

Huia Range School

Term 1 Week 5 Thursday 3rd March, 2022

Website: www.huiarange.school.nz

He mihi mahana kia koutou – A warm greeting to you all

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Covid

Attached is some information that may be useful to you as the Covid situation changes.

If children are absent due to having to self-isolate or family are choosing to self-isolate, can you please let us know so we don't have to ask?

If your household has a positive case and your child has to self-isolate home learning will be delivered to your letterbox or front door.

If your family chooses to keep children home and are not required to self-isolate home learning is not available.

All of our teachers are still teaching their class and are not expected to do home learning and teach, unless absolutely necessary.

If you are unsure or concerned please ring and ask Suzie if I am free to have a chat with you. If I am not free, I will ring you back.

We have had a very few number of children tested positive but they have been at home self-isolating since mid last week so we are not concerned that they were contagious at school.

Please continue to keep children home if they are unwell, get tests completed and keep us informed. This is so we can try to understand the spread in our community and will indicate when the child is allowed to return to school.

It has been very disappointing to see a few of our children that parents have told us are staying home to avoid Covid, around town during the day and mixing with children after school. Please be very mindful that some of these families may be going to the doctor, chemist or being tested. We trust our families to do the right thing and to help keep our whanau safe.

Parent Interviews

As you were informed in last week's newsletter parent/teacher interviews are being held via 'Zoom' or phone next Monday and Tuesday.

Thank you to the parents who have booked their times online. If you are unsure how to do this please ring Suzie and she will help you to book your time.

Next week as your interview time comes up click on the 'join the meeting' button and the teacher will open the session for you.

If times run a little late you may need to wait a few minutes as the teacher finishes the interview before your's.

The meetings are only 10 minutes, so have your queries or comments ready!

Board Vacancy

There is a position available on the Huia Range School Board.

If you are interested in joining the Board please email Liz on chairperson@huiarange.school.nz or me at school.

Swimming

Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12 and the year 4 tamariki in rooms 9 and 10 will be having their final swimming lessons next Monday and Tuesday.

Because of Covid, the Dannevirke Schools interschool event has been cancelled for this year

The school swimming sports are going ahead on Friday the 18th March.

It is likely that only our competitive swimmers will attend. The details are still being worked through.

Up Coming Events

March

4 - Friday New Entrant Visit

7 - Monday Parent/Teacher Interviews Swimming Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12

8 - Tuesday Parent/Teacher Interviews Swimming Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12

11 - Friday New Entrant Visit

14 - Monday New Entrant Cohort Start Day

18 - Friday School Swimming Sports Year 4 - 8

25 - Friday New Entrant visit

29 - Tuesday Board meeting 6.30pm staffroom

April

1 - Friday New Entrant Visit

8 - Friday New Entrant visit

13 - Wednesday Last day of Term 1

Ka kite ano. Kia nui te ra

Robyn Forsyth Principal

Masks

Thank you to the parents who have organised masks for their tamariki.

A few seniors still need masks from home please.



Congratulations to the students who received class certificates this week:

- Room 1: Indi-Rose For having a growth mindset during Maths and challenging herself in her learning.
 - Ella Thank you for being such a helpful and kind member of the class. You have had a fantastic start to the year.
- Room 2: Dylan for demonstrating the STRIVE values that we are practicing Kindness & Reliability Jay Butterfield for starting the year with a degree of reliability
- Room 3: Oscar thank you for being willing to step out of your comfort zone, and for doing the right thing. Your leadership skills are appreciated.

 Isabella for the quality of her work. The depth of thinking and excellent presentation is appreciated.
- Room 4: Xuwayria for always completing tasks on time and to a high standard in all learning areas.

 Phelix for choosing more challenging math tasks, that expands his thinking and consolidates his learning.
- Room 5 Rania For putting in the mahi and making good progress in learning letter sounds Tino pai to mahi e hoa.
- Room 7: Caleb For always working hard and staying on task to complete his work.

 Summer For superstar behaviour and being an awesome role model for STRIVE.
- Room 9: Max for presenting his work to a high standard.

 Sophie for putting effort into all learning tasks and sharing her knowledge with her class
- Room 10: Jai for listening carefully to instructions and working independently.

 Jaylah for demonstrating kindness to others in Ruma 10.
- Room 11: Jade Amazing perseverance and development in swimming.

 Manaaki For showing great writing skills through effective planning and descriptive sentences.
- Room 12: Toby For continuously showing STRIVE in and out of class! Levante - For his great research with his space poster.
- Room 15: Brady for his detailed book report on Monkeys and Apes

 Praize for his positive attitude and willingness to give everything a go





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2nd March, 2022

Kia ora e te whanau,

The information below is what I sent out to staff after rereading all the Ministry of Education and Health information and thought you might find it useful.

At 11.59pm last Thursday night the whole of New Zealand shifted into Phase 3 of the traffic light system. This means a number of changes and some things staying the same:

- 1. If you or a family member feels ill or have the symptoms related to Covid, get tested as soon as possible.
- 2. Stay home and self-isolate until you have the results.
- 3. Anyone who lives in your household should also self-isolate
- 4. No one in your household needs to be tested unless they become symptomatic.
- 5. If the test returns negative, self-isolation is not needed back to work and to school for children!
- 6. If you test positive every household member must self-isolate for 10 days.
- 7. Day 1 of self-isolation is the day immediately after you get your positive result.
- 8. If anyone else in your household is tested positive the 10 day isolation restarts the day after their positive test.
- 9. It is your responsibility to inform friends and our school so that they are vigilant for symptoms.
- 10. No one, apart from your household, needs to self-isolate.
- 11. Classmates and teachers do not need to isolate as a 'close' case as previously required.
- 12. Masks wearing must continue, distancing rules observed and good hygiene is essential

To find where to get tested for COVID-19, visit HealthPoint's dedicated website or call the Covid-19 Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

I trust this summary is helpful. Please remember to wear your mask in public and stay safe.

Update - we have a number of families self-isolating because an adult in the family has been tested positive. Please be vigilant about any sick whanau members and have then tested as needed.

Please also keep the school informed about new positive Covid cases in your household.

Ka kite ano Robyn Forsyth - Principal

