



# Forest Lake School Newsletter

Number 6: September 2021

## From the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

It is great to be back at school and have the majority of students returned and involved in learning. Lots of rumours were circulating on Monday about alert levels but I am confirming we are in Level 2. Below are a couple of reminders about what this means for you as parents/ caregivers of our school.

Level 2:

Thank you to the parents who are supporting us at Level 2. It's important that we maintain high levels of hygiene practices in our school bubble of staff and students.

A couple of reminders:

- Parents can only enter onsite through the school office and cannot go on to any other area of the school. Don't forget to wear a mask and sanitise.
- School opens at 8.45am so please drop children at school as close to that time as possible.
- Teina students and their older siblings can be picked up at 2.30pm. Please don't arrive to pick up your children if they aren't released until 2.45pm. Parking is an issue and I'm witnessing unsafe practices everyday as children are collected.

We have several families not yet returned to school. Let me reassure you that we are maintaining good hygiene practices in the school, based on the advice from the Ministry of Education. Below is the reminder of the criteria for home learning situations.

- Learning will be onsite with distance learning offered in some circumstances. (If you are required to isolate, those individuals who are waiting for a covid test result or those students vulnerable to illness). Unless you meet the above criteria, students should be attending school.

As we move into the end of Term 3, we unfortunately aren't able to invite you to attend end of term events. Please respect our decision.

Currently we are running a ballot for students wanting to attend our kura in 2022. If you live outside the zone we need to receive your applications by **12 noon, Friday 1st October**. It is helpful when we also know who is living in the zone and will be attending our school next year. You can help us by completing an enrolment form now and handing it into the office before the holidays.

Term 2 ends on 1st October and we return to school on the 18th October. For those wanting to plan their Christmas break we close on Wednesday 15th December.

Take care of your whānau. We are here to support you.

Ngaa mihi

**Whaea Chris**

# Rumaki Teina

Kia ora e te Whānau,

Ahakoā te āhuatanga o te wā, i hoki pai mai te kura tēina ki te kura whai muri mai i te noho rāhui. He mauri tau ngā tamariki, ia rā ia rā, ka mahi i ngā ngohe e tīaroaro ana ki te kaupapa rongonui i te ao Māori, ko te whare tapa whā tēnei.

Nā tēnei mahi rawe, ka taea e ngā tamariki te kōwhiri i te tētahi taha kia tau ai tō rātou ake whare tapa whā.



Mahi whare tapa whā



# Auraki Teina (Junior General)

It is wonderful to see everyone back at school and reconnecting with their teachers and friends. We missed our daily interactions and fun with the students very much!

In this newsletter we would like to highlight some of the amazing learning that was happening at home and acknowledge the amazing support that was given by families during this time. We can't thank you enough!

Well Done!



Shark Drawing Competition... we have some very talented artists in the team!



Not to mention the amazing bakers.... Mmmmm we are hoping for some yummy teacher treats!



Choc éclairs  
baked and  
decorated by  
Nadine 🍩



Adi bake naan on  
pan...



Matai had lots of fun during lockdown and got moving and grooving daily with music challenges. They also explored different letters of the alphabet weekly, which included the letter "r". Some students built a Robot out of recycled materials. Rosannah from Matai 2, even made her own ice cream.



Matai 4 explored lots of different ways to learn at home including Math challenges and building on their Literacy skills. We were even lucky enough to have Whaea Susie challenges every Friday! It was awesome to see the different ways our classmates completed their tasks and choice board activities!



Thank you whanau for all your effort and supporting our tamariki through lockdown. We loved seeing their learning and creativity.



# Auraki Waenga (Middle General)

Kahikatea Rua have been celebrating Māori language week by learning new kupu (words) and challenging each other to use Te Reo at home and out in the community. Students have been leading out in karakia, sharing their pepeha, playing kahoots and completing Te Reo Māori tasks in their contracts. Miharo Kahikatea Rua!



Kahikatea Tahi have been reminiscing about funny lockdown memories! Here are some examples of their hilarious writing.



# Rumaki Tuakana

## AKORANGA TAWHITI

Papaki kau ana ngā tai o mihi ki a koutou e te whanau i kaha ū mai ki ngā akoranga tawhiti i ngā wiki tata kua taha ake nei. Ahakoa te pārekareka o ngā wheako me ngā akoranga tawhiti, kua piki anō te oranga ngākau i te hokinga mai ki te kura!



