

# Kingsford Primary School

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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.

## Teacher Only Day

### No School on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be having a teacher only day. This means **school will be closed for all students**. You will need to make arrangements for your child to be cared for that day.



## ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1, 2021

After School Care from 3 pm to 6 pm Monday to Friday.

We offer fun and exciting activities daily, Winz Subsidies are available for working parents or if you are on a sickness benefit or Studying.

Solo parents who are working /Studying can qualify. WINZ terms and conditions will apply.

Please call Ferdilin on 0210356547 for more information or enrol at [skids.aimy.co.nz](http://skids.aimy.co.nz)

## School Trip: Waitakere Zero Waste Zone

Next week will see the launch of a brand new initiative at Kingsford School – we are looking to go rubbish free, so that we have 0% of the waste we generate going to landfill. To get underway with this learning, every class will be visiting the Waitakere Zero Waste Zone, in Henderson. There is no cost associated with this trip, however we do need a lot of parent helpers. Permission slips are coming home today, so please fill these in and return them to school asap. Please contact your child's teacher if your child has not brought home their form. See below to find out which day your child is going to the Waste Free Zone.

Rooms 6, 9, 8 and Manaia	Tuesday 23rd March
Room 5,6,8 and 17	Wednesday 24th March
Room 18,17,19	Thursday 25th March
Room 20,2,3	Tuesday 30th March
Room 1,7 and 3	Wednesday 31st March

Please note – **Rooms 8, 17 and 3** have been split across two days. Please check with your child's teacher as to which day your child is going.

Children will need – shoes

## Goal Setting Conferences

This week we held our Goal Setting Conferences. These conferences are an opportunity for whanau to meet with their child's teacher to discuss the things you would like your child to learn during the year. Goals can be academic, social and/or cultural.

If you were unable to make a time this week, please make contact with your child's teacher – they are more than happy to book an

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alternative time with you. Teachers will be attempting to contact those whanau they were unable to meet with this week.

## Home Internet Connections

All homes currently connected through the Ministry will continue to have free internet access until **December 2021**. These connections were due to start expiring this month, however, while COVID-19 is still a risk and an alert level change is possible, we want to ensure students can continue to access the internet and learn outside the classroom.

In the coming weeks, you will also receive a physical letter sent to your home address informing you of this extension. If you have moved house, or for any other queries, please contact the Learning From Home Helpdesk at [EDA@education.govt.nz](mailto:EDA@education.govt.nz) or 0800 783 744. Alternatively, please contact us at school – we are always here to help.

## School Policies for Review

Our school policy on **Finance and Property Management** 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.

## School Building Projects

The Kingsford Board have made the decision to remove the Skids building due to on-going issues with mould, and it no longer being safe for our staff or children to be in. The removal of this building will likely happen in the April school holidays.

Rooms 5-10 are also going to be renovated, with new glazing thorough out the building, as

well as much fresher interiors for our children to learn in. The office next to Room 5 is going to be made into a whanau room, which will extend out to the garden area, which is also being developed as part of this project. See the concept designs on our school website for a glimpse of what is to come.

## 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. 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.

## Upcoming dates

### March:

22<sup>nd</sup>: BOT Meeting, 6pm

26<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Only Day

### April:

2<sup>nd</sup>: Good Friday – No School

5<sup>th</sup>: Easter Monday – No School

6<sup>th</sup>: Easter Tuesday – No School

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