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Randwick School Newsletter Wednesday 8th September / Rāapa 8 Mahuru

Kia Ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kamusta, Malo ni, Kia orana, Ni hao 你好, Namaste, Ni sa bula, Chào, Vanakkam, Hola!, Greetings!

From The Principal

Randwick School - where kind people are our kinda people.

Mālō e lelei

We are really excited about having everyone back at school TOMORROW and we have done a lot of planning to make sure that your children will be coming back to a very safe and healthy environment. Please see a summary of our Level 2 guidelines below and email me if you have any questions or concerns. All children who were delivered a school device need to return it to school tomorrow in the bubble wrap packaging provided including the charger.

It is not compulsory for children or staff to wear masks in a school environment but it is recommended that anyone over 12 does wear a mask. Any children that want to wear a mask can do so, but we encourage them to learn how to use them correctly otherwise they can be more of a harm than a help.

School lunches will be provided as usual but we will not have fruit for the next few weeks so please send food for morning tea along for your child/ren. We do have muesli bars, scroggin etc for those that require it. Also the water fountains are closed so please make sure that your child/ren has a named water bottle to bring to school each day.

As usual, we are limiting access to the school grounds so please drop your child off and the gate and pick them up from there at the end of the day. If you do need to enter the school grounds, it is now compulsory to scan using the Covid Tracer app or complete the Covid registration form. Please do not come into the office area unless you really need to.

Vaccinations are now available for everyone in the country aged 12 and older. You can book your vaccination by going to <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/> or phoning 0800 28 29 26. If you have any concerns or questions about the vaccine I suggest that you speak to your doctor or look at the information on the official Covid website <https://covid19.govt.nz/> not information that is found on social media websites. Check out the Ka Kite Covid clip here

Ka kite, COVID.



Breakfast Club and Jittabugz will be starting on Thursday with strict health and safety protocols.

Kiwi Hoops will also be re-starting on Monday 13th September for all children registered in the programme. Whānau are asked to wear masks, socially distance and sign in on the Covid app when entering the hall. Capital Basketball will be enforcing our health and safety guidelines.

A huge thank you to all of the students and whānau who have engaged in home learning over the last few weeks. We have been really impressed with how well students have connected with their learning and we know how hard it has been for whānau to support them so we are very grateful. Our whole staff have been amazing during the lockdown and have spent considerable time planning digital and unplugged learning opportunities for your children. They have been very accessible for you and your children to contact throughout and I am very proud of the work they have done. We have had teachers and kaiāwhina planning programmes, delivering devices and home learning packs, running regular online meetings and workshops with students and making regular check ins on health and well-being including organising food parcels and support. It has been a remarkable team effort and I am very proud of our amazing team.

This week is Tongan Language and Conservation Week. Naomi, Rachael and Sam Norris have put together a range of activities for whānau to engage in and when we are able to we will be holding some form of Tongan celebration at school. This document has a number of different activities for you to try

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[urp=gmail_link&fbclid=IwAR07hvTROA4WQL3ow1Y3qgKR_nCxRQpyRMQPA0TLdnjs_sQTQjmmazG5ffs](https://www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/nature-connectors) and this website has some great Conservation Week activities <https://www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz/nature-connectors>

This term we have introduced a new app to help communicate information to whānau. We know that many of you have found SignMee difficult to use so we are now offering another way of connecting with you. If you go to Google Play or the App Store you can download the Skool Loop app for free and register with Randwick School. This will allow you to access our newsletters and other essential information including permissions and Learning Conversation bookings. You also be able to notify us of student absences using the app. You will still be able to access SignMee for the rest of this term and information will also continue to be shared via our school website, SeeSaw and Facebook page. Once the app is downloaded, please go to settings and select subscribe to groups. You will then be able to select the classrooms that your children are in.

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



Stay safe and well and we hope to see you all on site soon.

Ngā mihi
Mons / Simonne

Health & Safety Guidelines for Randwick School Whānau - Level 2

Our priority while we are in level 2 is the health and safety of our students, staff and whānau. This means we will have to do some things differently while we are in level 2 so please make sure that you read and understand these guidelines.

Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing is very important to stop the spread of Covid-19. At Alert Level 2 children, young people, and staff need to keep a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. This YouTube clip explains the Moist Breath Zone for kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZvtoVrykb8&feature=youtu.be>
- There are situations where physical distancing is not possible, such as some play and sporting activities. Students will be asked to wash and dry their hands at the beginning and end of morning tea and lunch time and sports equipment will be regularly cleaned by staff.
- Staff will maintain 1 metre distancing between each other.
- Parents, whānau and visitors are permitted to enter the school grounds but must maintain a 2 metre distance between themselves - see Visitors to School for further detail.
- Assemblies can go ahead but students will be spaced a metre apart and if whānau attend they will be spaced 2 metres apart. If whānau want to watch assemblies online via Zoom or Google Meet this will be arranged.

Visitors to School

It is important to limit the number of people in the school grounds for safety and for contact tracing. These procedures are very important and need to be followed.

- Parents and whānau can enter the school grounds in the morning to drop students off. Whaea Mons or Paul will meet you at the gate and ask you to enter your information on the Contact Tracing QR Code or Register and you will be asked to sanitise your hands. Your time in and time out will also be registered. All students are to enter via the pedestrian gate. The driveway is not to be used during level 2 as we do not want extra people coming through the office area.
- Please avoid entering the classrooms. If this is necessary please wait until the teacher is in the classroom and follow their advice.
- We are asking whānau not to enter the grounds when picking up students at 3.00pm. Junior teachers will bring their students to the larger access gates at the front of the school to deliver to parents. Older siblings who usually walk students home will pick them up from inside the school grounds and take them home. Students in Kowhai, Te Rangi Tako and Te Awa will exit via the main pedestrian gate.
- Please use the markings on the footpath to help you keep 2 metres apart.
- Please avoid entering the school buildings. Where possible please phone, text or email any questions or concerns that you may have rather than entering the office. Contact Libby / Kaiya on 04 5685621 or 027 5685621, email office@randwick.school.nz Contact Mons on the same phone numbers or email principal@randwick.school.nz
- If you do need to enter the office area it is a one in, one out situation. If someone is already in the office, please wait outside until they leave.

Health & Hygiene

- Our main priority is the well-being of our students and we will be spending time concentrating on managing their emotions and building this into our teaching and learning programmes.
 - Students and staff must stay at home if they are unwell. If a student comes to school unwell, whānau will be phoned and asked to collect them.
 - Students will hand sanitise when entering all school buildings and regularly during the school day in their classroom settings. Before and after morning tea and lunch they will all be required to wash and dry their hands for 20 seconds with warm water.
 - Each classroom has been allocated toilet blocks to use and will also use sinks in the classrooms for hand washing and drying.
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- All classes will be regularly reminded about hygiene - avoiding touching their faces, sneezing and coughing into their elbows or using tissues and then washing their hands.
 - Water fountains will be closed so we ask students to bring their own labelled drink bottles. We will have individual, named cups for those that don't have drink bottles.
 - Staff will be cleaning surfaces and equipment regularly and will be labelling student's personal stationery so that it is not shared. We encourage you to label any items that you send along to school.
 - The playgrounds will be open but we will be separating the juniors and seniors to limit the number of people in the same space and help with contact tracing. School bikes will not be available but students can bring their own bikes and scooters as long as they don't share them. The school grounds will be closed after school and during the weekends during level 2.
 - Masks are not compulsory in schools but are recommended for students aged 12+ and staff. Children may wear a mask if they choose to and school will have masks available for those who would like them.

General

- If students are late to school they are to go straight to their classroom, NOT TO THE OFFICE. Teachers will mark them as late on the roll and communicate this to Libby / Kaiya in the office.
 - School lunches will be available as usual but students will need to bring their own morning tea.
 - Students will eat their morning tea and lunch in their classrooms or on the decks outside their classrooms.
 - Breakfast Club will operate under Level 2 starting on Thursday 9th September. We will be following strict food preparation and hygiene guidelines and students will be required to wash their hands before eating.
 - JittaBugz will be open and will follow strict Health and Safety guidelines.
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How to recognise misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine



Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your whānau and your community from COVID-19. There is some misleading information out there about the vaccine – here's what you can do to make sure you have the right information.

