



**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 back Audrey Enesa, our resident SWiS. Audrey is available to support you or your child with any family or school related issues. Audrey is here at school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week, and is available to support our whanau. You are welcome to contact her on 027 7027 146 or [swis@kingsford.school.nz](mailto:swis@kingsford.school.nz).



## COVID 19 Update

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

Here at Kingsford, all classes have soap and paper towels as well as spray and wipe to clean surfaces. Teachers have been spending time teaching students how to wash their hands correctly, as well as blow their noses, and also to cough or sneeze into the crook of their arm. It would be great if you could reiterate these messages at home too.

There are three key messages we have received from the Ministry of Education:

**Awareness** - know the symptoms: difficulty breathing, a cough or a fever

**Vigilance** - if your child is presenting with any of these symptoms, please keep them at home until they are well again

**Good Hygiene** - hand washing and drying and good cough and sneeze etiquette

You may be aware that advice from the Ministry of Health 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.

## Medical Officers of Health – will direct schools to close if needed

Medical Officers of Health have the authority to close a school. They would only do so if there was a medical reason for this, **or**, after a confirmed case in the school they need to close it for a short period of time while they determine if there is any risk to others (which means staff and students stay away while they undertake contact tracing). At the time of writing this newsletter, **we have no confirmed case of COVID-19**. Therefore our school is open for learning for all students.

Please check our school website or facebook page for further information regarding how you may support your child during this pandemic.

## 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](http://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.

# Kingsford Primary School

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## Bikes Track Official Opening - Postponed

Due to advice regarding COVID-19, we have decided to postpone the opening of our school bike track. We will let you know the new date once the pandemic threat has been lifted.

## School Assemblies

As a precaution, we have chosen to cancel all school assemblies until next term.

## Dogwise NZ – Bark Programme

This week we had a visit from the volunteers at BARK. They taught our students how to be safe around dogs, including how to greet a dog safely, and what to do if a dog approaches you when it is not on a leash.



Our visitors included Andy (English Mastiff), Django (Labrador) and Little Mo (Miniature Schnauzer). Our tamariki demonstrated outstanding skills as learners and have gained some valuable life skills from this session.



## School Times

**Our school day begins at 8.45am.** 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.

## 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.

## Upcoming dates

March 24 - BOT Meeting, 6pm

For more information, check out our school website [www.kingsford.school.nz](http://www.kingsford.school.nz), or search for Kingsford Primary School on Facebook.

Nga mihi nui

Anna Smythe  
Acting Principal

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