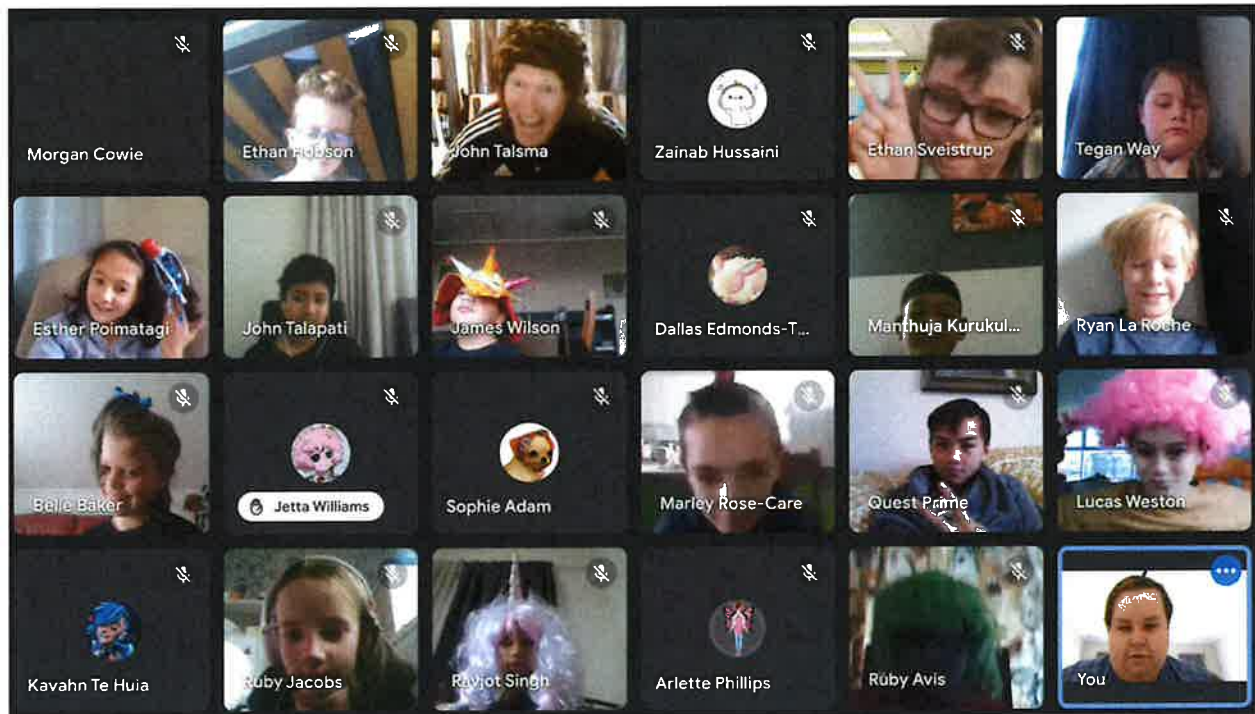
## TE HOKI HAUMARU KI TE KURA

Kua hoki ora mai te whanau ki te kura, me te aha? He nui ngā kaupapa hei kawenga mā tātou. E puku mahi ana ngā tuakana i roto i wā rātou mahi kura otirā kei te whakamahana i te tinana hei whakaritenga mō te oma roa i tēnei wiki!





# Auraki Tuakana (Senior General)



Kia ora Whānau,

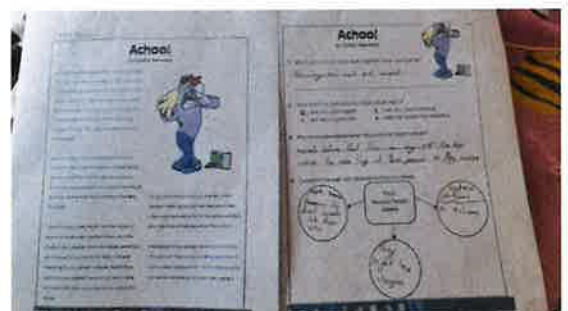
Check out some of the images from our recent Lockdown and the students once again enaging in 'online learning'. Thank you to the hard working teachers, other staff and of course whānau and students for working together with everyone to make the lock down bearable. It was great to see students doing the mahi as well as doing other things around the home.



Students had opportunities to experiment with music making and although you can't hear their compositions, you should take some time to look and listen to Auraki Tuakana Seesaw page.



There was time taken with whānau and also time doing assigned work on Google Classroom too. The students, we believe, learnt a lot more about how to use their digital devices for learning and already the week back at school has shown this.



# 2022 Ballot

The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education Act 1989.

