



HATAITAI SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Whanau

Today we enjoyed having many students returning to school. For the last 9 days we have had an average of 60 students isolating or remaining at home.

Today this number dropped to 45 so we are delighted!

However, please continue to be cautious as the number of positive cases in Wellington remains high.

After a few days of no developments - we have received the news of 4 more students from across the school who have become confirmed positives.

We wish them a speedy recovery.

Unless there are some new developments over the weekend our next communication will be at the beginning of next week.

We have had a wonderful day to day celebrating **Funky Feet Friday!** It was fun watching staff and student's creativity and dancing skills on the turf this morning.

Please enjoy this photo of our foyer **Funky Feet Friday** creation by Melissa Young. Thank you Melissa!



Commencing next Monday students in Year 5-8 will enter the Arawa Road gate in the mornings at 8.20am onwards as normal. However, because these students have been so incredibly reliable we are trialling a week whereby they will come into the school grounds by themselves and hand sanitize using the sanitizer available to them at the foot of the path.

A teacher or staff member will be still on the Hataitai School Road gate for Year 1-4 students.

Special thanks to all the staff this week who were here at school. They have continued running the classroom programmes with energy and determination despite the fact that their programmes have had to be readjusted daily and according to staff absences.

Take care and I hope you are all able to enjoy the weekend.

REMINDERS:

Covid-19 Red - Phase 3:

Thank you to all of those who have informed the school of their results directly to the email covid-19@hataitai.school.nz. Receiving that information in one place helps us to monitor how we are progressing and how we need to ensure hybrid learning continues for those who are isolated at home.

The teachers are regularly updating these.

We will try and keep the children outside to learn as much as possible again this week. Let's hope the weather holds for us.

In the rare event that the number of teachers is reduced in any one learning team and we are unable to employ a reliever - you will be asked to keep your child at home.

HATAITAI SCHOOL GUIDELINES for PARENTS

If YOUR CHILD RECEIVES a POSITIVE RESULT

- They need to self-isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive test
- Please contact either Jacinta - 021 790 075 and email the information on covid-19@hataitai.school.nz
- The Principal will notify the parent community that a student has returned a positive test and parents will be asked to monitor their children very carefully for developing symptoms

If A PERSON IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RETURNS a POSITIVE RESULT

- Your child is a 'close contact'
- They will need to isolate for 7 days at home
- Please contact the school as you would for a normal absence
- It would be appreciated if you also record the absence and why on the covid-19@hataitai.school.nz. email

YOUR CHILD is UNWELL and is getting a COVID TEST

- Your child remains at home until the test result comes back
- For a positive result they need to self-isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive test AND email the information on covid-19@hataitai.school.nz
- For a negative result your child can return to school as soon as they are feeling well.

A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER is FEELING UNWELL or is a CLOSE or CASUAL CONTACT

- Your child is able to attend school as long as they are feeling well

HYBRID LEARNING

The Hybrid Learning programme as outlined in the attached document is live and already operational.

An excellent website which also supports the children at home has been set up by the MOE.

Please view this on: <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/2022-learning-packs>

Kind regards

Jacinta Simpson
PRINCIPAL

Confident, independent, highly achieving students who enjoy learning.

Garden to Table Programme

Garden to Table is a fun and exciting way to teach students how to learn, how to garden and cook.



"In the two weeks that we're given (we have one session each week) to learn how to cook pasta, pizza etc, it's so fun!"

We have a quick chat about what we're making first and then off we go! We learn how to chop all the ingredients and make all the food!



The teachers, Bec and Sacha, are so nice and they encourage us to try our best. We have one rule though, to try to eat everything we can even if it doesn't look like our thing.

When we go into the garden session we plant, fertilize, and occasionally bring ingredients to the people cooking. And finally we wash our hands and then go into the staff room to enjoy the delicious food made by the wonderful cooking team.

Overall we think garden to table is awesome and every school should be able to do it.

Article created by: Kiriana Rawiri and Scout van Dam

Check out the Garden to Table website
www.gardentotable.org



The annual Seeds to Feeds festival celebrates local Wellington’s unique communities by connecting neighbours over nourishing plates of kai. This year the Garden to Table programme at Hataitai School contributed to this great event.

On Wednesday 9 March the Hataitai Seeds to Feeds team ran their community event, preparing Hataitai Kai Boxes available for a koha. The kai boxes were made from local veges, herbs, and fruit, and contained a few surprises – including seed packets prepared by the Garden to Table programme at Hataitai School.

Generously, proceeds from the event will go to the Garden to Table programme at Hataitai and Kilbirnie Schools.



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