

NEWSLETTER
22 May 2020

UPCOMING DATES/REMINDERS

DATE	ACTION/ACTIVITY
Monday 1 June	School Closed Queens Birthday
Friday 3 July	Final day of term 2
Monday 20 July	First day of term 3

Dear Parents/Caregivers and whānau

It has been fantastic to have so many children back at school - we missed them so much. We've just loved seeing how happy they are to be interacting with their friends again, and enjoying being together. The staff are delighted with how quickly the children have settled in and we are right back into full programmes of learning!

The arrangements for pick up and drop off will remain as they were this week, just so we can be sure that we are continuing to manage having the whole school back on site safely.

As a reminder, please carefully read the document below for details, but in summary:

- The only entry onto school grounds before the 8.30 bell is for those registered with before or after school care. Everyone else must wait (socially distanced) at the footpath area.
- We are trying to avoid having additional adults on site (of course New Entrant children may have ONE adult to support them for their first days). Any adults entering buildings will be required to sign in at the office.
- We have developed different drop off/pick up zones for each kete - this helps with practising social distancing, particularly among groups of adults.
- In releasing TKW and TKP students (and their siblings) at 2.45pm, we are managing to avoid some of the congestion at the gate at the end of the day.
- There will be firm expectations around hygiene/hand washing and no tolerance around sick people being able to be at school.

Thank you so much to everyone who has returned the sheet of contact details. Our office staff are very busy updating our records. Please ensure that you do make contact with us whenever something changes from these records - we do need to know that we have accurate details.

If you are yet to return this form, please do so ASAP - even if there are no changes! A tick and signature is fine.

TEACHER ONLY DAY FOR TERM TWO

Due to the most 'out of the ordinary' start to this term, we have decided to postpone the Teacher Only day set for the 29th May. We have now taken this out of our term calendar. It will be school as usual next Friday (remembering that the following Monday 1st June is the celebration of the Queen's Birthday and that is a public holiday).

LIFE EDUCATION TRUST VISIT

We are looking forward to a visit from Tim the Life Ed educator next month. All classes will receive sessions with Tim. There will be no cost to parents, as this will be paid for from MOE funds given to schools that did not charge parent donations.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

We believe it is likely that the interschool cross country event may not go ahead this year. However, we intend to still hold our school cross country after a period of training that will occur over the coming weeks. We will get a date to you for this as soon as possible (we need to wait and see if there are any changes to the numbers allowed at public gatherings).

Have a lovely weekend

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Covid Action Plan - AL2 Hokowhitu School Whanau

Sick Children

- Keep kids at home if they are showing symptoms of the flu or a cold (let the school office know your child is going to be absent if they are unwell).
- We are required to send any children home who show signs of a runny nose, cough or high temp, so please don't send them if you know they are unwell.
- If your child is showing symptoms of C19 phone the Healthline and follow their advice. Please inform the principal asap of a) test having been completed and b) subsequent results.

Hygiene

- Wash hands before leaving for school and immediately after returning from school.
- Wash school uniforms and other clothes regularly.
- Encourage regular hand washing - this is also helpful to stop colds and the flu.
- Talk with your children about safe distancing and not touching other people. Keep reminding them to cough into their elbows, wash their hands after blowing their nose etc.
- We will be insisting on regular hand washing/drying and sanitising throughout the day - on entering the kete, before eating, straight after break times, after using the toilet, before using equipment, resources etc

Food and Drink

- Students need to pack their own drink bottle as drinking fountains will not be available.
- Students will not be allowed to share food or drinks.

Phones

- If your child needs to bring a phone to school these must now be handed into their whanau teacher

