

Kingsford Primary School

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Newsletter No 2: Friday 18th 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.

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 first 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

At the time of writing this newsletter, we have had a small number of students have tested positive for COVID-19, who were at school during their infectious period. Because of the tight procedures we have in place, we have been able to keep the number of close contacts to a minimum, enabling the rest of our classes to continue on learning here at

school. Our thoughts are with all whanau affected, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Whanau Support

Thanks also to the whanau who responded so quickly in collecting their children from school and who are now isolating. We understand the extra pressure this can put on a whanau, so if you do need support, this website may provide some guidance:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/financial-support/>

Our Procedures

We have a number of processes in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Our main preventative strategy is in the wearing of masks. With the country moving to Phase 2 of the Omicron response, wearing a mask can often be the difference between a child (or staff member) being deemed a close or casual contact. Therefore, while our Year 4, 5 and 6 tamariki are required to wear masks, we are highly recommending that all children do wear masks. Child-sized masks are available at the school gate and in the classroom for those Year 1, 2 and 3 students who would like to wear one.

We continue to ensure our class spaces are well ventilated, with our caretaker regularly testing these environments with the CO2 monitor provided to us by the Ministry of Education.

Classes continue to be separated, ensuring students from different classes are not mixing with others while indoors. All classes have hand sanitiser, along with a cleaning kit to maintain sanitisation of shared surfaces. Rose and I, along with Grace (our Mana Kids nurse)

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continue to greet children at the gate as part of our daily health check. Teachers also monitor children through the day for symptoms. Feedback I have received from the Ministry of Education confirms that the procedures we have in place are at an optimal level.

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 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.**

Update contact details

With the few cases we have had at school, we have noticed that for some whanau, we do not have up to date phone numbers or email addresses. Please let Michelle in the office know if you have recently changed your phone number, email or residential address.

School App

Our school app continues to be the main form of communication between school and home. If you don't have the app, you can download it by scanning the QR code here. Please make sure you **allow notifications** so that you will receive communications from us, including this newsletter.



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,

otherwise contact your child's teacher – they will be more than happy to help you out.

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, or in the driveways directly opposite the office carpark.

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 back onto 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,

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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 asked to play in shaded areas in the school.

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

TeachNZ scholarships open

If you know someone looking to complete a teaching qualification, TeachNZ scholarships are open.

[Find out more on the TeachNZ website.](#)

Scholarships pay for their recipient's course fees and provide a \$10,000 total allowance over the duration of study.

Applications for Te Huarau and Te Tipu Whakarito scholarships can be made for any teaching subject or sector. Priority is given to applications for:

- Science, engineering, technology, maths and te reo Māori
- Early learning and Māori-medium.

Kupe scholarships are open to Māori and Pacific high achievers who wish to study in any teaching subject or sector.

Applications opened on **Tuesday 1 February** and close on **Monday 28 February**.

Mana Kidz Programme

Our school is fortunate to have the Mana Kidz programme (that is, our nurse Grace and whanau health worker Miriam) available for our tamariki and their whanau. They would love to hear how this programme is working, particularly the difference it makes for you and your whānau.

They are looking for whanau who would like to participate in their review. This would involve taking part in an interview over Zoom/Messenger/What's app or via a phone call – depending on what works best for you. This would be scheduled at a time that works for you, so it could be in the evening if that suits you better. The interview would take about 30-45 minutes. You would receive a \$50.00 koha as a thank you for participating. This would be in the form of a voucher for either a supermarket, The Warehouse or for petrol.

If you would like to participate in this, please let the school know and we will pass on your phone number and email address to the research lead, Kellie Spee, so she can arrange an interview time with you.

