



Rāngi: 17 Huitanguru 2021

Important Dates:

2 - 19 Poutūterangi:
Swimming Programme

1-5 Poutūterangi:
Tau 8 Self Defence
Programme

4 Poutūterangi:
Poari Matua hui - BoT

10 - 12 Poutūterangi:
Pou Mua Hopuni

18 Poutūterangi:
Weetbix Tryathlon - Hutt
Valley

19 Poutūterangi:
Whakataetae kaukau

22 - 26 Poutūterangi:
National Secondary School
Waka Ama Competition

31 Poutūterangi:
Nga Manu Korero a Kura

1 Paengawhāwhā:
Boostrix and Gardasil
Immunisation Clinic

2 - 6 Paengawhāwhā:
Nga Rā Aranga

8 Paengawhāwhā:
Poari Matua Hui - BoT

15 Paengawhāwhā:
Te Mana Kuratahi, OTAKI

16 Paengawhāwhā:
Rā mutunga o wahanga
tahi

3 Haratua:
Rā tuatahi o wahanga rua

Tēnā tātou i roto i te āhuatanga o te wā. I te pikitanga o te taumata Ōhiti i whakaaro noa ahau me pēwhea tātou e takatu ana me he take kia noho kāinga atu tātou mō tētehi wā poto - arā 2-4 ngā rangi, wā roa - 5 ake rānei ngā rā. Koia te putaketanga o te rahinga o tēnei pānui, he whakamārama i tētehi tukanga whakahaere kia ahei tātou ki te takatu, he hiahia kore ki te whakararu i ētehi heoi he kupu mataara mai tēnei. Kia manawanui mai e tai mā.

COVID ALERT LEVEL PREPARATION

In evaluating last years lockdown kaiako have shared some things we learnt:

- students quickly developed independent skills in working online
- whānau quickly became skilled and confident on seesaw and zoom
- that it wasn't feasible having all children online at the same time - wifi overload and device shortage were the main reasons.
- short, sharp lessons were often more productive than long, online sessions.
- that our taiohi are capable of following an online programme and completing tasks to a good standard independently.

There was also a concern that the lockdown would have a negative effect on the NCEA results for our wharekura students. In fact I am pleased to let whānau know that our provisional results show that the achievement outcomes for our students in 2020 were some of the best we have ever had.

To help whānau prepare in the event of an Alert Level change this year we are ask **all kura tuatahi whānau to:**

- check that you are able to login to Seesaw - these details will be emailed or sent home in a pānui. Login and complete the little online task to help us confirm who is able to link up. We are aiming to have 80% of each class login by next Friday (26/02/2021). Each class that reaches or goes over our target will get an extra playtime - so kia kaha whānau. Whānau who have issues please call us, we will organise a meeting to help.
- check your internet connectivity at home - if you need help getting online please contact the kura we may be able to help.
- If we need to stay home we will send home hard packs with kura tuatahi students; these will have worksheets, activity tasks, reading books etc. It would be helpful if you had a little store of pens, pencils, colouring pencils, crayons specifically set aside for this. Just a little at a time whānau.
- If we have to stay home for a long period of time the kura will look at ways to issue devices for tamariki at home. Poumua students will be issued with their chromebooks, and ipads will be available for whānau who need these. We are more relaxed about the type of programme we will provide for our tamariki in the event of a change so please don't go out and purchase ipads etc. we will work with what we have.

Kura Tuarua

- For specialised areas such as NCEA Toi ataata and Whare Pora kaiako and students are already in the process of preparing hard packs for use by students at home.
- Internet access for this group is essential so please let us know if this is a problem.
- All students need to ensure they have chromebooks that are working and that they are able to go online at home.
- We also recommend students have headsets with a microphone available at home - these do not have to be expensive, so please look out for good deals.

As always, Kura events will be planned and assessed with a Risk Management plan in place. We have a very clear process - safety and wellbeing is always the priority. E te whānau kia kaha mai the better prepared we are and the

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more self sufficient we are the smoother the transition to mahi ki te kāinga, nō reira mahia te mahi hei oranga mō te whānau

Bus Monitor Vacancies: we are seeking two bus monitors for the Porirua East and Takapuwahia school bus runs in the afternoons. Senior students (Tau 12-13) of the kura are welcome to apply. For more information please contact the tari.

Kura Hours: Kura starts at 8.45am, students will enter via the hall kitchen side door and through the tari main door after this time. Students can be picked up from the courts at 3pm.

Breakfast in Schools: will now be in the hall from 8.15am to 8.45am.

Absentees: Please remember to download the kura app as this is our preferred method of communication that your child/ren will be absent. Please send your notification by 10am when possible.

YMCA Junior Sports League:

KiwiVolleyball grades for tau 1-4, 5-6 and 7-8. Games will be at Te Rauparaha Arena on Mondays. Please post on the kura facebook page and poll your child's interest. We will need coaches before we enter teams. All required information will be on this post.

Ki o Rahi on Tuesdays at Cannons Creek park and Wednesdays at Onepoto park. Please post on the kura facebook page and poll your child's interest. We will need coaches before we enter teams. All required information will be on this post.

There is NO flag this term, it is replaced by Ki o Rahi.

Swimming Programme

We will start our swimming programme on Tuesday 2 March. Swimming will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for three weeks. We will have our ra whakataetae kaukau on Friday 19 March at Cannons Creek pool. Poutuarongo and Poutokomanawa will swim at Cannons Creek pool and Pou Mua will swim at Te Rauparaha Arena.