

Ruahine School Newsletter



Term 4 Week 7

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Kia ora koutou

New COVID-19 Protection (Traffic Light) Framework

You will probably have heard that everyone across the country will move to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework on Friday 3 December. **We will be moving to Orange.**

We have been informed by the Ministry of Education that:

- **For the remainder of this year** - we don't change the way we are operating our school and classes and our tamariki can continue to attend school onsite.
- **Term 1 2022** - Because our national case numbers and hospitalizations are low and our vaccine rates continue to increase we can confirm that everyone will be back onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in (Red/Orange/Green). This is good news and means we can plan with some more certainty for 2022.

Health measures in place at school

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid)
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested

We do not yet have details about visitors onsite at schools under the orange level in 2022..

If we move to Red at any stage in 2022:

- Face coverings will be required at school when indoors for all staff and students in years 4 – 13
- We will ask that only essential visitors come onsite.

Ngā mihi

Sarah McCord

Tumuaki

Important Dates

- ◆ Monday 6 December School Picnic *
- ◆ Monday 6 December Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm*
- ◆ Tuesday 7 December Year 8 Dinner*
- ◆ Thursday 9 December New Entrant–Year 7 at Ruahine School*
- ◆ Thursday 9 December Year 8 Prize Giving at The Hub*
- ◆ Monday 13 December End of Term 4 1/2 Day*

* COVID 19 Alert Level Restrictions will apply to all of these events.

End of Year Stuff— Please get the kids to take a little time to hunt out the following & return:

- ◆ School library books
- ◆ School reading books
- ◆ Sport tops/sport uniforms
- ◆ Chocolate money
- ◆ 2021 Camp forms

**PRIZE GIVING CUPS
NEED TO BE RETURNED
TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
PLEASE.**



School Picnic

We are very much looking forward to our school picnic on December 6, this coincides with our mufti fundraiser organised by Shawn Doreen-Jenkins. This will be an onsite event with staff and students only. There will be bouncy castles, swimming, wheels (bikes and scooters with helmets and shoes), QEII and craft activities. The PFK are also supporting us with hot chips and an ice cream, in separate serving containers. Please send a reminder to your classroom teacher if there are food allergies that we must be aware of.

Shawn's Mufti Day 6 December 2021

Shawn Doreen-Jenkins is asking for your help to make Christmas a little bit brighter for those in our area who are facing challenging times.

Come to school on Monday 6 December in your mufti. BUT instead of a coin donation please bring along an item of non-perishable food. This could include, pasta sachet meals, rice sachet meals, noodle meals or any canned food you can spare. All the donations will then be delivered, by Shawn, to the Dannevirke Salvation Army for their food bank.

End of Year Lunch Order Special

- Chicken Nugget Sub + Slice \$5. Kids can choose from 3 slice options: Brownie, Lolly Cake, Caramel Slice. OR
- Gluten Free Nuggets in a GF Bun + GF Brownie (only 1 GF slice option) \$5

Please place orders at the school office on Wed 8 December. Orders will be delivered out to school on Thursday 9 December.



Our cheeky elf, Holly, is once again playing hard to get! So far we have had 2 “mysterious” notes from her and it’s driving the kids a little bonkers trying to find out where she could be!

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Hi Ruahine!

I am soooooooooooooo excited to see you all very soon. It's been such a long time since I last saw you! I have got a few tricks up my sleeve this year...you will have to keep an eye out for me!

See you soon!
Love Holly

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1, 2, 3... Look for ME!

I am busy playing MAN HUNT , come find me!
Love Holly xx

