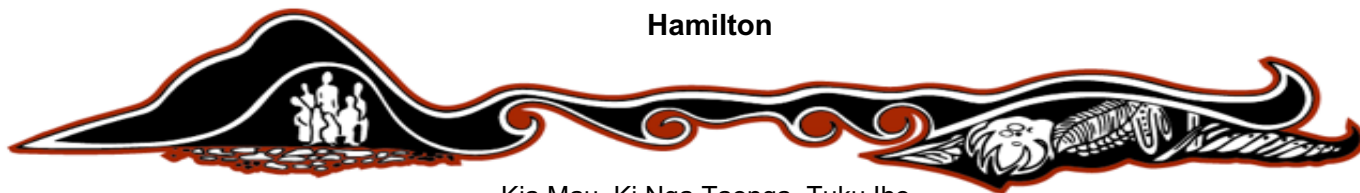


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NEWSLETTER Week 9 Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers – Nau mai haere mai

School is almost back to normal, however it is a 'new normal' and there are some changes to how we now operate. Covid-19 is still out there in the world, so we will continue to be vigilant to keep our school as safe as possible.

On Tuesday a special notice went home about this. In case you missed it, we've included it on the back of this newsletter.

Meeting Teachers

Some of our new families have not as yet met their child's class teacher. If you would like to do so, please phone our office so the teacher can contact you to make an arrangement that best suits you. The office phone numbers are 0800 855 506 or 07 855-5067.

Concerns About Your Child

If you'd like to talk with your child's teacher, you can phone our office to make an arrangement for a phone call or a meeting. Some parents emailed during the lockdown period and you can continue to do this also if you wish.

Parent Teacher Conversations

If all is still well in our country with Covid-19, then parent/teacher conversations will be held halfway through next term. They will be held after school and evenings of the week of 18, 19 and 20 August. Appointment slips will be sent home closer to the time.

Sport

Netball and indoor basketball competitions will begin in Term 3. If your child is interested in trialling for a team, they need to go and see the appropriate teacher or parents can phone school and leave a message about this.

- **Netball**

Years 3-4 Whaea Liddy, Room 12

Years 5-6 Whaea Ami, Room 14

In addition to our teachers, 2 more adults are needed to help with netball. Please contact our office if you're interested.

- **Indoor Basketball**

Matua Willard, Room 16

Lucky Book Club Orders

Please note the last day for orders is Thursday 18 June.

Thank you to parents/whānau for patiently waiting outside our front gate after school and keeping your distance. *For your information:*

- The 1st group of children who exit the gate are walking to Tramway Road.
- The 2nd large group that exit are walking down Insoll Avenue.
- The 3rd and largest group that exit at 2.35pm are all those being picked up.
- Our After School Care programme is up and running and children know to go straight to Room 10.

We have had a phone call from a parent concerned about some cars being parked on footpaths at the end of the school day. This is making it unsafe for our children as they walk past these cars, especially when they are reversing out of driveways. Please help us to keep our children safe by parking in designated parking areas. Staggered pick up times also help as it keeps the congestion of traffic down.

Below is the special notice that went home with children on Tuesday. Please note this is also on our school website.

Special Notice Covid-19 Update – Alert Level 1

Kia ora koutou Parents and Caregivers

I'm sure you will have seen the recent media releases and be aware that we are now at Alert Level 1. Well done... everyone has played an important part in getting NZ to this safer place.

Even though we are now at Alert Level 1, we still need to be vigilant and keep everyone healthy and safe.

To do this Insoll will maintain our current practices until the end of term.

We will continue to:

- teach/encourage hand washing, sanitizing and cough etiquette.
- keep the playground a *kids only zone*.
- have two intervals and lunch breaks to give the children more space to play.
- have no large in-door gatherings like assemblies.
- record all visitors on our site in case tracking and tracing should be required.

School has noticed during the period of Alert Level 2 that:

- greeting children at the gate in the mornings has made for a calm and settled start to the day.
- the after-school exit with walking buses has also been less chaotic and safer for children.
- less children in the playground at one time is also having the added benefit of less arguments and trouble between peers.

Due to these positive observations school will continue with these routines.

How can you help

- Practice healthy routines at home – good hygiene, lots of sleep.
- Keep home any children who are sick – to allow the school site to be a healthy place for those who are here.
- Phone the Healthline number for advice: **0800 3585453** if anyone in your family has covid like symptoms- cough, runny nose, sore throat, temperature...
- Phone school if your child is away.
- Arrange a meeting place with your child for after school so they know where to find you after they leave the gate.
- When picking up at front gate stagger your time between 2-30pm- 2-40pm to reduce traffic and parking congestion.

Ngaa mihi
Whaea Linda - Principal