Parents/ Caregivers at school

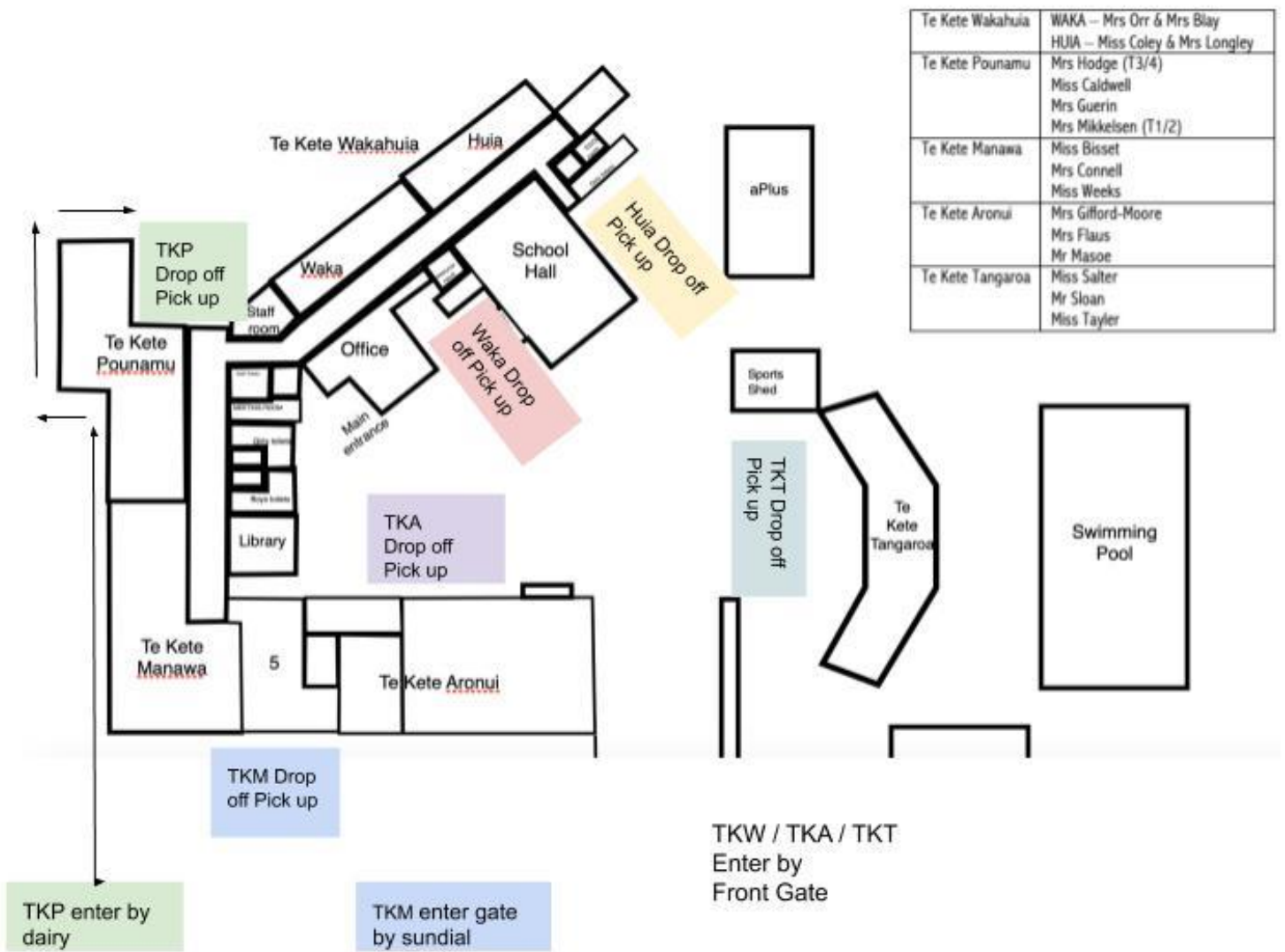
Drop off

- From 8:30-8.50am (not before) - Parents and children are not to be on the school grounds prior to 8:30am unless booked into before-school care (aPlus)
- If possible say goodbye to your child at the gate - we are trying to have as few adults on site as possible
- **Parents are NOT to enter the buildings** with their children (unless they have formally signed in at the office)
- Pick up and drop off points will be in different locations around school (see attached map)
- Each kete will have a staff member in their area to greet and direct children in the morning.
- At all times please manage your social distancing

Pick up

- **TKW & TKP children will be dismissed from their pick up point at 2:45pm** - a kete staff member will take the children to this area to be dismissed. Older siblings of these students will also be dismissed at this time.
- On collecting your child/children you must leave the grounds straight away. **There is to be no gathering of parents within the school grounds.**
- Students going to after school care will remain with their teacher until they take them to the pick up point.
- If you need to come to school during the day: Please come directly to the Admin block so we can record your visit and issue you with a visitors pass.
- At all times please manage your social distancing

Drop off and Pick up map



Te Kete Wakahuia	WAKA – Mrs Orr & Mrs Blay HUIA – Miss Coley & Mrs Longley
Te Kete Pounamu	Mrs Hodge (T3/4) Miss Caldwell Mrs Guerin Mrs Mikkelsen (T1/2)
Te Kete Manawa	Miss Bisset Mrs Connell Miss Weeks
Te Kete Aronui	Mrs Gifford-Moore Mrs Flaus Mr Masoe
Te Kete Tangaroa	Miss Salter Mr Sloan Miss Tayler



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Mila, Ruby, Baxter, Jack, Ben, Mason, Lola, Isla, Anne - Welcome to Hokowhitu School!

Henry - For coming into school ready for a great day

Roman - For being a kind friend to the children in our kete

Rylan - For having a great start back to the school term.

Welcome back to Term 2. Miss Coley and Mrs Longley are super impressed with how fantastic your attitudes towards learning are. We are so proud of your listening, your manners and your kindness. A special welcome to **Carina**. This is going to be another amazing term.

Te Kete Pounamu

Welcome to Hokowhitu School **Maia**. Its lovely to have you in TKP. Congratulations to everyone in TKP for a great start to the term. Thanks to all the parents who did a fantastic job with their home learning. You rock!

Te Kete Manawa

It is awesome to have you all back in TKM. Congratulations on an awesome week! Keep it up.
Miss Bisset, Mrs Connell, Miss Weeks & Mrs Higgs

Te Kete Aronui

It has been great to see our TKA students again. We're really proud of the way that you have all settled back into school routines. Thanks for all your support throughout the lockdown!
From Mr Masoe, Mrs GM, Mrs Flaus and Mrs M

Te Kete Tangaroa

Welcome **Atahua** and whanau to Te Kete Tangaroa. We are so excited to have you join us.
Thanks TKT students for a fantastic start to school at Alert Level 2. It has been wonderful seeing you all again and the gorgeous smiles you walk in with every day. You all have been outstanding and have stepped up in all aspects of school life and accepted all the new expectations and requirements of you. Thank you!



Mrs Handcock would appreciate donations of 100% cotton fabric - pale pastels or white (no prints) to make beeswax lunch wraps. If you have any fabric you would like to donate, please send it to the school office.

Welcome back to school

The school Public Health Nurse is available, if you have any concerns about your child and would like to speak with the Nurse.

**Call 0800 153 042 or email:
schoolhlth@midcentraldhb.govt.nz**

Or alternatively the school can send a referral to us on your behalf on our referral form.

PN Marist Junior Football Club

Marist are still accepting registrations. Please check out our website for information on how to register. No matter your child's level, if they are between the ages of 4 and 13 this year, we have room for them.

NZ Football are working hard with ruling around Level 2 and beyond.

At this stage the season is looking to be approx. 13 weeks, hopefully starting the 6th to 13th June.

For information for PN Marist Football - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/pnmaristfootball/> or email Lisa at maristjfc.pn@gmail.com