



Kuratau School

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 7/8 First Immunisation

Tues 30th March

Tuwharetoa Cultural Knowledge ó Floating
Classroom Cruise

Thurs 01st April – 2-4pm

EASTER – Friday 2nd April – Tues 6th April

School Camp Community Meeting

Mon 12th April – 6pm

EVENTS

Athletics – Wednesday 10th March

Interschool Swimming – Thursday 18th March

Triathlon – Thursday 25th March

Tuwharetoa Cultural Knowledge ó Floating
Classroom Cruise

Thurs 01st April – 2-4pm

School will close early at 12pm

Swimwell Interschool Swimming Sports 9th Apr

Principal's Corner

Kia ora koutou

Another Covid disrupted week ahead, though thankfully less disruptive for us than for our counterparts in Auckland. We are back into all the regular protocols, and hope things will settle down for next week, but this is no time for complacency, and we as a school must consider the greater good of all our students and staff on site.

A crucial part of the public health response to avoid spread of this extremely dangerous illness is the following advice from the Ministry of Health. Unfortunately while we have been in Level 2 recently, we have had a number of students with some of these symptoms coming to school.

We are not able to manage multiple unwell students in our small sick bay, and must refer you to the public health advice below, and advise that we will be calling you to collect your child if they are displaying these symptoms, as we are required to do by the Ministry of Health.

Advice from the Secretary for Education for School in Level 2

SICK PEOPLE MUST STAY AT HOME

They should seek medical advice if they have COVID-like symptoms and get tested if advised to do so. If that person displays relevant symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or has been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate.

COVID-19 symptoms

Symptoms include:

- a new or worsening cough
- a fever of at least 38°C
- shortness of breath
- sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

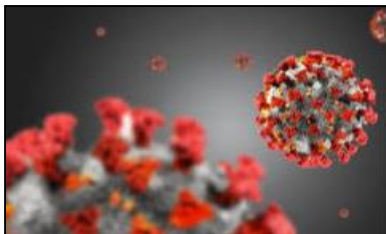
Less common symptoms

Some people may also have less common symptoms such as only:

- fever
- diarrhoea
- headache
- muscle pain
- nausea and vomiting
- confusion and irritability

Covid Planning

We are planning for what we will do if a lift in alert levels means we have to head back into distance learning again, while very much hoping that does not happen.



You will see a permission slip/questionnaire set up on Skool Loop asking for information to assist us in providing the best possible online learning. Please take the time to complete this questionnaire as this will help with our preparations should the alert levels change.

Allergies



We are noticing a number of students exhibiting symptoms of hay fever and other season specific allergies. If your child suffers from hay fever or other allergies, please ensure they have the appropriate medication. The school does not provide antihistamines to students with allergies.

Athletics - March 10th

Unless we are to move up in Alert Levels, **this event will still go ahead**. However, if Level 2 is extended beyond this week, we will not be able to have whanau onsite as we would then be over the 100 person gathering limit. Let's hope that is not the case.

A notice will go out this week giving best and worst case scenarios. A heads up though, if we're in Level 1, we plan to have a lunch after the event, with our BBQ operating and BYO meat to cook.

Tuwharetoa Cultural Knowledge - Floating Classroom Cruise

Thanks to all those who have signed up to join us on the cruise cat. We now have only 15 places left, so if you still want to come, sign up so you don't miss out. Details below:

Chris Jolly Cruise Cat - Thursday April 1st

2-4pm leaving from the berth at the Marina in Taupo.

Kristy will host us and teach us the stories of Tuwharetoa as we cruise on Lake Taupo.

**School will close at 12pm Thursday April 1st
(the day before Easter Friday) and buses will run early.**

If you would be interested in joining us (you may bring your tamariki if you wish) then please fill in the form on Skool Loop, and we will put your name down. The school is covering the cost of the cruise as part of our Professional Development this year, so there will be no charge for any whanau who wish to attend. Please not students **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

You can find more information about the cruise at this link:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAEVmdSeYoo/S5EbOQRoMv09nM3geIUGjA/view?utm_content=DAEVmdSeYoo&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton

SeeSaw

Please make sure you're signed up to See Saw for your child's class. If we have to head back into a higher level lockdown this will again be the main platform we will have to use to deliver distance learning for our tamariki. It's also used regularly by teachers for sharing work that is being done on a day to day basis, and is a great way to connect home and school around student learning.

General Reminders



- **Sunhats** - a bucket style hat is required every day during Term 1 and 4.
- **Togs** daily too please, a note is required if a child is not to swim. We have had a number of children saying they have forgotten their togs, please remind them to have them in their bags every day.
- **Sensitive Skin sunscreen** if your child needs this please pop it in their bag.
- **Asthma plans** - if your child has Asthma, and you haven't already done so, please see your doctor to get an Asthma plan so that we know what needs to be done for your child should they have an attack at school.

School Camp - First week of December - Egmont Eco Leisure Park

<https://www.egmont.co.nz>

Lots of fundraising will be done to keep costs to whanau down to a minimum, and money raised at the Bike Day fundraiser this year will be dedicated to this project. We will apply for grants too.

A community meeting to discuss the camp will be held at school on:

Monday April 12th at 6pm.

Areas we would invite parents to help with are:

- Fundraising
- Supervision during camp

Omori/Kuratau Easter Market Stall - Saturday April 3rd

Heads up: The school will be running a stall at the market to fundraise for School Camp. More details to follow.

Bike Day Fundraiser

Proposed date is **Sunday July 4th**. This is a huge undertaking and requires many people to ensure it runs smoothly. Please diary this date so that you can be available, the Bike Day committee will provide further information as the planning gets underway.



Skool Loop

REMINDER: Please ensure you are subscribed to your CHILD'S CLASSROOM as well as the General Group in the Skool Loop App. You can access this using the SETTINGS function on the home screen. Select 'Subscribe to Groups' and select the Rooms you wish to receive information from. This way if Room Specific Notices are posted you will be sure not to miss them.

BOT Corner

Sarah-Jane Clark has been elected as the BOT Chair this year. We thank Ginny Dodunksi for her mahi in this role during 2020, Ginny has a very heavy workload in her own professional life, and we are grateful for her ongoing dedication to the BOT of Kuratau School.

All school policies can be viewed at School Docs

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