

Heriot School

NEWSLETTER #4

Tuesday 26 May 2020 (Term Two – Week Seven)

Dear Parents, Friends and Whānau

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa. We are grateful to be back with our friends.

We have been back at school one week and well-being is our collective priority.

It was a treat to see families coming back through the gate and especially to see children greeting each other and starting to play together again.

Although things are not back to normal, there is an increasing sense of normality. Our 'usual' environment and conditions promote feelings of safety and comfort. We are taking the required precautions but as you can imagine the nature of our situation puts us all in very close proximity to each other.

This is why we ask that when you come to school, you complete the Contact Trace Register at the office. Adults coming in and out of our setting are potentially most at risk.

As we move towards Alert Level One we hope that this provides us with increasing opportunities to 'stretch our legs' a bit more and begin participating in activities that are outside of our school bubble.

Our teaching and learning has required some evaluation after the unprecedented event we are experiencing. We continue to work together in order to find ways forward and to best meet the learning needs of your children at this time.

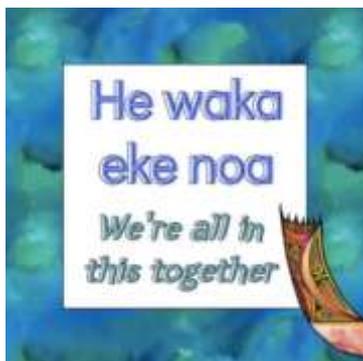
Again, I sincerely thank you for your efforts over the last two months and on behalf of the school and staff we thank you for your amazing support.

Be kind. **kia atawhai**

Help others. **āwhinatia ētahi atu**

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki/Principal Heriot School





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon 1 Jun	Queens Birthday (CLOSED)
Fri 5 Jun	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm
Fri 19 Jun	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm
Fri 3 July	Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm
Fri 3 Jul	Last Day T2
Mon 20 Jul	First Day T3
Wed 9 Sep	Wig Wednesday

Important Information

A warm Heriot School welcome to **Kahlia Diack** and **Travis Steel** who both started in our Junior Classroom (during lockdown). We also welcome twins; **Valerie** and **Vincent Woodham** to the Middle Room. They have come to us from Clyde School and I know you will make them welcome.

Unfortunately we farewell two families this week; **Vanessa Smart** moves south to Thornbury School and **Lacey & Hunter Sargent** move to Glenham school. We wish Lacey, Hunter, Vanessa and their families all the very best for the future.

TISSUES

Can you please send a box of tissues along to school with your child? From 2021 we will include this in Stationery Lists but for the remainder of this year, and especially as we move into winter, we are asking families to provide them now if possible. Please bring these along at any time and leave them in the school office. Thank you very much.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

In one of our special newsletters during lockdown I mentioned that some questions were coming to you about Local Curriculum. After some deliberation we have included these with our Community Consultation in order to find out a bit more from you before we progress with Local Curriculum.

A Community Consultation will be coming to you very soon.

WIG WEDNESDAY

This was scheduled for Wednesday 17 June however due to Covid-19 this has been postponed until Wednesday 9 September.

Maree Laphorne is supporting Ronald McDonald House again this year. This is an amazing cause and if you are able to help her then do get in touch. Watch this space as we are hoping to be able to help Maree to help Ronald McDonald House.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Heriot School is not able to take advantage of the School Donation Scheme because we are a decile 10 school (all schools decile 8-10 are unable to participate). All schools that are decile 1-7 receive \$150 per student on their roll.

In line with this move, please note that our School Donation has increased to \$50 per child. This is capped at \$120.00 for 3 or more children. School donations are used to support your child's core learning in the New Zealand Curriculum and remain entirely optional.