



Kuratau School

Kimihia Te Maturanga Kia U Ki Te Pono
Through Seeking Knowledge Comes Truth

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Newsletter #1 – February 05th 2021

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**TERM 1 2021 begins TUESDAY 09th
FEB**

Tuwharetoa Cultural Knowledge Day
Weds 17th Feb

Year 7/8 Immunisation Education
Tues 23rd Feb

Year 7/8 First Immunisation
Tues 30th March

EVENTS

Swimwell – 10am daily beginning Monday 15th
Feb for 2 weeks.

Pukawa MARAE Overnight Stay – 18-19th Feb

Athletics – Wednesday 10th March

Interschool Swimming – Thursday 18th March

Triathlon – Thursday 25th March

Principal's Corner

Welcome Whanau, the term is shortly going to be underway for students, and staff have been hard at work over the last week planning for the term and year ahead.

I wanted to get this newsletter out to you ASAP, as we have lots happening for the first half of this term that we need to crack into. I hope you have had a wonderful summer, and are ready to jump back into all the exciting things we have planned for this year at Kuratau School.

A warm welcome to all our new whanau, some starting as New Entrants, and some joining our classes higher up the school.

A Mihi Whakatau (formal welcome to our school family) will be held at the start of the day on Tuesday 9th February. If you are a new family to the school, you will be part of the Manuhiri group which will be welcomed on to the school grounds by our Tangata Whenua staff and students (and any existing whanau who would like to join us on that day).

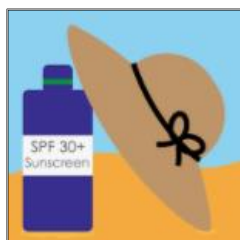
Therefore, new families, please meet me at the Admin area of the school when you arrive, as you will need to wait for the Mihi Whakatau before your tamariki can join their class.

Welcome to Helen Lissaman teaching in Ruru (Rm2) this year. Helen has come to us from Wellington, and is settling into her home in Kuratau, and learning about Kuratau School. She is looking forward to meeting her class, and getting to know them and you as whanau.

We are also delighted to welcome Adam Colling as our new caretaker, Adam has been whipping the property into shape over the last couple of weeks already.

We have Athletics, Swimming and Triathlon happening early this term - please see dates in the list above.

Things to remember for the start of the Term



- **Sunhats** - a bucket style hat is required every day during Term 1 and 4.
- **Sunscreen** - we have supplies at school, but if your child has sensitive skin and needs a special sunscreen, please provide this for them.
- **Lunch boxes** (I bet you're all excited about packing school lunch boxes again!) Please remember to keep packaging to a minimum, our school is trying to manage litter, as we have to pay to take all rubbish to the dump - we do

not get any collection by council, and this is also part of our Waste Minimisation education focus.

- **Swimming** will start from the **first day**, please ensure togs and towels are provided, and are named. Children can also bring wetsuits if they choose.
- If your **address or phone details** have changed, please let us know ASAP.



Skool Loop will be the platform for all school notices from the start of this term. To ensure the privacy of our Tamariki this platform will be **PASSWORD Protected** from Monday 15th February.

The PASSWORD to access Skool Loop will be: respect

If you require any help with the Skool Loop functions, please feel free to contact Rachel in the Office and she will be happy to assist you.

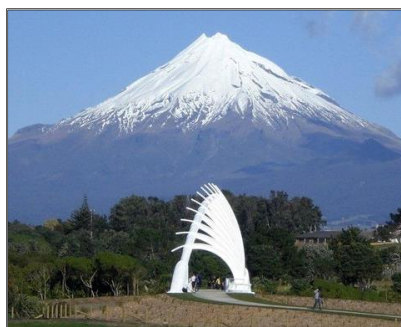
Please also let Rachel know if you require a paper copy of notices.

Fonterra Breakfast in Schools

This year we are trialling a breakfast programme, we will be provided with milk and Weetbix by Fonterra and Sanitarium, so that we can offer our students a breakfast when they arrive at school. There will be a bit of trial and error as we find out how many students want to eat when they get to school, but can easily adjust supply once we get further into the programme. The small milk boxes are not available any longer via Fonterra, which is a shame, but this is a lovely alternative.

This programme will kick off in Week 2 hopefully, so long as the Weetbix arrives by then!

School Camp 2021



Traditionally once every five years, Kuratau School has undertaken a full school camp. We are planning to do this hopefully first week of December, and to go to New Plymouth for the week. We hope to be able to get a Surf Lifesaving programme at Oakura beach during this time, as well as exploring the area and the links it has to our maunga here in the Tongariro area. Details are not

yet confirmed, but pencil that week into your diary, and be aware that there will need to be lots of fundraising done to keep costs to whanau down to a minimum, and that money raised at Bike Day fundraiser this year will be dedicated to this project.



BIKE DAY 2021 - Fundraiser

Proposed date is Sunday July 4th. This is a day we need as much parent support for as possible, it is a huge undertaking and raises lots of money. Please diary this date so that you can be available, the Bike Day committee will provide further information as the planning gets underway.

Immunisation Programme 2021



Lakes District Health Board - Population Health
2 Ranolf Street, Rotorua
Private Bag 3023, Rotorua Mail Centre 3046
Phone 07 343 8719 Fax 07 349 7842

Immunisations for Year 7 and 8 students

Lakes District Health will be coming to our school to offer the following immunisations to Year 7 and Year 8 students, in 2021

What is the name of the immunisation?	What diseases does the immunisation offer protection against	Who will the immunisation be given to?	How many injections does a child have?
Boostrix	Diphtheria Tetanus Whooping cough	Year 7 - girls and boys	One
Gardasil 9	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) which can lead to cancer	Year 8 - girls and boys	Two (over a six months)

The Immunisation Team will visit on the following dates:

- Education Session . Gardasil 9 and Boostrix
- Vaccination Clinic for Dose 1 All Year 8 and Year 7
- Vaccination Clinic for Gardasil all Year 8 Final dose

23rd February 2021
30th March 2021
28th September 2021

The consent forms will be distributed at the education sessions on **23rd February 2021**

To receive any immunisation at school, a child must have a consent form filled out and signed by their parent or legal guardian. **We will be sending these forms out in February 2021 so please look out for them, complete, and return to the school.**

It is important that even if you do not consent to the vaccination at school that you return the form, indicating a non-consent.

Information on the vaccines, diseases covered and management of personal information is included in the consent form and accompanying information.

A nurse from the Immunisation team will come to the school to give an education session to the students in February **2021**.

Parents are welcome to contact the PHN or their GP for more information or,

Information is also available from:

- 0800 466 863 (0800 IMMUNE)
- www.moh.govt.nz/immunisation
- www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz

Yours sincerely
Gail Wenmoth

Public Health Nursing Immunisation Team

Bus Accounts

Term 1 Bus Accounts will be sent out in the first week. The daily charge remains at \$4 per day and for this term (46 Days) the charge will be \$184.

Bus Accounts can be paid for weekly/fortnightly or in a lump sum but must be settled prior to the end of each term to continue to use the bus in subsequent terms. Payments can be made direct to the school account:

ANZ: 06 0471 0055454 17



Please ensure you include your Child's Name and 'BUS' as your reference when making payments.

BOT

Reminder of the link to Board of Trustees School Policies at SchoolDocs.

kuratau.schooldocs.co.nz

User name: kuratau

Password: respect

Piano Lessons



Private piano lessons are offered during the day on Fridays. There are openings now available. There are also openings after school in Turangi on some days. Lessons are paid for by the parents. Contact Bev Campbell to discuss further details. 029 773 8615