

NEWSLETTER
29 May 2020

UPCOMING DATES/REMINDERS

DATE	ACTION/ACTIVITY
Monday 1 June	School Closed Queens Birthday
Thursday 18 June	Cross Country
Tuesday 23 June	Hearing & Vision Testing
Friday 3 July	Final day of term 2
Monday 20 July	First day of term 3

Dear Parents/Caregivers and whānau

Thank you once again for your flexibility and understanding of our 'new normal' here at school.

At this stage the arrangements for pick up and drop off will remain throughout Alert Level 2. We hope that you and/or your child is enjoying a personal greeting as they come in each morning and a cheerful 'goodbye' as they leave in the afternoon. The teachers are noticing how 'independent' even our youngest learners are becoming - they really can put their bag up on the hook by themselves, unpack their food and book bag and set themselves up for learning all by themselves. Thank you for trusting us to support them with this!

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

- The only entry onto school grounds before the 8.30am 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 most of the congestion at the gate (and with parking) 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.

LIFE EDUCATION TRUST VISIT

The Life Education educator arrives next Friday the 5th June to start sessions with each class. Tim is here for just over a fortnight so that he can visit with everyone.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

We have had confirmation that the interschool cross country event has been cancelled for 2020. This means we can take our time to build up for our own school event. Final details will come to you closer to the time, but you can pop the 18th June into your calendar as the day we are aiming for.

KIDS FOR KIDS CHOIR

This group met for the first time on Tuesday of this week. It was great to have a large group of very enthusiastic singers and performers who are excited to be preparing for the Kids for Kids concert in September. They will be performing on other occasions as well. The choir is for Years 3 - 6, it's not too late to join. Thanks to Miss Weeks, Mrs Connell and Mrs Griffin for supporting this! If you'd like to hear the songs, check the link below.

<https://sites.google.com/hokowhitu.school.nz/hokowhituschoolchoir/home>

KAPA HAKA

It was great to have our kapa haka roopu back to practising this week too. This group is supported by Mrs Blay, Mrs Griffin, Miss Caldwell and Mr Masoe. Thanks to each of you for your passion and support in this area too.

Have a lovely long weekend. **There is no school next Monday the 1st June**, due to it being a public holiday to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces between 8.30am and 8.50am next Tuesday the 2nd June.

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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

