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WHANAU UPDATE

Friday 18 February

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Teachers and our tamariki have enjoyed a fairly settled return to school so far. I am really pleased to see that we have been able to return to some sense of normality after last year's events. Teachers and students have pulled together well and I am particularly proud of the way some of our tuakana are leading by example in regards to behavior, uniform and attitude.

Next Upcoming School Event - Half Day Next Friday 25th Feb
School will be finishing early next week at 1.00pm to allow teachers to attend teacher union meetings in the afternoon. Please expect your tamariki to arrive home two hours earlier than usual. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause you and your whanau but we do not have enough relief staff to cover classes in the afternoon.

Swimming Pool
The swimming pool is now almost ready for school use following some extensive remedial work undertaken last week. Students will be able to start using the pool on Monday. It is important that our tamariki wear togs or other proper swimwear in the pool as ordinary cotton clothing (Tea shirts etc) sucks up the chlorine quickly and makes it difficult to keep the water in good condition.

School Uniform for Year 9 - 13
Boys - White shirt, Black shorts or trousers, black shoes, school jersey or polar fleece.
Girls - White shirt, black skirt or shorts, black shoes

Please send a note of explanation if your child is not in the correct uniform and they will be issued with a uniform pass by their whanau teacher in the morning.
Unexplained non uniform items will prompt a call home.
Thank you for your support.

Other Upcoming Events

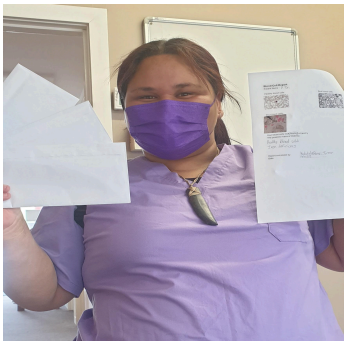
- **Friday 25th Feb** - Short Day - School finishes at 1.00pm for a Teacher Union Meeting
- **Tuesday 22 March:** Year 11 - 13 overnight Marae stay - Kaiwaha
- **Wednesday 23 March** Year 9 & 10 overnight marae stay - Kaiwaha
- **Thursday 24 March** Year 7&8 overnight marae stay - Kaiwaha
- **Friday 25 March** - Harbour Swim

Parent/Teacher Catch ups this Week
A big thank you to those parents who made time to catch up with their child's teachers on Tuesday. The next Parent/Teacher get together will be at the beginning of next term. A brief update on your child's progress will be sent home shortly.

COVID Protection Framework - Operating in RED

- Year 5 - 13 students and their teachers are expected to wear face coverings whilst indoors.
- Face coverings are not required to be worn by staff or students, for Years 1 – 4.
- For all ākonga aged 12 and upwards, face coverings are mandatory on school transport, and when accessing public venues.
- Assemblies and gatherings will be held outdoors
- Regular hand washing throughout the day is important
- **1m** physical distancing should be applied where practicable.
- No non-essential visitors on site.
- All visitors, including parents and caregivers, if they do come onsite should wear face coverings

<u>Senior students in science this week!</u>



Delivering their results after carrying out blood tests on some willing staff members including the principal.