



Whanau and Friends of Kingsford
Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou
katoa.

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana,
Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Croeso.

A big welcome to all our new students who have just started on their educational journey at Kingsford School. We wish you all the very best as you become part of the Kingsford whanau.

I would also like to welcome Paige Morgan to the Kingsford teaching team. Paige has recently arrived from England where she trained as a teacher, choosing Kingsford to start her teaching career.

COVID 19 Update

The Ministry of Education have advised schools to remain in the Keep it Out phase of a pandemic plan.

Handwashing to prevent spread

The **preventative measures** the Ministry of Health (MoH) is encouraging schools and early learning services to practice are those of good hygiene, which include:

- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

You may be aware that advice from the MoH asks everyone to wash their hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure you dry them thoroughly. Singing Happy Birthday twice, slowly should take about 20 seconds.

School Policies for Review

Our school policy on **Recognition of Cultural Diversity** is up for review this term. If you would like to contribute to this review, please go to our school website, www.kingsford.school.nz where you can find instructions on how you can do this. Alternatively, there are hard copies of the policy and review form available in the school office.

Bikes in Schools

It has been an exciting few days here at Kingsford School. Towards the end of last year we had a bike track installed on our field, and last week our bikes arrived. Thanks to support from Bikes in Schools, our school now has a set of brand new, purpose built bikes for our students to ride on our new track.

Kingsford School Bike Ambassadors



Big thanks to John and Tea for supporting our Bike Ambassadors Namaleh, John, Sione, Tahir, Vaea and Maceson as they assembled the bikes, along with Toni from Bikes in Schools, and Kyle from Counties Manukau Sport.

We will be holding an official track opening on **Wednesday 25th March at 10.30am**, with our special guest, local MP for Mangere, William Sio. Please join us for this special occasion.

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Balance Bikes Learning Programme

On Wednesday our Year 1 and 2 students participated in a new programme being run by Counties Manukau Sport. Each class had a 45 minute session with two instructors, learning how to balance, steer and importantly, stop their bike. We look forward to a follow up session later in the year.



School Gates

In order to support the safe arrival and departure of our students to and from school each day, we close our school carpark gates while our road patrollers are on duty, to prevent cars crossing the footpath that our children walk to and from school on.

The admin carpark gate will be closed between 8.15am and 9.00am each morning, and from 2.45pm until 3.15pm each afternoon. If you do not wish to be caught in the carpark during these times, we suggest you park on the street, as teachers will not open the gate if you need to get out.



The staff carpark is for staff only. We ask that you do not use it as a pick up/drop off zone.

Hats from Meridian

All New Zealand schools are required to have a sun safe policy, which usually includes the compulsory wearing of a hat in Terms 1 and 4 of our school year. Our school is no different, and has such a policy. As part of the support we receive from KidsCan, Meridian have donated 20,000 hats to decile 1 schools like ours all across New Zealand. These hats have been given to all students who do not currently have one.



School Times

Our school day begins at 8.45am. It is important for students to arrive before this time. There is well researched evidence that indicates that students who are consistently late to school are disadvantaged in their learning. This is mostly attributed to a lack of opportunity to connect with their teacher and friends, ensuring a great start to the day.

We encourage all school families to establish positive and healthy routines for school mornings, including allowing sufficient travel time so that students may arrive at school on time.

Upcoming dates

March 17 - Girls Cricket @ Aorere Park

March 20 - Leaders/Kapa Haka trip to Polyfest

March 24 - BOT Meeting, 6pm

March 25 - Opening Ceremony: Bike Track

For more information, check out our school website www.kingsford.school.nz, or search for Kingsford Primary School on Facebook.

Nga mihi nui
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Acting Principal