Get the facts

You can find the most accurate and reliable information about the COVID-19 vaccine and the rollout from a number of trusted sources including:

- Unite against COVID-19 – [Covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz)
- Ministry of Health – [Health.govt.nz](https://health.govt.nz)
- Te Puni Kōkiri – [Karawhiua.nz](https://karawhiua.nz)
- Ministry for Pacific Peoples – mpp.govt.nz

You can also keep up to date with current information and frequently asked questions by following the above organisations' social media channels, or you can speak with your health provider.

Check the source

Not all information you read or hear is factual or accurate.

Always cross-check and review COVID-19 vaccine information by using the reliable sources above.

Report scams

The COVID-19 vaccine is free. You will never be asked to pay for the vaccine or pay to secure your place in the queue. We will never ask for your financial details, your bank card details, PIN or banking password.

If someone requests them from you, please report it immediately to CERT NZ at covid@ops.cert.govt.nz or call 0800 237 869.

Any false or misleading information such as leaflets, publications or websites can also be reported to CERT NZ. You can report anything you believe to be false or misleading information on social media to the respective platform eg. Facebook or Twitter.

Stay informed

Learn more about identifying and avoiding misleading information at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz)

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New students

A warm welcome to Arabella McNeil and her whānau! Arabella joined Te Marama last week and we are delighted to welcome her and her family to the Randwick whānau.

Free Morning Tea Kai

Now that our free school lunches programme has been up and running for a few months we have had some useful feedback on how it can be improved and what the students enjoy about it. We will be putting out a whānau survey next term to get your feedback but in the meantime we would like to introduce free morning tea kai at school as well. We are committed to providing free and healthy kai for all of our students and want to decrease the cost to whānau for providing kai. Every day we are making up platters for each class including fresh fruit, fruit pots, snack bars and scroggin so students no longer need to bring their own food. We are hoping that this will also cut down the number of chippie packets and unhealthy food that we are seeing at school. We know that packaged food is cheaper and easier so if we can help solve that problem and provide healthy food for our students it's a win win situation for everybody.

Whakatauki

This week's whakatauki is very relevant to all of us during lockdown - we all need to look out for each other and show kindness so that we can all be strong.

Ehara taku toa i te takitahi, He toa takitini.

My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

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i te takitahi,
He toa takitini



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Assemblies

We will let you know when we are next able to have assemblies once we return to level 2.


Te Reo Phrases

This week, try playing Hī Ika / Go Fish with your whānau. All you need is a pack of cards and the instructions below.

Hi Ika! Go Fish!

How to play:

- Deal 5 cards to each person (or 7 cards if only 2 people are playing).
Put the rest of the pile face down.
The aim is to make pairs e.g. 2 fours, 2 Kings out of all your cards.
- Take turns to ask someone else for a card you want: "**Kei a koe he...?**"
 ✓ If they have the card they give it to you. Put pairs you make out on the table.
You get another turn.
 ✗ If they don't have the card, pick up one from the pile. Then it's the next person's turn.
- The winner is the person who gets has no cards left first.
- Remember to **kōrero Māori**:

Kei a koe he ____?	Do you have a ____?
tahi - Ace/1 rua toru whā pima ono whitu waru iwa tekau haki - Jack kuini - Queen kingi - King	
Ae, kei ahau he ____. Anei.	Yes, I have a _____. Here it is.
Kāo, hī ika!	No, go fish!



For the safety of students please do NOT use the school driveway for picking up and dropping off your child/ren. Students can be dropped off at the pedestrian entrance gates to our school.

Important Dates

6-10th September	Tongan Language Week
13th-17th September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
13th September	Capital E Trip - Year 7/8
16th September	Arts Splash - Postponed - new date to be advised
22nd Sept - 1st Oct	Dental Van visit
27th Sept-2nd October	Tuvalu Language Week
Term 3 Dates	July 26th to Oct 1st
Term 4 Dates	18th October to 16th Dec



Principal Awards

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Congratulations to our last Principal's Award winners Sebastian and Ricki-Maree. Sebastian - for positive relationships and a can do attitude and Ricki-Maree for great relationships and a can do attitude. Looking forward to our next assembly to see who the next winners will be!


