


Kia ora/Greetings/Kia Orana

****Teacher Only Day 28th August****


Covid App
Are you coming into the school grounds at level two? Make this easier for yourself and our staff by downloading the Ministry's Covid App.
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.govt.health.covidtracer> or
<https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/id1511667597>
You then simply have to scan the QR code rather than having to record your details.

Level Two- Covid

A quick reminder that if your child is unwell please keep them at home.

Please don't underestimate the toll that the COVID experience this year has had on us all. We all weathered this extraordinary experience over many months, staying positive and being kind to one another.

We are now back to level two, with the uncertainty of how this will play out over the coming days, weeks and months. We will keep you up to date as soon as we know anything- keep an eye on Class Dojo, and our school Facebook Page and App.

Unfortunately a range of opportunities are again being cancelled or postponed, impacting on our children who were looking forward to these events.

Please know that our whole staff are focussed on keeping things as 'normal' as possible for our children and on making school life as fun as possible.

Let's keep the focus on being positive, calm and kind in these interesting times.

Cancellations, Postponements and Refunds

Unfortunately due to the Waikato region being placed at level two, some organisations have made the difficult decision to cancel or postpone events.

Reading together - Postponed

Play at Knighton - Postponed

Waikato Lit Quiz- Postponed

Interschool Cross Country- Cancelled

Knighton Fun Run - we hope to do this when there are no level restrictions

Hockey - No information has been received yet.

Miniball - Cancelled during Alert Level 2

Tough Guy / Girl Challenge- Cancelled (Please be patient. A separate note will be coming home outlining the refund process.)

Inline Hockey - Cancelled during Alert Level 2

Netball - Updates can be found on the netball association website netballhamilton.org.nz

Please check the school app or website for cancellations.

OOZ ballot

The deadline for the out of zone ballot for next term is the 11th of September.

The school's current roll is high for this time of year and class spaces are limited due to class sizes and refurbishment of class space.

There will be another ballot on the 26th of October to help the school prepare classes for 2021.

Enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School

All 2021 enrolments for Berkley Normal Middle School are due by **4.00pm on Wednesday 26 August** - this includes both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments.

Out-of-zone enrolments must be received at the office by 26 August to be eligible for the enrolment ballot.

Maths Week Fun

Last week we had a lot of fun celebrating Maths Week! Our Maths team organised a range of activities in class and around the school.



This ranged from a basketball shoot off, estimating how many balloons fit in my car (130 if you are wondering) and a team problem solving challenge.

Well done to Mrs Lelieveld and Mrs Carson who organised such a fun week.

Cross Country

This Thursday our school cross country will take place on the council fields behind the school (Clyde Park). Weather permitting.

The approximate times of these races are:

9.20 - Year 3 / 4 briefing

9.30 - Year 3 Cross Country (1 lap)

9.40 - Year 4 Cross Country (2 laps)

9.55 - Year 5 Cross Country (2 Laps)

10.10 - Year 6 Cross Country (2 laps)

If you plan to watch a race be there early as the timetable is only a guide.

Because we are in level two we are:

-Only having one year group out on the fields at a time.

-Asking parents not to come onto the school grounds before or after the event.

-Asking parents to social distance from each other on Clyde Park and to stay away from the children racing.

Please inform the office **NOT** your child's teacher if they will be away or late.

Dramatic Inquiry - Mantle of the Expert

In Room 30 we have been looking closely at a technique known as the 'Six Dimensions of Dramatic Imagination'. This technique is used in Mantle of the Expert to immerse tamariki in the imagined world of the story being explored. It helps focus tamariki on the opposites of sound & silence, light & darkness, movement & stillness. We also use it as a tool to create detailed images in our descriptive writing. The collaborative piece below was written about a hall in our story that had been much loved by it's original owners but when it became too small for the community that it served, they had to leave it.

After much crafting and sharing of ideas, this piece was written by Maia, Ava, Emily, Ferg, Jen, Noah, Erik, Abby, Ella and Bre'shae

The wind's melody drifted through the gaps between the wood panels of the hall.

Crickets played their violins softly upon the roof.

Silent tears dropped like rain from the whatu of our ancestors.

As the tangata whenua walked away, the hall's heart bled.

The hall stood still, frozen in its sadness.

Gradually the light faded into darkness, night enveloped the hall.

With a fresh dawn, the sun painted its light over the hall, bringing hope of a new beginning.

Ngā mihi nui

Stuart Armistead

Principal



Attendance

Make sure your child is at school by 8.45am. Being on time is a major thing you can do to ensure they succeed. Lateness is an issue that can have a huge impact on your child's success and fun at school.