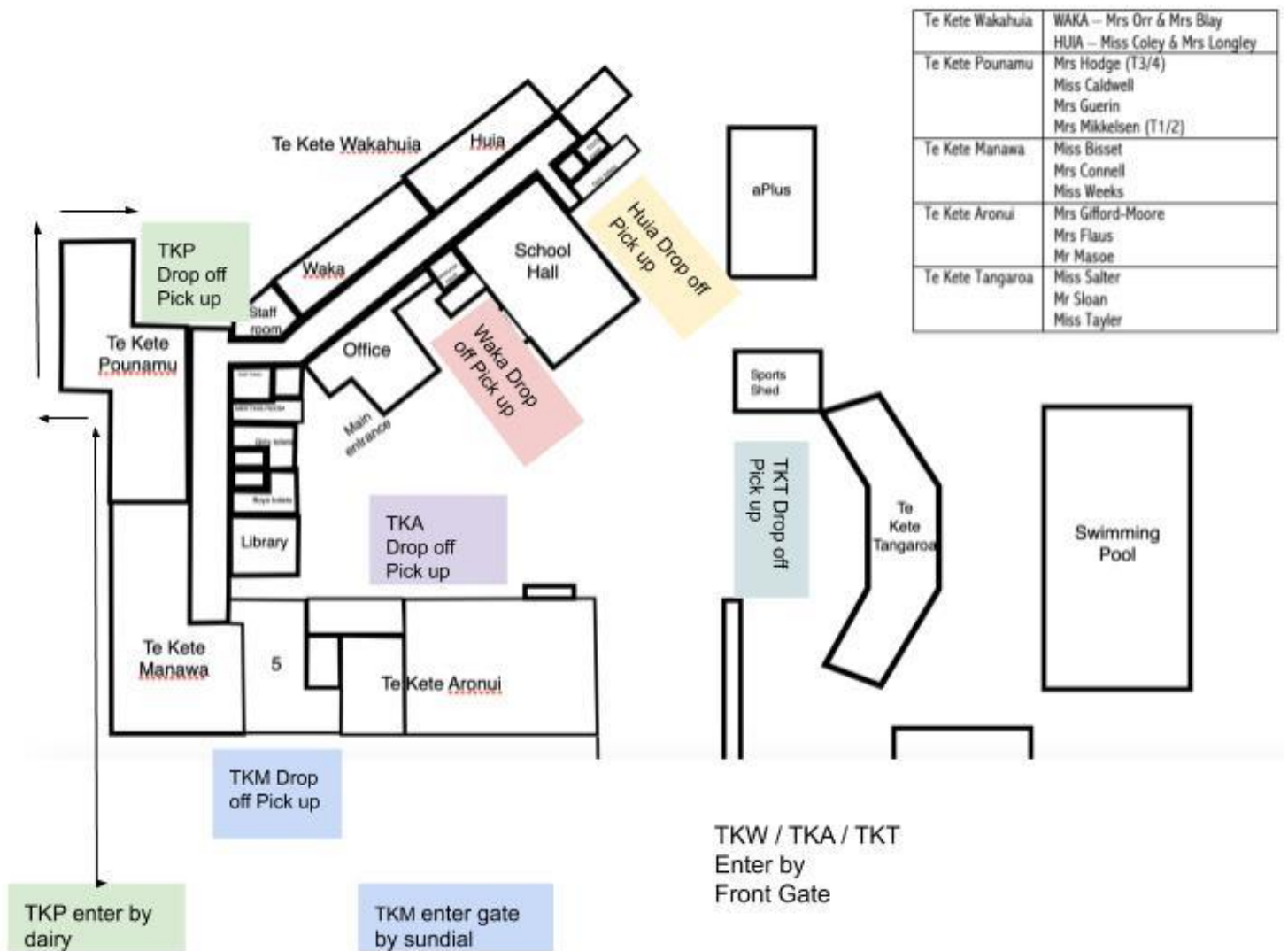
Drop off

- 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



SCHOLASTIC

Lucky Book Club



Due to recent disruptions to the school year, there will be just one issue of Book Club this term. Instead of Issue 3 or Issue 4, it is called **Term 2 Book Club** and it is a **Bumper** issue, so have fun perusing its pages and discovering all the goodies hidden inside!

The brochures will be handed out to students this week. Orders are due by Thursday 11 June.

You may prefer to order online via LOOP (Linked Online Ordering for Parents). Go to:

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz> Your order will automatically attach to the School Order which will be forwarded to Scholastic on the closing date. All orders earn Scholastic Rewards for the School.

Happy reading everyone!



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Poseidon - For looking after his belongings carefully

Micah - Excellent effort with learning letter sounds

Spencer - For sitting on the mat ready for learning

Minoo - Welcome to Hokowhitu School

Leone - Welcome to Hokowhitu School

Izaiah - Welcome to Hokowhitu School

Isla - For settling into learning at school so quickly

Imogen - For trying hard to write all of the letters in your name

Dalia - Learning to write sentences

Aiden - For being a wonderful friend

Twila - For being brave

Hailey - Amazing improvement in literacy

Molly - Trying hard during literacy workshops

Miles - Enthusiasm for reading

Te Kete Pounamu

TKP superstars this week

Payton, Titus, Keesha, Alyenna, Nick, Connor, Jack, Ruby R, Emily, Harry, Kiya, Noah, Louis, Leo, Eli, Saied, Hannah, Akira, Ruby M, Ava S Penelope, Declan, Eden, Molly C, Mila, Ella

Te Kete Manawa

Well done to all of TKM for showing excellent resilience and collaboration during our STEAM challenge of building a tower. Here are a few photos of what we achieved. (Photos on next page). We had a great day!

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to **Charlotte, Joseph, Krystal, Ava, Livvy & Masaki**, for being drawn from the Top 30 this week. TKA have had a great time learning some Samoan language with Mr Masoe this week. We have learned a sasa that we will film and put on the Google Classroom once we have practised a bit! Thank you Mr Masoe for sharing your culture with us. (Photo on next page).

Te Kete Tangaroa

Kyran - For excellent contributions and thoughtful efforts in Literacy

Isabella - For great writing and presentation in Literacy

Tessa - Well thought out and well-presented information report about kangaroos.

Tobey - Really stepping up in both Literacy and Maths and being a focussed learner

Samantha - For fantastic Information reports that are factual and detailed to the highest standard

Connar - For an interesting and detailed information report on chameleons

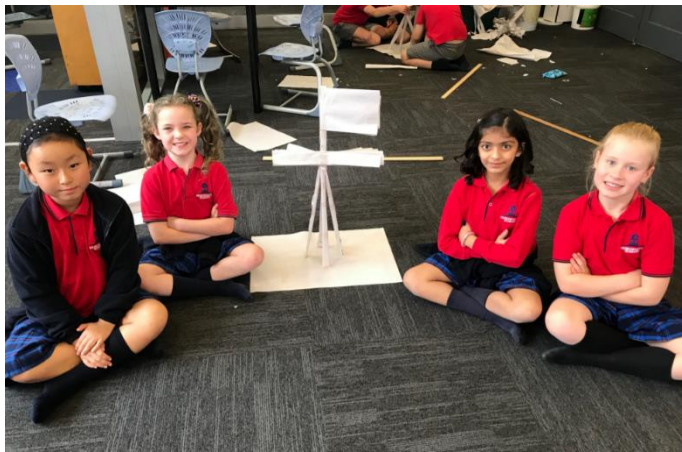
Addison - For answering questions with well written and well thought-out answers using evidence from the text

Angel - Well constructed and presented information report.

Elsa - Fantastic effort in your Maths workshops



TKM



TKA





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.

Community Notices

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



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**Our curtain bank helps Kiwi families
keep their homes warm.
Come in to collect your free curtains
before winter arrives.**

When: 10am-2pm
Wednesday and Friday

Where: 24B Domain Street,
Palmerston North, 4410

Who: Community services and
gold card holders

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