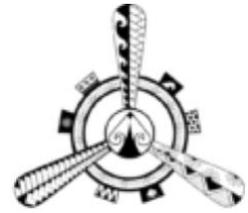


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Whanau and Friends of Kingsford
Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou
katoa.

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.

Principal on Leave

As many of you will know, our Principal, Chris Williams, was knocked off his bike early last year while out riding. He sustained several injuries, which continue to prevent his return to school. At this stage we are unsure as to when he will return to school, but not likely until Term 2. Anna Smythe, our Deputy Principal will continue to act in his absence. We wish Chris a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at school soon.

COVID 19 Update

The Ministry of Education have advised schools that there are no restrictions on personal movement at Alert Level 1 – all children and staff should be at school.

In order to ensure our school is doing all it can to ensure everyone's safety, we continue to have the following measures in place:

- QR Codes are displayed at the main office, and we ask that you do scan in if you come onsite.

We continue to practice great hygiene, including:

- Washing hands with soap and water before eating as well as after attending the bathroom

- 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

School Timetable

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. We also ask to resist the urge to pick your children up early from school. Our school day finishes at 3.00pm. The last 15 minutes of the day are crucial for students to be able to participate in routines such as packing away their equipment for the day, ensuring they have all their belongings with them (such as shoes, lunchboxes etc) and to farewell their teachers and friends before leaving for the day.

Sun Safety

During Terms 1 and 4, our school Sun Protection policy requires all students to wear hats that shade the face, neck and ears, whenever they are outside. Alongside this, we encourage students to stay well hydrated, and to further protect themselves with a broad spectrum sunscreen (at least SPF30), and to consider wearing clothing that protects the skin from the sun.

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We ask that you ensure your child has a hat (as described above – any hat can be worn) and a named drink bottle at school each day. SPF30 sunscreen will be available in classrooms, so if you would prefer students not to have sunscreen applied, can you please let their teacher know. Students without hats will be instructed to play in shaded areas in the school.

School Policies for Review

Our school policy on **Home Learning** 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.

Healthy School Lunches

This year our school will be part of the Healthy School Lunches initiative. Our first lunch delivery will be on Monday 22nd February. A lunch will be provided for every child, every day. This means that you will not need to send your child to school with lunch at all this year. We appreciate that some of our students do have dietary requirements, so please complete the attached form to let us know whether or not your child does have dietary requirements, and what these are. Further information about the Healthy School Lunches Programme, including a sample menu, is attached to this newsletter.

Kingsford Smith Evening

This year our annual Kingsford Smith evening will be held on:

Thursday 11th February

See the flyer below for more information.

Parking at School

Thanks to those of you who are refraining from parking on the yellow lines on Raglan Street. This ensures the safety of our children when walking to and from school. We also ask that you do not use the carpark that belongs to Taefou Puaseisei Early Childhood centre when dropping off or picking up your children.

Upcoming dates

February 11th : Kingsford Smith Evening
February 24th & 25th: Goal Setting Evening
February 22nd - BOT Meeting, 6pm

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

Nga mihi nui
Anna Smythe
Acting Principal

You are invited to our
Meet the Teacher Evening
and the
Opening of our Kingsford School Sandpit
Thursday 11th February 2021
5 pm - 5.45 pm Meet your child's teacher in classrooms
5.45- 6 pm Opening ceremony for our school sandpit
6 pm Meet our Kingsford School Team