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School Newsletter

30th November 2021

Kia ora koutou whānau, parents and caregivers

Our first week back on site with the staggered return to school has been amazing. Seeing the children come through the gate, masked up and excited to be back makes our school feel whole again .

Staff are enjoying being back on site and also having the opportunity on the odd days to continue to work with home learning. Thank you to all our whānau for your continued support - it means a lot and it does make that big difference.

Secretary for Education notice:

As you know, the Prime Minister has confirmed that all of New Zealand will move to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) at 11.59pm on Thursday 2 December....

Those of you in Auckland (schools) will retain your current public health measures and other requirements that are in place at Alert Level 3, Step 2 for the remainder of the year.

This means you (Auckland schools) will continue with a mix of students learning from home and have many students learning onsite (whether full-time or part-time). You (Auckland schools) will then move to the CPF from 1 January 2022...

HOT DAYS AHEAD

The final part of the year is already hot and muggy!



SCHOOL HAT

Remember to bring your school hat to leave at school. Please also put on sunscreen before school if you can as the sun is unrelenting.



EXTRA FOOD /WATER

The children are doing a lot of outdoor activity and many are quite hungry at the second break. Please send additional food in their lunchboxes to help them get through the busy days

Please ensure your child has their water bottle at school each day.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION



We are currently working on our End of Year Graduation for our Year 6's, to both celebrate and farewell our senior students as they move onto intermediate next year. Cups and trophies are being engraved and certificates are being finalised. At this stage, the organisation is underway and details which will include the format and finer details for the ceremony will be shared with you.



PLAYGROUND SPRUCE UP

We took the time during lockdown to brighten up the playground. Matua Bruce worked like a trojan to waterblast and add the colours to be ready in time for the students return to school. The children love it and that's what matters. Because you can't get on site we've put a few photos in for you to see.



END OF YEAR REPORTS

Your child's teacher will be asking you for your preferred delivery of the end of year written report which may be via email or hardcopy. Please send your preference as soon as possible so we can organise this for you. All reports will be sent out between Wednesday 8th December and Thursday 9th December.



Class lists are being finalised for 2022 and children will be advised of their new teacher and classroom when the reports go out.

Staffing changes at Birkdale Primary School

Sadly we have a few staff changes as we close off 2021.

- **Whaea Carly** in Koromiko Class and senior leader of Te Puāwaitanga will be on parental leave from the start of 2022. We wish Carly and her whānau all the very best for the birth of her baby and her special time with her whānau whilst on leave. Whaea Mere will act up as senior leader next year.
- **Whaea Mim** in Kauri Class leaves us at the end of this year for a beautiful country school Waitoki Primary School. Mim has made an outstanding contribution to Birkdale Primary School over the past three years and I know the staff will really miss her. Waitoki Primary is gaining a great teacher.
- **Ms Poulter** in Manuka class leaves us after two terms with Years 5/6. Tracey came into this position right in the middle of covid and has been outstanding in supporting and guiding the children throughout those terms. Ms Poulter is going to greener pastures.
- **Whaea Tam** in Totara Class, has secured a permanent position here at BPS.

BIRKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL 2022

Recently, the board advised the community of the incumbent Birkdale Primary School Principal commencing her new position at the start of Term 1 2022. Natasha will be a great asset to the school.

Whaea Natasha has shared a little about herself for the community.

NATASHA TEINAKORE

Kia ora and Greetings whānau and tamariki of Birkdale Primary School!

My name is Natasha Teinakore; a Tongan/ English/ South African kiwi who is so thrilled to be joining the Birkdale family as your new principal at the start of 2022.

One of my favourite whakatauki speaks of being firmly rooted below in order to flourish: 'He tina ki runga, he tāmōre ki raro'. I'm fortunate to have whānau that keep me grounded and firmly rooted - my husband Tom, my 4 daughters Keana 19, Ayver-lee 18, Milan 16, Shia 13 and my doggy-son Charlie. We live in the sunny north-west of Auckland - West Harbour and love travelling, although recently this has only been to the lounge and back!

Professionally, I've been teaching and leading within education for nearly 22 years, both internationally and in West and South Auckland; currently, leading as AP at Rowandale School in Manurewa. I consider myself a 'life-long' learner and enjoy fostering that love of learning in those I lead and teach. 'Potential' is what I see and hope to nourish in learners; it's always exciting seeing them understand their own potential along the way.

Look after yourselves over the summer holidays and I look forward to meeting you all kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) in the not too distant future.



IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please remember to pick up your children each day they are onsite by 3.00pm as the gates will then be locked. On Friday's it is 12.00pm for Year 6 children.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4:

A reminder the last day of term is Wednesday 15th December 2021. School finishes at 12.00pm. Teachers will bring classes to the Salisbury Road gate at 11.50am. Please collect your child/ren by no later than 12.00pm.



Stay well, stay safe

Adrienne Mawer
Principal/Tumauki
Birkdale Primary School

Term 1, 2022
starts on
3rd February