Student of
the Week





Autumn-Jayne Cameron – Student of the Week

Congratulations to Autumn, who will be our next winner?



SICK CHILD

If your child has a 'tummy bug' please keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode of being sick.

This is a recommendation from our Public health Nurse.

ABSENT CHILD/REN

When you make contact with the school to advise your child/ren are away please **always** give an explanation.

It is a requirement for the school to explain on each students record why they are away, and unfortunately if you ring up to advise they are absent, but give no explanation, then it is recorded as 'explained but not justified'.

If we have no contact from the absent students caregivers then the student is marked as 'truant'.

All our attendance information is forwarded automatically to the Ministry of Education



Sports News

Unfortunately due to covid the Netball Hutt Valley Executive Committee have met to discuss club and junior competitions and have made the decision to end the winter 2021 competitions. Great work and effort from all our players this season!




BEST WISHES over the next 7 days

Kulaea LEA'AEPENI and Sandra BANDARA

NOTICE BOARD

Specsavers - Kids go free

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FREE SPORTS GEAR

Hutt City Council has started up a Sports Bank at Kokiri Marae. If you come to the office we can give you a card that you can take to the marae to get free sports gear that you might need. This is a great opportunity so please encourage your children to get active and help them by getting some free gear.

COMMUNITY SPORTS BANK

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Your local Community Sports Bank has sports gear to get families active, get friends together and ease the effects of the last few months on everyone's mental health.

Community Sports Banks are a drop off point for unused or outgrown sports gear, and for that gear to be picked up and used by kids, teenagers and adults that would otherwise not be able to afford it. Sport poverty is a growing issue within our communities with three main barriers to sport participation; subs/fees, equipment costs, and transport. The aim of the Community Sports Banks is to reduce/eliminate the cost of equipment for those in need and by this, increase sport participation and get more people active.

We will drop in some Community Sport Bank cards soon. Please give these out to kids or whanau that might not otherwise be able to access sports gear, they can take the card to their local Community Sports Bank and get free sports gear (including new mouthguards).

I've also attached a small notice for your school newsletter to let students and whanau know about the sports bank and encourage sports gear to be dropped off.

Please also encourage students/parents to offer rides to neighbours or friends who might like to play a sport, but might not be able to get to games/trainings. There are often plenty of spare seats in cars. Some sports clubs also have a selection of second hand boots/gear for a small cost, to enable cheaper participation.

Your nearest Community Sports Bank is:

Kokiri Marae

7-9 Barnes Street

Seaview, Lower Hutt

Open Monday - Friday 8am-5pm

For more information, visit our facebook page:


www.facebook.com/CommunitySportsBank (<http://www.facebook.com/CommunitySportsBank>)

Community Sports Bank - Home | Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/CommunitySportsBank>)

Community Sports Bank, Wellington, New Zealand. 290 likes. Sport Poverty is a growing issue within our communities with three main barriers to sport participation; subs/fees, equipment costs, and...

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Badjelly the Witch - Hutt Repertory
Theatre

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Whats On at Moera Community
House

Please see the attachments to see what is on at Moera Community House.


Knitting

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Lina's Fit Flex

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Sit and Be Fit

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Crafts

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SCHOOL CELLPHONE

027 5685621

Please only TXT to the school cellphone if your child is absent.

There is no longer the option to leave a message.

You can phone the school landline if you want to leave a message.

04 5685621



PHONE

Landline – 04 568 5621

Mobile – 027 568 5621 (txting only)



ABSENTEES

Please notify the school if your child is away. Don't forget to leave an explanation.

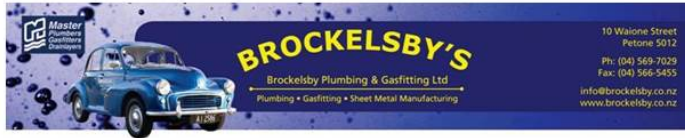
Phone 568 5621 or txt 027 568 5621



A big thank you to the Sai Community Group who have been supporting our school for many years.



We would like to thank Placemakers Hutt City for their very generous support



Thank you to Brockelsby's Plumbing & Gasfitting Ltd for their generous support of Milo and Sugar for the Breakfast Club

Signature: