



KAITAIA INTERMEDIATE

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Confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners who demonstrate Respect, Responsibility and form positive Relationships

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Principal Kōrero

Tēnā koutou katoa

Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa

We should work together for the well-being of everyone.

Welcome to Term 1.

Our students, whanau and staff coped really well with all of our changes yesterday. Thank you.

All whanau who came to enrol their tamariki wore masks and respected our social distancing policy.

Our students wore masks and our staff wore masks.

Since we are only permitted to have whole-school assemblies outside, we had to delay our hui a kura until the afternoon when the rain stopped. This was unusual but everyone adapted.

It is amazing to have such flexible and compliant students. It allows us to get on with the learning.

We have two new staff this year. Yvonne Wihongi is our new digital technology teacher and Raewyn Jujnovich is our new classroom teacher in Rm 3. Both teachers had a great day yesterday and they have settled in well at KIS.

I would like to officially inform you that I will continue to be Acting Principal for the next 2 terms and that Ange Wikitera will continue to be Acting Deputy Principal for the next two terms. If you have any queries please contact us.

Covid, covid, covid...

I sent a panui out last week about Covid changes in schools for Term 1 on our facebook page. Here is a reminder of some of the key points.

Masks

Masks need to be worn by all staff and students.

Students need to provide their own masks (cloth or surgical). Students are able to take their masks off

when they are outside but need to wear them at our outdoor assemblies.

Mask Exemptions: If your child has extreme health issues or a disability and wearing a mask will do more harm than getting covid, then you need to apply for a mask exemption from your health provider. Health providers will give them out to people with disabilities or health conditions if necessary. Please contact the office if you have an exemption.

Illness

If your child is sick, please keep them at home. If they are sick at school we will contact you to come and pick them up.

Buses

Our main bus provider has changed this year with Ritchies buses now driving the majority of our students. They have taken over many runs and although there were some teething problems yesterday, we had good communication and they were able to sort out some timing issues and get everyone home.

Far North Bus: This run is operated by Sand Safaris this year. They will start this bus on February 3rd.

This is a reminder that The Ministry of Education has stated that our **students need to wear face masks on the bus.**

Fencing

Our school will finally have a fence around its perimeter this term. This has been over a year in the planning thanks to covid. The purpose of this fence is to keep any students who are prone to "run" safe and on school grounds. This fence is also timely, because we often have to deal with a number of incidents which occur on our grounds after hours. The most worrying is unsupervised children breaking into our pool. This is a health and safety concern.

Allannah Quinn
Acting Principal