The Forest Lake School zone description is as follows: (see map for visual)

Start at the corner of Te Rapa Road and Sir Tristram Avenue. The boundary runs south down Te Rapa Road, including the west side of the road only, to the intersection to Te Rapa Road and Ulster Street. Both sides of Ulster Street are included as the boundary continues south to the intersection of Ulster Street and Maeroa Road. Ulster Street addresses from 421 to 460 are included.

Turn right into Maeroa Road. Both sides of Maeroa Road are included as the boundary continues south to the roundabout at Maeroa Road and Rimu Street. All addresses on Murray Street and Denz Street are included and Maeroa Road addresses from 47 to 236 are included.

Turn right into Rimu Street and the boundary continues to the western end of Rimu Street. All addresses from 88 Rimu Street are included. From here the boundary turns left into Forest Lake Road and then runs north up the railway line and crosses the Waikato Racing Club to arrive at the starting point of Sir Tristram Ave.

Both sides of the in-zone roads are included unless otherwise stated.

Any families outside this described zone are deemed out of zone students must be part of the ballot described below.

## **Forest Lake School Call for Out of Zone Enrolment Ballots**

The board has determined that there will likely be **10** places for students living out of the school zone for the 2022 school year in the mainstream schooling (Auraki School). The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The school operates an approved special programme for Rumaki and expects there will likely be **5** places available in the programme for out of zone students for the 2022 school year.

For students seeking enrolment for the 2022 school year, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 12 noon**. Posted forms will need to be date stamped before the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to be eligible for the ballot.

Parents of students who live within the school home zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during this year should notify the school by 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 to assist the school to plan.

To apply for the ballot you will need to complete an enrolment form and pre-enrolment questionnaire at the school office. You must also present a Birth Certificate or Passport, Immunisation Certificate and proof of address (e.g. power bill, tenancy agreement or some other documentation which has name and address on it).

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Details relating to the second enrolment period are as follows:

Length of enrolment period:	2022 school year
Deadline for Receipt of applications:	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2021
Date of Ballot:	22 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2021



# School News

The school has a new absence line number. If you are wanting to text your children's absences in, please text the school on 022 381 8008. The old number will continue to operate for this term, but will not be active from Term 4. The new number can be found on our website and School App.

We have our Cross Country events this Friday. The Tuakana and Waenga (Senior and Middle School) students have their Cross Country at Minogue Park. Unfortunately, under Level 2 this does mean that due to the number of students and staff that will be participating, whanau will not be able to attend. The Teina (Junior school) students are holding their event on the school field. While we cannot have parents on the school grounds for this, you can stand along the footpath outside the school. Please remember your social distancing of 2m and wear your mask if you are watching from the footpath. All students need to come to school in their uniform as usual, but bring a change of clothes to run in. Senior and Middle School in their house colours if possible, and Junior School, the brighter the better.

Please remember while we are at Level 2, the only entrance to the school is the front double doors of the office. Please do not come on site and come in the side door, use only the double doors on the road side of the office. When you enter, use the QR scanner, and please sign in on the Vistab, even if you are only here for a minute or two as we do need your information for contact tracing purposes should the need arise.

There are still a few devices outstanding from those that were lent out during the lockdown. These need to be returned to school this week, even if your child is still at home as they are needed for students in class.

# Dates to Remember

**24 September** - School Cross Country events

**1 October** - Last Day of Term 3

**18 October** - First day of Term 4

**6 December** - Teacher Only Day - No school for students

**15 December** - Last day of the school year - 1.00pm finish

# Extra-curricular Sports

Tēnā rā koutou e te whānau. Ko te wawata nei kei te noho haumarū koutou katoa, ā, kei te hīkaka ngā tamariki ki te hoki ki ngā whakataetae hākinakina.

Greetings all, hope you have been keeping well. We are looking forward to getting the tamariki back into some sports.

Sports Assembly - Wednesday the 29th of September

Celebration of Term 2-3 Netball and Soccer teams as well as Term 3 Basketball teams. Remember Under Level 2 no parents will be able to attend.

Due to the current circumstances there is a short turn around for next terms sport fees to be paid. Tomorrow (Thursday 23 Sep) notices will come home with students who sign up to for next terms sports. Please read the notices carefully. If your child does not return home with a sports notice this week and you would like them to participate next term, please make contact with Whaea Calah by emailing [calahr@forestlake.school.nz](mailto:calahr@forestlake.school.nz)

Term 4 sports = Touch, Basketball and Futsal

Check these Tūmeke runners out. The tamariki enjoyed x-country practice Tuesday. Look at the smiles :)

