

Newsletter

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Number 2/21

Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings

Manaakitanga Kindness



COVID-19 - LEVEL 2

Under Level 2, schools are deemed a safe place for children to be and we assure you that the health and wellbeing of all children, staff and whanau remain a priority for us.

All teachers monitor their children. We are sanitising and hand washing. All classrooms are sanitised and cleaned, including door handles, backs of desks etc. The school follows the guidelines set out by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. I appreciate that parents, caregivers and whanau can be nervous about this virus. We are always available to talk should you wish.

Illness

Any child who is unwell must stay home, e.g. coughing, runny nose, headaches, fever etc.). If a child becomes unwell at school the parent/caregiver will be contacted and they need to collect the child immediately. Please inform the school if your child is unwell/sick.

New Enrolments

Parents/caregivers and children should, upon arrival, first visit the office/ reception, sanitise hands and sign the register. The staff will assist with the enrolment process.

New enrolment children may have their parents/ caregivers accompany them to the classroom to meet the teacher. Parents and caregivers are requested to leave children before 9 a.m. The classroom teacher will have responsibility for managing this initial visit.

The exception to this are the parents/caregivers of new entrants (5 yr olds) starting school. The new entrant teacher, Mrs Johnson, will manage the new entrant induction activity keeping in mind the protocols around Covid-19 Alert Level 2 (as above). Mrs Johnson will also manage pre-school visits. She will liaise with families and follow the protocols.

When you arrive and are waiting at either gate please scan our QR code even if you do not enter the grounds.

ChildsPlay After School Care

This programme will run as normal. Parents will be required to sign the children out of the programme at Room 10.

Buses and School Crossings

School buses and road crossings will run as normal. If you are having difficulty with the school bus service please phone the office.

Drinking Fountains

Our drinking fountains will be operating under Alert Level 2. A regular cleaning programme is in place and all fountains are sanitised daily. However we do recommend that children bring their own named water bottle which can be filled at school.

Queries

If a parent/caregiver has any queries, concerns or requires information please phone the office on 078897250. The office staff will be only too happy to help you.

BOT FAMILIES FUN EVENING

Many thanks to those who attended.

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1: 02.02.21-16.04.21

Term 2: 03.05.21-09.07.21

Term 3: 26.07.21-01.10.21

Term 4: 18.10.21-14.12.21

PORT WAIKATO CAMP - GENERAL INFORMATION EVENING

- This will still go ahead. We will be exercising level 2 procedures, social distancing etc

Where: Room 3, Morrinsville School.

Time: Wednesday 17th February at 5:30pm.

The teachers will give you an outline of the whole camp and the activities that children will be involved in. There will be a photo display of past camp activities. We welcome your questions and comments about the camp. If you are considering offering to be a parent helper, please have a chat at the meeting. Thanks Whaea Tania, Leasa Craw and Nicole Healey.

Below are photos from 2019/2020 PWC.



Term 1 Upcoming Events

Weds 17 Feb

- Port Waikato Camp Info Evening 5:30pm

Weds 24 Feb

- School Swimming Sports (Postponement date 25 Feb)
- BOT Meeting 5:30pm

Tues 3 Mar-Thurs 5 Mar

- Year 7 & 8 Whitianga Leadership Camp

Tues 5 Mar

- Junior Swimming Sports from 1pm

Tues 9 Mar

- Interschool Swimming Sports (Postponement date 11 Mar)

Weds 10 Mar

- Mobile Ear Clinic at Morrinsville School

Sun 14 Mar-Fri 19 Mar

- Port Waikato Camp

Thurs 1 Apr

- Teacher Only Day

Fri 2 Apr

- Good Friday - School closed

Mon 5 Apr

- Easter Monday - School closed

Tues 6 Apr

- Easter Tuesday - School closed

Mon 12 Apr

- Mobile Ear Clinic at Morrinsville School
- Parent Teacher Meetings

Tues 13 Apr

- Parent Teacher Meetings

Fri 16 Apr

- Last day Term 1

Mon 3 May

- Term 2 commences

Virtues

The following children's names were drawn out for virtue rewards:

Junior: Regan Grooms Room 8 for showing the virtue of KINDNESS/MANAAKITANGA.

Middle: Tegan Conn Room 16 for showing the virtue of RESPECT/WHAKAUTE.

Senior: Dylan Stevenson Room 3 for showing the virtue of RESPONSIBILITY/KAWANGA.

Lucas Belmar Room 3 for showing the virtue of RESPONSIBILITY/KAWANGA.

The children will join me at the Wagon Wheel for a Hot Chocolate.



Dylan Stevenson, Lucas Belmar, Regan Grooms and Tegan Conn.



SUNFLOWER PAINTINGS - ROOM 7

Children from Room 7 have been learning all about sunflowers.

Here are their paintings.



YUMMY STICKERS



We collect Yummy Stickers here at Morrinsville School. So please collect them and bring them to us as it enables us to access free sports gear every year!

Sticker sheets are available from the Office just let us know if you would like one. Alternatively stickers can be stuck to an ice cream container or lunchbox lid and sent to school that way.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 2021



Issue 1 of the Lucky Book Club was sent home with your child last week.

- To order books online with Scholastic, go to scholastic.co.nz/LOOP and follow the instructions, download the scholastic app, or continue with the traditional ordering system of bringing the paper order form to the school office and paying by cash or cheque.
- If ordering with the paper order form, please ensure you fill the form out correctly with your child's name and class number.
- Every book purchased earns our school library free books, so your support is greatly appreciated. All book club orders are due back this Friday 19th February.
- **Please note: The school office is unable to process credit cards - so cash or cheque only.**

ROOM 4 SELF PORTRAITS

Room 4 completed their self portraits last week. How great do they look!

They replicated their actual face for one half and the other half of their faces is decorated with their favourite things in life.



Nga mihi nui
Regards
Shay Noonan
Principal