



# Kaeo School



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**Term 3**  
**Week 1**

Hello,

It was a very wet and wintery Term 2 holiday but all the same we hope that everyone found time to enjoy the time with your children.

The weather on Sunday and Monday made it unsafe for the school buses to run and indeed many areas around our community were flooded to the extent that getting to school was impossible - with the roads either underwater or extremely treacherous.

As always, the first commitment is to consider the health and safety of everyone so we agreed whole heartedly with the decision to close Monday and to err on the side of caution on Tuesday.

That school closure can be inconvenient is acknowledged but 'better safe than sorry' as they say and notwithstanding the stuttering start to Term 3 it is great to now see everyone back at school for what promises to be a very busy term.

Kind regards,  
Paul Barker

## Honours Board

Congratulations to last terms Honours Board people all of whom consistently met the school's values of Learn/Love/Contribute and Grow - Alice Allen, **Lucious Pawa**, Abigail Hemi, **Declan McManus**, Laura Taylor, **Te Ruki Wood-Wikaira**, Anahera Lawrence, **Tayla Marris**, Rebekah Allen, **Kahtanya Hape**, Railey Paiwai, **Honey Tua**, Avi Colbert, **Kahlia Toetoe**, Alexis Young, **Christine Rudolph**, Justin Pawa, **Jarden Hape**, Wairua Himiona, **Airini Heta**, Alaya Rudolph, **Sid Hunter**, Montana Pawa, **Tahlia Broughton**, Harli Cameron, **Sindi Wharewaka-Toby**, Mila McManus.



## Mask Wearing/Winter illness.

Given the increase in Covid 19 cases and the severity of winter illnesses this year the government has strongly recommended a return to mask use in schools for children in Years 4-6, at least until the spring time, warmer weather, and a reduction in the number of illnesses across the country.

We agree that this simple, community minded, act is appropriate and needed to maximise the opportunity of keeping everyone as safe as possible at this time.

Accordingly, the Board of Trustees have adopted a policy that requires mask wearing for children and teachers in Rooms 1-3 when inside. We have a supply of masks if needed and will do our best to ensure that children get opportunities to have 'non-mask' time.

The children managed mask wearing very well in term 1 and indeed many enjoyed being able to make a small but important contribution to keeping themselves, their friends, their family, and community as safe as possible from illness. Your support in assisting this work is appreciated.

In concert with the reintroduction of mask wearing we will also be reintroducing the school drop off zone in the morning and ask that parents wait by their cars when collecting children in the afternoon – we will ensure that children get safely into school and that they are returned safely to you at the end of the school day.

It will also be appreciated if parents and caregivers could please minimise their visits to school and contact us by telephone if necessary – as always we will find a way to help. Again, thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe over the coming weeks, hopefully when the warmer weather comes and with a shared commitment to the things that minimise Covid 19 and winter illnesses we will be able to 'open up' school again later in the term.

## School Photos

Given the weather problems school photos have been postponed until Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. If you haven't received a photo order form please get in touch with the school office and we will send one home to you.

*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." - Desmond Tutu.*