



Kia ora e te whanau,

I hope you have all enjoyed the amazing summer weather we have had over the past few weeks. Last year was challenging for everyone and I hope the summer has provided an opportunity to recharge.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our students back to school over the coming week. Once again, we need to adapt to the changing situation around us. Our school vision is Te Angitū Ngātahi - Succeeding Together, and I am feeling confident that together, we will support our students to thrive this year. Here are a few details regarding the start of term.

- **Thursday, February 3rd** Year 9 students to gather on the grass area between the carpark and the main reception area by 8.50am
- **Friday, February 4th** - Year 9 and 10 students in form classes by 8.40am
- On both Thursday and Friday, the school canteen will be closed, re-opening on February 8th.
- At this stage, school buses will not be running until Tuesday, February 8th. We are working with Ritchies to try and resolve this situation and will be back in touch if anything changes.
- School finishes at 3.15pm on both days
- **Tuesday, February 8th** - All students in form classes by 8.40am, school finishes at 3.15pm



Communication

It's important that we are able to get messages out to our school community quickly - if your contact information has changed, please call the school office on 817-8173 ext 201 to have it updated.

We have now stopped using Schoolapp and have moved to SchoolBridge which integrates seamlessly with our school management system. See below...



SchoolBridge App

Please download the SchoolBridge app (iOS - [HERE](#)) and (Android - [HERE](#))

This is the fastest way that we can communicate with particular groups within the school. For help on signing in please check out this presentation - [HERE](#)

We'll keep using FB and email too, as well as updating information on our new school website.



Masks

Masks must be worn inside classrooms and all school buildings. Students and staff will need to have masks in place before going inside school buildings and when on school and public transport.

It is also now recommended that masks be a medical-grade mask. These include the widely available 'blue' medical-grade masks that many people are already wearing.

Last year, masks were also worn outside and for PE lessons. Many students struggled with wearing masks for the full school day, and now we are in February it is significantly hotter. Students do not need to wear masks outside but will be encouraged to keep physically distanced.



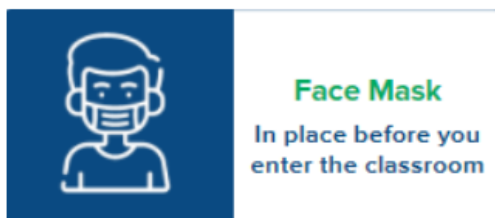
Mask Exemptions

If a student has an exemption letter or medical certificate from a health practitioner or GP, please email a copy to Deputy Principal Sandy Begg sandy.begg@greenbayhigh.school.nz before they start school so that a plan can be made.



Health and Safety Protocols

We have developed a range of protocols which align with information coming from both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. We have outlined information on mask wearing above and good hand hygiene is also one of the most important things for both staff and students.



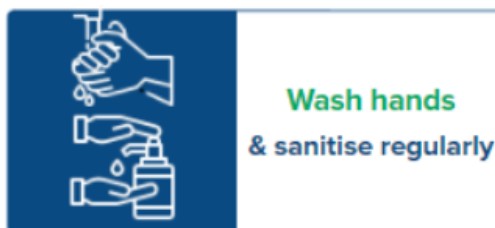
Face Mask

In place before you enter the classroom

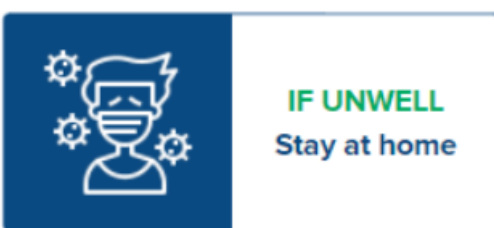


Social Distancing

At least 1.5m apart



Wash hands
& sanitise regularly



IF UNWELL
Stay at home



Ventilation

We have used the Ministry of Education self-assessment tool to review all our ventilation in readiness for the start of the year. While most of our classrooms can be well ventilated, we have also ordered several air purifiers. We will also be receiving a CO2 monitor from the Ministry of Education in the coming weeks to further support our ventilation plan.



Events and Activities

Large hui and gatherings continue to be one of the riskier activities we can undertake. We have therefore reviewed all our events and activities for the upcoming term to ensure we meet the health guidance for Red setting. We'll update the calendar on our new school website with any changes.



Managing Cases in our School

We have a good contact tracing system in place so that if there is a confirmed case who has been at school while infectious, we can quickly identify who was a close contact of that person. Our school will work closely with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and will quickly advise close contacts of what they need to do.

We will work closely with the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education and would only consider closing the school and moving to distance learning if we were advised to do so or if we could not safely staff the school. At Red we will keep everyone learning onsite for as long as we can.

Please make sure your contact details we have on file are up to date, so we can get in touch with you if needed. Please download the new SchoolBridge App so that we can communicate important information quickly.

We are here to help. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi nui,

Fiona Barker
Principal