As you know, it's great for any child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends, teachers and other school staff. You can also be assured that we have systems in place at school to keep everyone as safe as possible.

In Term 2 we will continue the systems and procedures we have used in term 1 to help prevent or reduce the risk of onward spread.

The health professionals state that being fully vaccinated and boosted reduces the risk of severe illness due to COVID-19. I will be encouraging all staff in our school who are working with students to be vaccinated including their booster.

Mask wearing for our students in Room 3, 4 and the GPA, and for all school staff remains in place in indoor spaces and we will continue to get the classes outside for lots of fresh air during the day. We also continue to encourage basic hygiene such as washing hands regularly, covering any coughs and sneezes, and cleaning surfaces regularly.

From time to time some students will need to isolate at home. This is in line with Government advice and if this happens, our school staff will support them to continue their learning at home to minimise any interruption.



If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please get in touch – we are here to help. We want the children to be at school engaging in learning and fun with their friends and teachers.



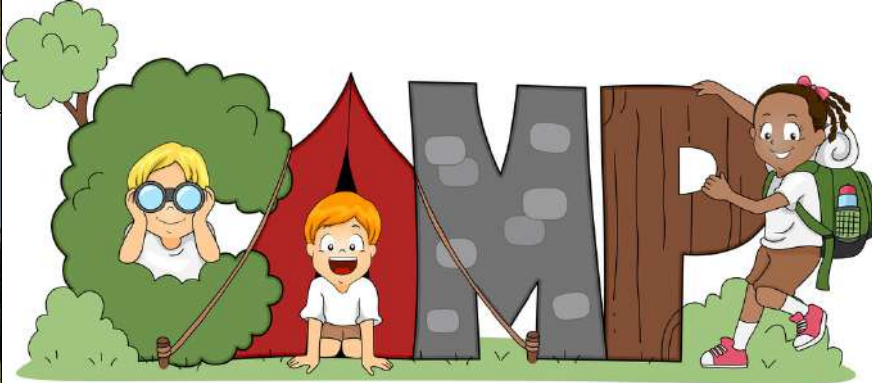
BAILEY HOLMES - NEW TO POD 1 😊

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