



Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all

School Roll: 130 students

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS FOR 2022

Lovey Latu	Heath Osterman
Mya-Marie Latu	Paxton Payne
Zander Aymes	Arlo Revell
Lockie Eynon	William Ropiha
Devon Mihaka	Wayan Neho
Baylee Neho	

STAFF 2022

Kowhai (NE)	Suze Case (Team Leader)
Puriri (Y1/2)	Lily Johnstone
Pohutukawa (Y2)	Kirsten Beck
Rimu (Y3/4)	Angela Hammond-Tutty
Totara (Y4/5)	Helen Twentyman
Nikau (Y6/7/8)	Karen Coleman (DP & TL)
	Emma Telfer

Release Teachers: Dianne Shariff, Lucy Clouston, Stacey-Lee Reynolds, Shakira Derbyshire

Teacher Aides: Samantha Meagher, Stacey Hughes, Paige Summerfield, Linda Blanchett

Learning Support Coordinator: Rosie Jones

Office Administration: Rachel Thompson

Caretaker: Ken Morriss

VACCINE MISINFORMATION

A number of parents have asked me if our school would allow the Ministry of Health to come onto our site and vaccinate students without parental consent. The answer is **NO**.

It is up to parents to decide whether they want their children to receive the COVID vaccination or not. Schools certainly do not make that decision. Unfortunately, there are people who are distributing all sorts of information to communities, which at times, is not very helpful. Especially, when it is not factually correct. Thank you to those parents who got in touch with me and have been given the correct information.

COVID PREPARATION

You will no doubt be keeping up with the latest Coronavirus news. There are a number of schools

in the Waikato who are affected by students or staff who either have the virus or have had close contact with someone with it.

If we are informed of anyone in our school community (parents, students or staff) who has the virus, we will inform the Ministry of Education who will quickly advise us of our next steps. This could mean a number of staff, or students self-isolating at home and returning to school after receiving a negative test result. Most schools have remained open whilst dealing with community cases. Also, if you are a close contact with someone who has received a positive test result, please inform us immediately of the advice you have received from the Ministry of Health.

VACCINE PASSES

At present school camp sites and the local pools are requiring adults attending to have a vaccine pass. These requirements are out of our control, but we feel that it is important that our students are able to continue their schooling in the best way possible. Camps are treating their sites like a school setting for those schools attending. If parents are asked to assist with students on our school camps, they have to be fully vaccinated.

SCHOOL CAMPS

Notices are starting to go home regarding students attending camps. Your child's teacher will be asking for parent helpers and permission for your child to attend. The requirements for parents attending will be outlined in the newsletters.

HEALTH UPDATE FORMS

Please keep an eye out for a health form sent home today. We ask that you read this and sign and return it to confirm that your child's health and contact details are correct. If not, please add the changes and return it to school.

PEANUT ALLERGY

We have a student at our school who has a severe peanut allergy. We ask that you do not send any peanut related products in your child's lunch boxes.

PARENT HELP LIST

Could you please return this form which went home last week, back to school as soon as possible. This will help us with our school organisation in 2022.

TREE CLIMBING

Our students are allowed to climb selected trees at school with permission from parents. This consent occurs when a child is enrolled. If you do not want your child to climb trees, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

We have rules around climbing trees, especially around the height they can climb to and the size of the branches to walk on.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

We are asking that **all toys** are kept at home as we have already had a few issues with Pokemon cards. We end up with unfair trading, toys/games broken or going missing and upset students. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL POOL

This is still available for families to use after school and on the weekends. The cost to purchase a key is \$75. See Rachel, our Office manager, who will have some paperwork for you to fill out prior to purchasing a key.

REMINDER for families using the pool :

- Please leave the door unlocked for access to the toilets
- A first aid kit is available in the cupboard on the left hand side of the corridor
- Please ensure young children are wearing appropriate clothing to stop any toileting issues occurring in the pool
- Lock the gate if you are the last group leaving

SWIMMING SPORTS

Our swimming sports will go ahead next week under guidelines set by the Otorohanga Pools. Today, students from 8 years and up will be bringing home a swimming sports organisation newsletter. It would be appreciated if you could fill this out and return it to school as soon as possible.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is beginning to build up already. Please ensure that your child's name or initials are placed on their clothes, hats and footwear, so we can return them straight away.

Any unclaimed items at the end of the term will be washed and donated to a local charity.

BUS BOOK REMINDER

Please ensure that Rachel in our school office is informed early if your child won't be on the school bus in the afternoon. You can do this by ringing (8731816) or emailing admin@kiokio.school.nz. If your child has regular days of the week each week that they will not be using the bus in the afternoons, please contact the office to update the bus book. This will save parents having to contact the school on these days.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club will run on Tuesday and Thursday each week beginning at 8.30 am in the morning. All students are welcome to receive a bowl of milk and weetbix before settling in for the day's work. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help on these days.

PAYMENTS

Stationery and camp fees are now due for payment. Statements will be sent home soon. Miniball fees of \$25 were credited to accounts due to cancellation of the competition last year. Contact the office if you would like an update of your statement balance.

Please Note: We do not have an eftpos facility and although we accept cash, Direct Crediting through online banking is our preferred method.

