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## Welcome Back to Term 2

Tena Koutou Katoa/ Greetings Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and managed to get some rest and relaxation. We're really looking forward to seeing all the children next week. We are hopeful that this term will be a term of **reconnection** with all tamariki and whanau as Covid restrictions are lessened.

### Covid Orange Level Setting

Life at school will be fairly 'normal' at the Orange Level setting. Parents and whanau are able to come on site and mask wearing is **encouraged**. Most events will be able to take place including inter school events, cultural performances, and area assemblies. At this stage, whole school assemblies will be held outside.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

### Hepatitis A Cases at school

We have been notified, by the Waikato District Health Board, that two students (siblings) at our school have Hepatitis A. They have recently returned from overseas where they were most likely to have contracted it. Both children became symptomatic at the beginning of the holidays. The children would have been infectious when they were at school last term however we've been advised from the Waikato Public Health Unit that the **risk of transmission is low**.

Please click on this [link](#) for more information on Hepatitis A. If you are concerned that your child is displaying symptoms please call your GP.

## **Change in Break Times**

Under the Orange Level setting, we no longer need to have staggered break times. This term, we are trialling a new system where the children will have two separate 40 minute break times (the old system was a 20 minute and 60 minute break). Eating times are included in this. We feel this will work better for our children. Please consider this when preparing your child's lunch and snacks.

## **School Grounds Open at 8.30am**

A gentle reminder that school does not open until **8.30am**. Any children arriving at school before 8.30 must stay outside the school gate. We cannot guarantee they will be supervised while they are waiting. If you require your child/ren to come to school earlier than 8.30 am, please contact the Before School Care programme run by KASP that's based in our school hall. The contact number is 022 642 0726. The best time for children to arrive at school is between 8.30am and 8.45am. This gives them time to set up for the day's learning and catch up with their teacher and friends before school starts at 9.00am.

## **Teacher Only Day - Friday 17th June**

The staff will have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 17th June. This day is used for staff Professional Development. School will be closed for the day and, at this stage, KASP will not be operating.

Naku noa

Andrew Campbell

Principal