



# Forest Lake School Newsletter

Number 8: December 2020

## From the Principal

Kia ora Koutou,

As this is the last of our newsletters for the year, I would like to take the time to thank you all for your support throughout the 2020 school year. The world became a very different place and we were all forced to make changes to the way we carried out our everyday lives. This included schools which had to learn to adapt very quickly to how to manage homebased learning. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation as we sorted through this and your encouragement and support of the tamariki while they participated in the home learning. **Our school year finishes on Tuesday, 15 December at 1.00pm.** The term dates for the 2021 school year are:

Term 1: Wed, 3 Feb to Fri, 16 April

Term 2: Mon, 3 May to Fri, 9 July

Term 3: Mon, 26 July to Fri, 1 Oct

Term 4: Mon, 18 Oct to Wed, 15 Dec

**Teacher Only Day—Term 1, 2021:** Please mark on your calendars that on Monday, 1st March in Term 1, 2021 we will be having a Teacher Only Day meaning school will not be open for students this day.

**Reports:** All students will receive a written report on Friday. If you would like a follow up conversation with your child's teacher please contact them to make the arrangement. They will be available Tuesday, 8 December from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and Wednesday, 9 December from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

**Bullying:** We have recently had some reports of "bullying": This article defines what bullying is and isn't. It may be useful for when you are having a chat with children about their school day.

To effectively prevent bullying it's important for everyone (school leaders, teachers, students, whānau and community) to have a shared understanding of what bullying is.

Whether bullying is physical, verbal, emotional or online (cyberbullying), there are four factors that can be used to identify bullying.

- Bullying is deliberate – intentionally causing physical and / or psychological harm to another person.
- Bullying involves a power imbalance – an actual (or perceived) unequal relationship between those being bullied and those who bully. For example due to physical size, age, gender, social status or digital capability and access.
- Bullying is usually not a one-off – it is repeated over time, with the threat of further incidents leading to fear and anxiety. People may bully one person many times, or different people each time.
- Bullying is harmful – there is short or long-term physical or psychological harm to the target (eg, as a result of coercion or intimidation).

### When it's not bullying

Bullying is one particular form of aggressive behaviour. Not all verbal or physical aggression is bullying. For example, if a student offends someone by making unintentionally sexist or racist remarks, it is not bullying.

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Next year all staff are involved in two professional learning days where we will be developing our kete of knowledge to support students who are having difficulties at school and helping students to restore relationships when things have gone wrong. They will be held in late January before school resumes for the students.

I would like to thank the Kaumatua of Ngati Māhanga for blessing the new classrooms and giving the name Kahikitea (named after the native tree significant to our area). The new classes will be named Kahikitea 1, 2 and Rimu 4 will be renamed Kahikitea 3 for 2021.

Kauri 1 -3 will be relocating this week into Kahikitea 2 as a building project will begin in their classrooms that won't be completed until the end of Term 1. In future Kahikitea 1 and 2 will be home to Auraki Waenga (General Middle School).

We have a Teacher Only Day on Monday December 7th. This means no students are to attend school that day.



Our presentation assemblies are on Thursday 10th December - Tuakana at 9.30am and Teina / Waenga at 11.30am. All whanau are welcome to attend, and we would love to see you there. Please remember though to either sign in at the office or via one of the QR codes around the school with the Covid App.

If your child is not a Year 6 in General or Year 8 in Rumaki and will not be returning for 2021, could you please inform the office or your child's class teacher. This will assist us in our planning for next year.

For our tamariki that are leaving us this year, I would like to wish you all the best in your future schooling. Don't forget to keep in touch as we would love to hear about your achievements as you progress.

I hope you all have a safe and happy break. The tamariki have worked incredibly hard this year despite the difficulties and have earned a well deserved break. This is a great time to take advantage of our beautiful country while our borders remain closed and explore it if you can.

# Board of Trustees

Season greetings from the Board. We would like to take this time to wish you all a safe and happy break.





# Whanau Rumaki

E whakatata mai ana te wā o te Kirihimete otirā te tauhou nō reira e whakanui ana i  
ngā kaupapa huhua kua tutuki i a tātou.



POHO KERERŪ KATO AANA KI WĀ MĀTOU KAIHAKA WHAKAMĪHARO I TŪ KI TE  
MURA O TE AHI, OTIRĀ KI TE WHĀNAU I WHAI WĀHI MAI KI TE TAUTOKO!



# Whanau Rumaki



**Te Poo Kanikani  
He Kirihimete Raumati**



## KAUKAU HAUMARU

Waimārie ēnei ika hāehae kupenga i whai wā rātou ki te paratī ki te paratā ki rō wai. Kei whea mai!





# Auraki Teina (Junior General)

Auraki Teina have been working hard on practising the strategies we learn around Literacy and Maths.



We had a great week participating at Swim Safe and learning all about Water Safety.



We really appreciate your support during our Art Auction. Check out some of our preparation.



Upcoming dates to remember:

8th Dec - Parent/Teacher Interviews

10th Dec- End of Year Prizegiving- 11.30am

14th Dec - End of Year Waterworld Trip

We would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.



# Auraki Waenga (Middle General)

The Auraki Waenga had a fantastic time during Athletics. It was great to see students participating, rising to the challenge and showing sportsmanship towards their peers. Ka Rawe!

Below are some pictures from Matai 5, Rimu 1, 2 and 4

Upcoming events to save the date for:

-Teina (Junior) and Waenga (Middle) Prize Giving assembly is on Thursday 10th December in the hall at 11:30am.

-Auraki Teina (General Junior) and Auraki Waenga (General Middle) pool trip is on Monday 14th December.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the Auraki Waenga Team



# Auraki Tuakana (Senior General)

Welcome to Auraki Tuakana  
Ngā mihi

While the Year 5 students this term sat their PIRLS reading test, the year 6's carried out a BP technology challenge to create a free-standing Christmas tree using specific resources and under strict conditions. The students co-operated in small groups to produce some very creative trees. Some groups were even able to sing a bit of a jingle to go along with their presentation.



Students participated in learning to swim lessons at Waterworld. The programme helped develop swimming techniques (including learning and becoming adept at all the different swimming strokes), safety and growing confidence in the water. On our travels back to school on one day, some of the students met up with a famous person. Can you work out who it is?



Finally as we wrap up the year, the Auraki Tuakana Team would like to wish our Year 6 students moving on to Intermediate next year all the very best for their new adventure. We hope that you remember the EKE Values of Respect, He Ākonga and Responsibility are not just for when you are at Forest lake, but also for as you continue your lifes journey and you continue to model these values.

# Extra-curricular Sports

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou ngā whānau i ngā hākinakina i tēnei tau hurirapa. Kia pai tā koutou whakanui i te Kirihimete, i te tau hōu me ngā rā hatarei o te Raumati.

Thank you to all who continue and who have supported extra curricula-sports this year. It has been a roller coaster but a good one. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a great Summer Holiday

## Sports Assembly - Wednesday the 9th of December

Kura Teina (Junior School) starts at 9.45

Middle and Senior School (Kura Waenga and Tuakana) starts at 11.45

- Term 3 teams will be rewarded with participation certificates with the Soccer and Netball receiving special awards.
- Term 4 teams will be rewarded with participation and the special awards.

## Last Game Day for Basketball

- Forest Lake Thunder - Tuesday the 8th of December
- Forest Lakers - Wednesday the 2nd of December
- Forest Lake Teina - Thursday the 3rd of December
- Forest Lake Ballers - Friday the 11th of December

## Basketball Uniform Returns

- Can uniforms please be returned to Whaea Calah in Kauri 6 no later than the following dates

Forest Lake Teina and Forest Lakers Wednesday the 9th of December.

Forest Lake Thunder and Forest Lake Ballers please have uniforms returned by Monday the 14th of December



# Dates to Remember

Friday, 4 December 2020 — Reports sent home

Monday, 7 December 2020 — Teacher Only Day (No school for students)

Tuesday, 8 December 2020—Teachers Available from 3pm to 6pm at school (by arranged appointment only)

Wed, 9 December 2020 — Teachers Available from 3pm to 4.30pm at school (by arranged appointment only)

Sports Assembly— Teina & Waenga (Junior & Middle School at 9.45am and Tuakana at 11.45am

Thurs, 10 December 2020 — End of Year Presentation Assembly

Tuakana at 9.30am & Teina/Waenga at 11.30am

Mon, 14 December 2020 — Auraki Teina/Waenga (General Junior & Middle School) Pool Party

Tues, 15 December 2020 — Last day of 2020 School Year, 1.00pm finish

Thurs 28 January, 2021— Office open for uniform sales, 8am to 3pm

Fri, 29 January, 2021 — Office open for uniform sales, 8am to 12pm

Tues, 2 February, 2021— Office open for uniform sales, 8am to 3pm

Wed, 3 February, 2021— Term 1 starts

Mon, 8 February, 2021—Waitangi Day observed—No school

Mon, 1 March, 2021—Teacher Only Day—No School for students



# Fun Zone

Tūmeke is looking forward to the break, not only does he love Christmas because he gets to spend time with his whānau, but he also gets to go on adventures. There is no better time to explore New Zealand with our borders closed at the moment, so he is planning on creating a journal as a keepsake of all the places he visits.

You might like to try the same idea. Each stop you have over the holidays or anything exciting that happens, try writing a few sentences about it and maybe snap a photo. Towards the end of the holidays, your parents may be able to help you turn it into a book that you can keep and share with your friends in the new school year.

Enjoy your time with whānau and have a safe and happy break.

