

3RD FEBRUARY 2022

TĀNEATUA SCHOOL

Newsletter One, Week One, 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

Welcome Back To 2022

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, and a warm welcome back to our whānau and new whānau alike joining us in the new year here at Te Kura o Tāneatua School. My name is Marama Stewart and I am the lucky teacher who gets to be your tumuaki here at Tāneatua.

I have been tumuaki here for the last three years, after spending the previous seven years as principal at Waiouru School. In total I have been a tumuaki for 14 years, and I still love coming to school everyday.

The last few years have been rather topsy turvy, with a lot of uncertainty. With more potential disruption on the horizon, we have decided to hold on to our commitment to manaakitanga. Whatever is going on in the world, we pledge that while your tamariki are at school with us we will keep them safe, settled and surrounded with heaps of opportunities to learn and grow.

What's new in 2022 ...

New Staff:

A huge welcome to our newly appointed Deputy Principal Whaea Jane Fox. Whaea Jane is kaiako in our second senior mainstream classroom and our Learning Support Coordinator now that Whaea Claudine is working up the coast for Van Ash School for the Deaf. You can read more about Whaea Jane below in our 'Staff Feature' section below.

Masks:

New requirements for primary schools have come into force in an effort to keep our staff and tamariki safe from COVID19. Under Red Light tamariki in Year Four and up are expected to wear a mask inside if it does not cause distress or prevent them from accessing learning.

As a school we will focus on learning in this situation. We will learn about how masks can help us to not spread germs just like washing hands and using sanitizer.

We will support tamariki to wear a mask in a way that they feel comfortable without causing any stress or anxiety.

We are very lucky to have lots of amazing outdoor spaces to learn and will make the most of these spaces since tamariki are not required to wear masks outside.

Matua Pop's class has been having lots of fun with their masks, since we all know Super Heroes wear masks!

Vaccination:

Vaccination is the best way to keep yourself and your tamariki safe from COVID19. But it is important to clearly state that it is a parents decision whether or not to vaccinate their child.

A terrible rumour has been circulating amongst our whānau. So I want to take this opportunity to explicitly state it is **illegal to vaccinate children in schools without full written parental consent**. This was a common concern with our whānau today. It is an untrue rumour designed to scare you. It will never happen in any Kura in Aotearoa.

We do host the school vaccination nurses for Boostrix, HPV, and COVID, however these happen in the hall with **only children with full written parental consent for EACH vaccine**.

If you have any further worries or questions please call the office to speak to Whaea Mārama.



The Tāneatua Avengers - always ready to defend us all from Homework!



Staff Feature - Whaea Jane Fox

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

Ko Mihi marino te Maunga,
Ko Te Wai Kaukau a Kiritapu te wai,
Ko kahurautao te tangata,
Ko te Whānau a Apanui te iwi,
Mauri ora ki a tātou katoa.

Whaea Jane has return to the Eastern Bay after three years in Hamilton working and studying to be an Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour.

Whaea Jane loves to spend time at the beach, watching live performances like the circus and stage shows, she loves Te Reo Māori and absolutely loves fishing with her Dad and listening to stories with her Mum.

Spending time with her family is her most favourite thing to do and being back home will make this so much easier. She can't wait to meet you all.