

MAY 2022

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BIRKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome back everyone!

Monday started with full classes and smiling faces. It was encouraging to see students we hadn't seen for a long time. Classes took no time at all getting stuck into learning - check out the school Facebook page for pictures.

Thank you for your support with continued mask wearing when entering the school. Many of you indicated on our survey, that you live with people who have vulnerable health conditions, wearing masks is still one of the better defences we have to slow the spread.

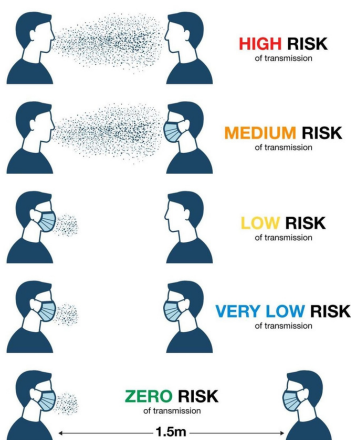
This Thursday, we launch into Term 2's inquiry topic: 'Mobility and Migration'. Students will be exploring ideas around migration - how and why it happens, both in the past and now.

We have some important meetings coming up this term - find out what they're all about on the next page and save the school dates in your calendars.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Natasha Teinakore
Tūmuaki | Principal

How effective are face masks?



*To inspire a community of caring
curious thinkers who aim the highest*

A school's local curriculum is how the school has adapted the national curriculum to suit their learning community.

Birkdale Primary wants to make sure that the knowledge, skills and dispositions we teach and value, match the values of our learning community. So we need to ask you!

What aspirations do you have for your children? When your child leaves Birkdale, what does success look like for you?

We will be running a number of whānau hui to gather your views on these types of questions, and a few others.

Please try and come to one!

We need to understand what's important to you, if we are to be a school that meets the needs of our learners.

We will also offer an online opportunity to provide feedback on the same questions, although discussion and the opportunity to ask and answer questions will be valuable for both you and the school. Dates and times - for these will be coming out soon. This is really important to us, so if the date and times don't suit and you'd like to have a conversation. Please get in touch.

TERM 2

**LOCAL
CURRICULUM
HUI**

**What's it all
about?**

LEARNER HUI

These will be happening in a few weeks.

We will be opening the booking online site next week. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - your child's teacher will send you the school code next week when they are ready.

If you haven't meet your child's teacher yet to discuss learning, please make the effort - progress in your child's learning is a team effort in primary school and we look forward to working with you.

If your child has a particular learning need that requires an individual educational plan, your child's teacher will request a meeting with you to co construct this plan together.

MAY

- Thu 12th Maths Parent Workshops
- Tue 17th Te Puāwaitanga Whānau Hui
- Thu 19th Maths Parent Workshops
- Fri 20th Teacher Only Day - (school closed)
- Mon 23rd Local Curriculum Hui
- Tue 24th - Thu 26th Optional Learner Hui
- Mon 30th Samoan Language Week Begins
- Tue 31st Primary Rugby League Comp.

JUNE

- Thu 2 Senior Trip to Museum
- Fri 3 Junior Trip to Museum

