

17TH MARCH 2022

TĀNEATUA SCHOOL

Newsletter Four, Week Seven, Term One, 2022



TERM DATES:

TERM ONE:

2nd February to 14th April

TERM ONE BREAKS:

7th February - Waitangi Day

6 - 7 April - Teacher Only Day

TERM TWO:

2nd May to 8th July

TERM TWO BREAKS:

6th June - Queen's Birthday

24th June - Matariki Holiday

TERM THREE:

25th July to 30th September

TERM THREE BREAKS:

No scheduled breaks

TERM FOUR:

17th October to 14th

December

TERM TWO HOLIDAYS:

24th October - Labour Day

18th November - Teacher
Only Day

We Are Hanging In There!

Kia Ora!! Well Whaea Mārama is back after her unfortunate isolation period with Omicron, and I am so happy to see our tamariki and staff again.

Our amazing Whaea Jane, and Whaea Witi did a great job holding down the fort while I was away and our cool little school is just a calm and settled as it was before I went away.

Many of our tamariki and one of our teachers are still away, and we do understand that many whānau are also in isolation while working through their own journey with covid. A huge mihi to whānau that have helped us keep our staff well by keeping you sick tamariki at home. We are all looking forward to getting back to normal, and back on track with a fantastic 2022 with our kids at Taneatua School.



*Big buddies are
always fun to work
with - Junior Team
Scavenger Hunt.*

What's up this week ...



Juniors Outside before their Scavenger Hunt

Omicron in our school:

As you know Omicron is sweeping through our area. We do have a lot of positive cases across our school. I believe that this will be the case for the rest of the term, so we are trying our best to minimise the risk of Omicron passing between our kids. Our kids have masks, and sanitiser available to them, we are ventilating our classrooms and keeping fresh air flowing through at all times, and we are taking our learning outside whenever possible - we are so lucky with the weather. But as you know, while we can reduce and minimise,

but we can not prevent. This is where we are relying on you, our whānau, to monitor your tamariki closely for illness or symptoms of any illness.

If you are able to keep your tamariki home if they are unwell, covid or not, then our staff will not get sick. We can only remain open if we have enough adults here to keep our kids, happy, safe, and enjoying their learning.

So if you tamaiti has a hupe nose, a cough, sore throat or symptom which may enable germs to pass between them and another person please keep them home.

Rheumatic Fever Swabs:

The rheumatic fever team is unable to come it to school at this time, but swabs for strep throat are still available at Tūhoe Hauora if you need.

Please ring **07 312 9 874** if you need a swab for your child.



Kutus / Nits:

Just a reminder - we have the amazing KidsCan Nit buster kits at school for FREE.

Just let us know in the office and we will send a kit home with your children. They are easy to use, and super effective against kutus.

Teacher Only Days:

Our teacher only days booked at the start of the year are coming up soon.

School is closed on April 6th and 7th for our staff to engage in some Professional Development.

School App:

Remember our new school app is the most effective and easy way to contact us, and to see your tamariki's progress. Call the office now to make sure your email address is registered with us to access HERO or scan the QR code below.



Junior Leaders from Matua Pop's class have been helping our little ones to have fun in an exciting Scavenger Hunt!



Staff Feature - Whaea Carly Kopae

Every week we will feature a different member of our staff ...

Whaea Carly teaches in our junior team working with Whaea Witi and our many new entrants that have joined us this year. Whaea Carly is super creative, and loves to craft with her class. She is also one of our Structure Literacy experts which is make a huge difference for our tamariki.

Whaea Carly:

"Kia Ora Im Whaea Carly I have been at Taneatua Kura for six years. Three of those years has been relieving. I have been teaching full time for two years in the junior side Year 2-3. My passion is to nurture great future leaders to strive and be successful in whatever path they choose to follow."