SCHOOL BANKING & PHONE DETAILS

Account number is:

BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000

School Phone: (07) 873 1816

Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725

Our P.O.W.E.R Values

P Perseverance

O Ownership

W Wonder

E Excellence

R Respect

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?

16 Feb Senior Swimming Sports

21-24 Feb Rimu/Totara Camp

20- 23 Mar Nikau Camp

4 March Junior swimming display

30 March Triathlon

14 April Celebration Assembly

Ngā manaakitanga

**Kevin Jones - Principal
and Staff**

BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER

Tues 15 Feb Amanda Wright

Thur 17 Feb ?

These rosters will be made up once we receive and collate the returned Help Lists.

SUBWAY COLLECTION ROSTER

11 Feb Lisa Pease

12 Feb ?

COVID PROTOCOL REMINDERS

Visitors to School

- No non-essential visitors on site.
- All visitors, including parents and caregivers, if they do come onsite should wear face coverings when on school grounds. Please only come into school if it is necessary to do so. For example, parents dropping off new or younger students.
- Parents will need to scan the NZ COVID Tracer QR code posters attached to the gates at the bus shelter when entering the school grounds. If you do not have the app on your phone, you must register your name at the school office.
- **Do not enter the school grounds from the gate in front of the office and beside our mailbox.**
- All visitors must maintain a safe distance from other students and teachers whilst on the school grounds.

Face Masks

- **Face coverings must be worn when indoors by students receiving education in Years 4 and above and any staff member working to provide, or support the provision of, that education.**
- Face coverings are not required to be worn in schools by staff or students, for Years 1 – 3.
- A pragmatic approach will be used for any situation where there are a mixture of year levels where some students are not required to wear face coverings, and others are. For example, if students are predominantly Year 3 with some Year 4 students also, face coverings could be optional.

- A pragmatic approach will be used for any high needs students. We will have any discussions with families if required. **Please name your child's mask.**
- Public health advice is that an appropriate face covering will fit snugly and seal well around facial contours. This can include single use, disposable masks (medical masks) and reusable fabric masks with three layers.

School Transport

- For all students Year 4 upwards face coverings are mandatory on school transport.

Physical Distancing

- Beyond classroom groupings physical distancing of 1 metre when indoors should be observed wherever practicable.
- Large groups of students meeting indoors should be avoided including assemblies, prize giving and performances.

Indoor Environment - Hygiene Practices

- Classes will be well-ventilated to provide fresh air to minimize risk for our students and staff. We will also be receiving a CO₂ monitor in the coming weeks to further support our ventilation plan.
- Hand sanitisers and soap will be provided for students to wash their hands.

Outdoor Environment

- Exercising and singing must be held outdoors.
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment, but hygiene practices should be observed before and after playing with equipment. Students will be required to either wash their hands or use hand sanitiser before breaks and when returning to the classroom.



Swimming Sports

Where: Otorohanga town pools

When: Wednesday 16 February

Who: All students aged 8-13 will participate in our school swimming sports next week. There is a full notice going home today!

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Our Junior school classes Kowhai, Puriri, Pohutukawa & Rimu will be having a swimming display at school on **Friday 4 March** - More details to follow soon.



Welcome to our Innovative Learning Environment, which is Nikau class for 2022. We start the year with:

47 students - 8 Year 8's, 21 Year 7's and 18 Year 6's

2 teachers - Karen Coleman and Emma Telfer

1 teacher aide - Linda Blanchett

Release teacher - Stacey Reynolds

An innovative environment is one that is capable of evolving and adapting as educational practices evolve and change – thus remaining future focused. An innovative environment supports strengths-based teaching and learning. It offers students and teachers flexibility, agency, ubiquity, and connectedness.

Working in an innovative learning environment where teaching and learning is collaborative, reflections and inquiries are shared, and communities engaged leads to a more robust, continuously improving community of practice.

Sports Camp 2021 lit a flame for us as teachers. It was the catalyst for us researching and building our vision for Nikau 2022 as an ILE. We are both so excited to be on this journey together and with Nikau children. We have a strong sense of where we are heading and what we want for ALL in Nikau heading into 2022. Our school values of POWER, OWNERSHIP, WONDER, EXCELLENCE and RESPECT will be at the forefront of everything we do. As Seniors of Kio Kio School, we want Nikau students to be visible examples and role models to everyone around them. Student agency is also central to Nikau ... the capacity to set goals, reflect and act responsibly to effect change.

'It is about acting rather than being acted upon; shaping rather than being shaped; and making responsible decisions and choices rather than accepting those determined by others.'



Nikau students 2022

Totara & Rimu

Epworth Camp - Karapiro

Juicies will be on sale on Friday 11th,
Monday 14th and Friday 18th of February
\$1 each



On the 5th March this year in Te Awamutu our Young Farmers club will be hosting the FMG Young Farmer of the Year WaiBop regional final, including the Agri Kids and FMG Junior Young Farmer (JYF) competitions.

<https://www.agrikidsnz.co.nz/welcome-to-agrikids-nz-zealand/>

<https://www.teenag.co.nz/welcome-to-teenag-and-fmg-junior-young-farmer-of-the-year/>

Entries close 1 week before the regional final (so 25th February 2022)