

Kingsford Primary School

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Newsletter No 1: Friday 4th February 2022

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula Vinaka

A big welcome to all of our new students who are starting or continuing their educational journey at Kingsford School. We wish you all the very best as you become part of the Kingsford whanau.

Farewell to our Principal

For personal reasons, Chris Williams has decided to move on from his role as Principal here at Kingsford School. I (Anna Smythe - Deputy Principal) have stepped back into the Acting Principal role while the Board undertakes the appointment process for a new principal. We thank Chris for the valuable contributions he made while at Kingsford, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Board of Trustees – Casual Vacancy

Our Presiding Member (chair) Rebecca Wood has stepped down from the Kingsford School Board of Trustees for personal reasons.

As a result, a casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Timo Morisa

Presiding member (chair)

Kingsford School Board

TiMorisa@papatoetoehigh.school.nz

by: 5pm, Friday 4th March, 2022.

COVID-19 Update

This year, our return to school has been under **COVID-19 Protection Framework: Red**. This has meant a number of additional safety precautions have been put in place in order to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. Please head to our [website](#) to see all of the safety measures we currently have in place at **Red**.

One of the key safety procedures we have in place is our health check at the gate each morning. Both Rose Tavelia (Kairanga Street) and I (Raglan Street) are there to greet the children each morning and ask them how they are feeling. We also ask the children to sanitise their hands as they enter the school grounds. Child-sized masks are available at the gate for any child who wants to wear one.

We continue to ask whanau that if their child, or any member of their household has any flu-like symptoms (e.g., cough, sore throat, sneezing or a runny nose) that you keep them home, and go and get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible.

Please remember to let us know if you are keeping your child home – you can do this via our school app, or by leaving a message on our school voice mail.

You can download our school app by scanning the QR code here.



For our whanau already using school app, you will need to update the rooms that you are receiving notifications from. A link has been sent via school app to help you do this.

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Teacher Only Days 2022

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th of March will be teacher only days here at school. This means there will be no school for children on those days. Please take note of these dates so you can make arrangements for the care of your children on these two days. School will not be open or available to care for your children.

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.

We have recently upgraded the school entrance on Kairanga Street, and encourage those whanau who drive their tamariki to school, to use this entrance. By entering Kairanga Street opposite the Raglan Street shops, whanau can drive right up to the entrance, let their children out of the car safely, and continue on Kairanga Street, to exit on Raglan Street near Buckland Road.



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.

We ask that you ensure your child has a hat (as described above – any colour 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.

Mural on Winthrop & Mayflower

Last year, a number of our students worked together on a mural for the community space between Winthrop and Mayflower Streets. Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions meant we were not able to be there for the official unveiling of the mural, but it did feature in a recent article in the Homebase magazine. [Follow this link](#) to read the article.

Upcoming dates

February 28th - BOT Meeting, 6.30pm

March 10th & 11th – Teacher Only Days

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