



PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM ONE: 3 February - 14 April 2022

- **3 February** - First day of school
- **7 February** - Waitangi Day
- **14 April** - Staff Only Day /Last day of term
- **15 April** - Good Friday

TERM TWO: 2 May - 8 July

TERM THREE: 25 July - 30 September

TERM FOUR: 17 October - 15 December

"QUOTE OF THE DAY"

"I can see your pleased face by your eyes."

A Whānau Tūi student

Kia ora whānau,

It is great to be back together at school. There are plenty of smiles on masked and unmasked faces! (Watch for the crinkly eyes and listen for the laughter.) We welcome our new teachers, learners and their whānau to Te Kura o ngā Puna Waiora (Newtown School).

These are certainly different times for our tamariki and kaiako, however everyone is trying their best to follow the guidelines we have been given to look after each other.

Thank you to everyone for your support in following our health and safety procedures by **wearing masks** when picking up your children, **physical distancing** while waiting and continuing to help your children have a **positive attitude** towards wearing their masks. Be reassured we are doing all we can to follow the guidelines given to us to be prepared for Covid. One of our first challenging decisions because of the Covid Red Level, has been to postpone Year 6 camp until Term 4.

Some highlights this week have been:

- The delight our tamariki have in seeing each other again, the sound of play.
- The thought, care and inspiration our teachers have for your children.
- Conversations across our green line that remind us of how much we love the diversity and energy of our school.
- Offers of support and help from our wider community in creatively thinking about how we can still offer rich and interesting programmes such as Garden to Table, sport and landscaping.

As my first week as new Principal I am discovering the joy of an open office window to share hello and goodbyes, PE instructions, hot and humid air, questions, wonderings, surprises and plenty of smiles. Our greatest strength is in working and learning alongside each other. Kaiako have a passion for knowing your whānau so your children thrive and stay excited about learning. Let's make the best of the coming term.

Noho ora mai ra, Nicki Read - Tumuaki

Mary Bluck

Kia ora, my name is Mary Bluck and I will be teaching in Te Whānau Harakeke in 2022.

I am married to Lindsay and have four children who are in early adulthood.

My interests are reading, crafting, cross stitch, gardening and scouting. I love the outdoors and am passionate about the environment.



We want to welcome you all back to school!

We especially want to give a warm welcome to our new families!

We have:

12 new families in Tui

1 new family in Harakeke

1 new family in Pohutukawa

2 new families in Waitangi

"Why is speaking Te Reo Māori important in the eyes and words of our tamariki?"

"When we speak Māori, the Māori language will get energy and not die."

Christopher Habib, 7 years

ANOTHER
"QUOTE
OF THE
DAY"



2022 Newtown School Introduction Video COMING SOON

This year we are unable to have our usual Meet the Teacher event, so the teachers have been working on putting together a 2022 introduction video to share with you. Watch out for this short video which is coming soon and will introduce teachers across the school and give you a glimpse of our learning spaces as well

COVID UPDATE

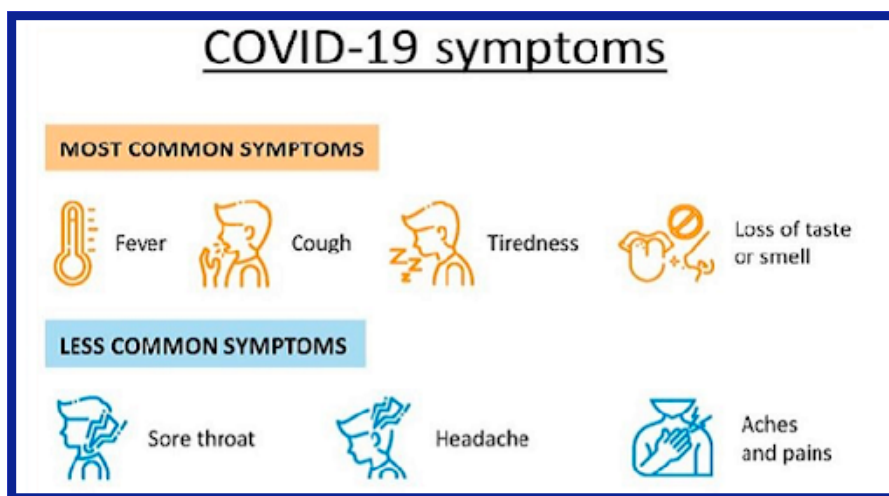
Just like many schools we are following the Health and Safety guidelines given to schools by the Ministry of Education. We have a clear school process to follow. If we do have a positive covid case in our school you will receive information by email or phone.

Our first task is to minimize risk by:

- Wearing masks indoors at all times for all students years 4 and above and all staff / kaimahi
- Cough or sneeze into elbow
- Wash hands often and as part of regular routine
- Ventilating our learning spaces
- Minimising crossover between whānau as much as possible
- Eating, singing and P.E. are outside only

Your child's health

The school office may contact you to collect your child if they are unwell with any of the symptoms below. We will also give you the Healthline number. Health line will advise you on what you should do next.



If there is a positive case

Throughout 2022 there is a high likelihood that there will be positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community. School will remain open. This will result in staff and students being unable to attend school in-person for some periods of time due to them being;

- a positive case,
- a family member of a positive case, or
- a close contact of a positive case.

If these apply to you we will contact you via email or phone.

The school's response to Covid will depend on the various scenarios that could play out within the school community. Some decisions will need to be immediate while others will come into effect with some warning to our community.

Celebrations

What we are celebrating this week

- We have 16 new families at our school this year
- We have a lot of our students bringing and wearing their sunhats. Lets get to 100% of our students bringing their hats
- Our students have done so well in Covid Red Level this week, wearing their masks, washing their hands and sticking to their bubbles!



Please remember to bring a hat to school everyday in Term 1 and 4
These are available to purchase in the office for \$12
You can wear any hat that has a full brim which covers your ears and the back of the neck

Please **NO** parking
in the Staff Car Park
and St. Annes
Carpark



WEEK 1		WEEK 2		WEEK 3		WEEK 4		WEEK 5			
Chinese New Year		STEAM		Winter Olympics		Unique You		Lemurs			
Gong Xi Fa Cai! Start of the year with good fortune (cookies), dragon dancing puppets and red lanterns.		We test and build ziplines with blocks, explore sound with a DIY Kazoo, try fizzing lemonade and scratch art into paper.		Come make a ski race, compete in a curling race, and eat Olympic rings. On your mark, get set, GO!		Let's make a sKids family tree, make your favourite colour music jars, and selfie pancakes with your favourite fruit.		We make a crown fit for a King (Julian), eat Lemur tail Sushi and move it with musical games.			
WEEK 6		WEEK 7		WEEK 8		WEEK 9		WEEK 10		WEEK 11	
International Women's Day		Whale Tales		World Water Day		Children's Book Day		Creepy Crawlies		Happy Easter	
Honour our female role models and make inspirational bookmarks and learn about the first women in Aotearoa.		We celebrate Whale Tales with blow hole paintings, learn about ocean water and play fin-tastic games!		Let's make art with water and oil, freeze and melt in a game and defy gravity with a water experiment.		Rub and scrub origami animals, make caterpillars when we are very hungry and make a stovr a word at a time!		We go on a Bug Hunt! The ladybugs turned into bookmarks, spiders are playing tag and turned into delicious snacks		Hop into Easter and make a kite, race easter eggs and spoons and make poppyseed muffins!	

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Ka whakamana tātou id ngā rongo o te katoa. We value the thoughts and feelings of each other.