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Newsletter

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From the Desk of the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

Thank goodness it is spring and the weather is getting warmer. It is Maori language week and the classes have been working hard to acknowledge this.

I have been in and out of school over the past few weeks and much of the responsibility for the running of the school has fallen to Ben and Anna. I would like to thank them for keeping things going in my absence.

We have been notified by Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education of the latest Covid changes announced by the Prime Minister yesterday that we are moving to the traffic Light **GREEN** setting. The changes took effect from 11.59pm, 12 September:

- **Household contacts of COVID-19 cases will no longer need to isolate,** but instead should undertake a RAT test every day for 5 days. Young people who are household contacts but have no symptoms and test negative will be able to attend school in person, including for assessments and national end of year exams.

Information on how to get RAT kits can be found here and we have RAT tests available at our Office: <https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz>

- **Mask wearing is no longer strongly recommended.**

This means that we will no longer expect staff to wear masks at school but, they may if they wish to. I also ask that if you have Covid in the home that you contact the school and keep a close eye on others in your family. We do have a number of students who are immunocompromised so your vigilance and assistance with this is very important.

Sadly, you would have heard of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The Prime Minister has announced a public holiday on Monday, the 26th of September as a day of mourning.

Tomorrow we will have a group of students and staff attending Polyfest. We will be performing at 10:50am at the Edgar Centre. Not all of our students are participating, because we are taking a manageable group that didn't have a long lead in practice time. Parents of those children performing have been notified. We hope that over their time at school all students will have the chance to perform. Please come along and support our tamariki.

Have a great weekend

Matt

Tongan Language Week in Karamu, last week. Lape's Mum cooked a Tongan feast for us, we made Tongan necklaces and we tried on some Tongan clothing. Tongan Language was used throughout the week.



Board of Trustees Report – Meeting held 12th September 2022

- Chairperson - Cleave Hay nominated Sharon Oliver, seconded Matthew Tofia
- Deputy Chair to be nominated at the next meeting
- Finance - Sharon Oliver nominated Adele Elmiger, seconded Matthew Tofia
- Property - Sharon Oliver nominated Cleave Hay, seconded Matthew Tofia
- Grant Applications Sub-Committee Sharon Oliver, Ben Sincock, Justine Dixon and Anna Taylor
- *Motion Sharon Oliver to co-opt Cleave Hay onto our Board of Trustees for the next 3 years seconded Anna Taylor*
- Staffing still remains as a major issue at school. We work very hard to ensure that we have enough staff to keep face to face learning at school.
- August Monthly Finance Reports presented
- 2022 Budgeted Statement of Financial Position & Budgeted Statement of Cash Flows presented
- New Build Riselaw Road - Work is timetabled by contractor to begin in November
- Concord new Satellite class, Timeframes are being met at Concord, Expected time of construction 10-15 weeks
- CLP meetings - were successfully completed on the 15th and 16th of August. They were very successful and received positive feedback from parents. Goals have been put in place and connections and input from therapists.
- Reports and goals Survey - completed - results show that the Seesaw platform is preferred from Educa. Overwhelmingly positive feedback for the way we are reporting student learning and progress.
- Parent evening - Very successful sessions with Nan Jenson. We had 30 participants at the evening session and 15 ish for the following day. Nan talked about the legal

considerations for families who are looking at supporting their young adult in welfare guardianship and Power of attorney.

- Polyfest - Sara Cohen will be taking part in the 2022 Polyfest. We will perform Friday the 16th of September at 10:50am. Not all students will be performing.
- Covid-19 - Mask wearing is now no longer strongly recommended
- Household contacts no longer isolate for 7 days, they test each day and are free to go about their lives if they test negative
- 2023 Term Dates to be set at the next meeting
- Next meeting Thursday 6th October, 2022



Aspire Kids Tamariki Matana Trust are in need of recruiting support worker with experience in disabilities to provide care in their supportive living residential home here at aspire.

Requirements

Full license

Experience in the field of disabilities

Clean police record

Periods of care needed are Saturday lunch till Sunday lunch 24 hour shift which includes a 10-hour sleep period which you still get paid sleep hours for which is 21.84 per hour.

E.g.- 10 hours' sleep @ 21.84 per hour

14 hours worked @ 25.50 per hour

Extra hours given if needed.

Holiday period staff

Monday till Friday 10am till 4pm @ 25.50 per hour.

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