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Community Update: Welcome to 2022

Kia ora koutou

Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, tēnā koutou katoa i roto i ngā āhuatanga o te wā.

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful summer for your whānau.

Our team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2022 year and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back onsite.

School in the RED setting

As you will be aware, all of NZ is now in the RED traffic light setting due to the spread of Omicron in the community. While this has been expected it still hurts when it happens!

Kaipara College is ready to focus on teaching and learning on site and the normal timetable will run. We are committed to working as safely as possible in the RED setting and are taking every opportunity to mitigate against the spread of Covid 19. For this reason the following are in place:

- All students and staff are required to wear masks while inside on site. Students are also required to wear masks on the bus to and from school. This is mandated by the Government and only official exemptions will be allowed. If your student has an official mask exemption, please forward a copy to Claire Farnan cfarnan@kaipara.school.nz. Students should also carry a copy of the exemption.
- All teaching and learning spaces will be well ventilated
- All staff are fully vaccinated
- Physical distancing while outside
- Hand washing and sanitizing reminders
- Contact tracing systems
- Stay at home if you are unwell
- No large gatherings

Unfortunately RED restrictions mean that we are unable to invite our whānau and community onsite for important events we normally would in Term 1, for example, a welcome for whānau of our new students, GATEWAY information evening, parent interviews and so forth. However, we will be running some of these events on-line, so keep an eye out for invitations to school events in your email and via our school newsletters. We really value this important connection with our school whānau and are committed to maintaining this collaborative relationship to ensure the best possible outcomes for our young people.

While COVID has disrupted all parts of our lives it is important that our young people continue to come to school for face to face teaching and learning and making connections with their peers and their teachers. We are really looking forward to working with you and your young person to help them set and achieve their 2022 goals.

Our focus as always is to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and we continue to be here to support you as well. Please don't hesitate to contact your student's whānau teacher, dean or me, if there is something you need assistance with.

Important dates: (note there are some changes since the Kaipara Pānui Special Edition in December)

Y9 Orientation and Teaching and Learning Days	
Tuesday 1st February (8:45-3:00pm) Come to the Main Gate	Student welcome and orientation activities <i>(Note due to the Covid RED setting we are now unable to allow parents/caregivers to join us. Students will be met at the gate by staff and student leaders to ensure they know where to go for the day).</i> The school tuckshop/canteen will be open from 1 February.
Wednesday 2nd February (9:30-3:00pm) Students go to their Period 1 class at 9.30	Students will experience their first timetabled day of teaching and learning, so come ready and prepared for class with everything you need including your devices! Note that on Wednesdays, school starts at 9.30am.
Year 10-13 New Students Orientation	
Wednesday 2nd February (9:00am-11:00am) Meet at the Main Office	All students new to Kaipara College in Years 10-13 are required to attend this orientation. Correct school uniform to be worn if possible.
Senior Course Confirmation	
Year 11 and Year 13 Tuesday 1st February (10:00am-1:00pm) School Hall	Please note you are only required to attend course confirmation if there is a problem or issue with your 2022 timetable which can be viewed on KAMAR. Course confirmation is to be attended by students only. They must wear a mask at all times and socially distance. Uniform is not required. Course descriptions are available on SchoolPoint .
Year 12 Wednesday 2nd February (10:00am-1:00pm) School Hall	Please note you are only required to attend course confirmation if there is a problem or issue with your 2022 timetable which can be viewed on KAMAR. Course confirmation is to be attended by students only. They must wear a mask at all times and socially distance. Uniform is not required. Course descriptions are available on SchoolPoint .
Whole school timetable begins	
Thursday 3rd February	All students on site. Start the day with whānau time and then into the normal timetable. Faculty of Special Education students will commence the day in Room 27 before moving to whānau classes.

Further information for new students and whānau and reminders for returning students, can be found in the Kaipara Panui Special Edition which has been updated this week. A copy is attached with this email.

Housekeeping

For those of you dropping students to school or picking them up via private vehicle, there are major road works underway directly outside the school. You may like to consider dropping off or picking up your students in Cabeleigh Drive or at Helensville Rugby Club to avoid the congestion and traffic lights.

Our office staff are able to help with any other general enquiries you may have, particularly regarding the start of the year. Please email info@kaipara.school.nz or phone 09-420 8640 if you need assistance.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi



**Cindy Sullivan
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