



HATAITAI SCHOOL

11 February 2022

Dear Whanau

We hope you all enjoyed the Waitangi holiday on Monday despite cool temperatures and rain.

PROPERTY

Access to the School

The main gate and school entrance on Hohiria Road is now **closed**.

Communication from the Board of Trustees

Along with this newsletter will be an attached communication from the Board Chair regarding the progress of the building programme.

Walking Bus

A huge thank-you again to the 2 families who are happy to share their route home to create a 'walking bus'. Thanks so much to the Hickman family and the Thorn family. If your child is keen to join a walking bus - please take this opportunity and contact Lucy - email: lucyhickman28@gmail.com or Lizzie - email: lizzie.thorn@live.com directly.

If anyone else is keen to be part of this initiative, please contact Judith Douglas judith.douglas@hataitai.school.nz who will make initial contact with you.

IMPORTANT Meet the Teacher - online Meets

In Week 3 each year we hold an introductory Meet the Teacher meeting. Due to the COVID situation these meets will be held in smaller groups and online.

These 20-minute time slots will be held between the times of **3:30pm to 7:00pm**

Tuesday 15 February - 3:30pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday 16 February - 3:30pm to 7:00pm

Thursday 17 February - 3:30pm to 7:00pm

The purpose of these meets is for you and your child's teacher to 'meet' face to face (even though it is online!). The teacher will explain their classroom programmes and expectations, digital learning options, home packs and the reason for them, and other practical matters. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions about things you need clarity on.

What will happen now:

1. Very soon your teacher will confirm by email to you a link to each of the 3 time slots the teacher will be available between the hours of 3:30pm to 7:00pm on the three days
2. Choose the day and time you most prefer to join a meet
3. At the allocated time and day of your choice - click onto that link and join your child's home class teacher.

As you will be part of a group of parents online together - please remember that this is a general introduction only and questions must be kept very general.

Later in Term One the formal **Student Conferences** will be held individually.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Access

Students in Year 1-4

If you are a parent of a child in Years 1-4, you are more than welcome to come in the Hataitai School gates after school, and line up down the ramp to wait for your child to come to you. The teachers are finding it quite hard to recognise you in your masks and are concerned they may accidentally send the wrong child over to you! Once you have your child safely with you, we ask that you signal out to the teacher that all is well.

The gates open from **8:20am** onwards to welcome all the students.

Students in Year 1-4 are to enter the school gate on Hataitai Road anytime from 8:20am onwards.

Students in Year 5-8 are to enter the Arawa Road gate any time after 8:20am each day.

We ask all parents to be mindful of social distancing and mask wearing around the school gates and to vacate the vicinity around the gates as soon as possible.

Masks

Please remember to send your child along with a mask and a couple of spares at the bottom of the school bag. Whilst it is not mandatory to wear a mask outside - children from Year 4 upwards and all staff are required to wear a mask at all times.

At this time, we still have not received our quota of masks from the Ministry. We have very little supply so please make sure your child is equipped with extra masks at all times.

Water Fountains

These are now permitted to be used by the students at any time during the day and are being frequently cleaned by our caretaker.

Sunhats/Sunblock

Sunhats must be worn at all times when a student is outside. You are more than welcome to send along sunblock for your child to use if preferred.

Communication

We will consistently endeavour to keep our families as informed as possible especially during these challenging times.

School Office

If you need to make contact with the school office, please either ring Melissa or Annabel on **04 386 1510** and one of them will assist you. If you need to come into the office please do so by the Arawa Road entrance and walk down, around the staffroom towards the front steps. Masks must be worn and scanning completed at all times. Without proof of full vaccination, adults cannot not enter any classrooms at the Red traffic light setting.

Covid-19: In the remote event of your child and/or a family member contacting the virus you are requested to inform me directly.

My cell number is - 021 790 075. I am contactable at any time.

Should you want to email me directly my email is: principal@hataitai.school.nz.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us as soon as possible so that solutions can be made quickly and easily.

Take care.

Jacinta Simpson
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Confident, independent, highly achieving students who enjoy learning.