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Community Update: Welcome to 2023

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back after what we hope has been a good summer break for you and your whānau.

It seems that our new normal is having a disrupted start to the school year!

As indicated briefly in a social media post earlier today, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) asked us to take action to help minimise traffic movement on Auckland roads while vital infrastructure is urgently repaired. With the possibility of further weather damage leading to more disruption, the Secretary for Education has directed that schools, kura, early learning services and Tertiary Organisations in the Auckland region (Wellsford to Pukekohe) close for physical attendance and instruction until 7 February. As a result, we are changing our opening dates and activities as follows:

2/2/23 (Thursday) AND 3/2/23 (Friday)	Online Senior Course Confirmation Years 11-13 students who have not yet attended course confirmation at school and whose timetable shows blank periods or the wrong subject(s) need to attend course confirmation online with Ms Farnan. If your student is NOT returning to Kaipara College for 2023, please email cfarnan@kaipara.school.nz to let us know so that we have accurate information regarding places available in each class.	1. Go to https://kaipara.schoolpoint.co.nz/ 2. Login with your school login (either student or caregiver) 3. Click 'My Conferences' on the left hand side of the screen 4. Click 'Book Time' 5. You will be prompted to then select from a range of times with your student's kaiārahi. Once you have made a booking, you will be sent a Google Meet link. 6. At the time of your course confirmation meeting, log in to SchoolPoint and click on 'My Conferences' and click on 'Join With Google Meet'
7/2/23 (Tuesday) Buses will run as normal unless notified otherwise	Year 9 Powhiri Year 9 Orientation Day 1 Students to come in full school uniform or tidy clothes if uniform not finalised. Students to bring BYOD device, stationery, PE uniform, togs and towel.	9.00 AM 9.00 AM - 3 PM
8/2/23 (Wednesday) Buses will run as normal unless notified otherwise	Year 9 Orientation Day 2 Students to come in full school uniform or tidy clothes if uniform not finalised. Students to bring BYOD device, stationery, PE uniform, togs and towel. New Year 10-13 New Students Orientation	8:45 AM - 3 PM 9 AM - 10.30 AM
9/2/23 (Thursday) Buses will run as normal unless notified otherwise	First Day Whole School Students to come in full school uniform or tidy clothes if uniform not finalised. Stationery List for all year levels	8:45 AM - 9:30 AM Whānau for Year 9s and Assembly for Years 10-13 as follows: <u>Years 10-13 Assemblies</u> Year 13 - Library Year 12 - Lower Gym Year 11 - Hall Year 10 - Top Gym All levels normal timetable from Period 1B Students with timetable gaps only go to Kaitiāki Room in period where the gap occurs.
10/2/23 (Friday) Buses will run as normal unless notified otherwise	Normal Timetable	Students with timetable gaps only go to Kaitiāki Room in the period where the gap occurs.

As you know, Auckland has experienced widespread and unprecedented levels of flooding with loss of life, damage to homes, property and businesses. If not directly affected ourselves, we will all know someone who has been. Our thoughts are with whānau who did lose loved ones and also with those who have been adversely affected through property damage.

We hope that you and your whānau are safe and dry. In saying that, we know that many of you live and work in areas that have been affected by the present emergency situation which Tāmaki Makaurau is experiencing. Like you, we are disappointed that we have this major disruption for our school communities to face for the start of this year.

If you require support, you may find the following guidance useful: [Auckland Extreme Weather Event support](#)

Despite these events and the subsequent changes to our programme, our team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2023 year and we are looking forward to welcoming our new students and our returning students back to school.

Uniform Shoppe

The uniform shop will be closed this week but open again from next Tuesday. If any Year 9 students or other new students have been unable to purchase their uniform prior to the start of school because of the closure this week, they are to attend school in tidy clothes.

Need questions answered?

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. Our office will be closed this week but email queries will be answered. The office will reopen on Tuesday 7th Feb, phone 09-420 8640 if you need assistance.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your young person to help them achieve their very best.

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 get in touch, if there is something you need assistance with.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi



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