

## Term 2, Week 6- 2020

Kia Ora Ramarama School whanau,

Thank you for your response to returning to school at Alert Level 2. Our attendance is currently at 86% and it is fantastic to have our school full of our beautiful students once again filling the place with laughter and fun!



The past two months have been a unique experience for us all. As parents it is normal to feel worry and anxiety over the well-being of your children, particularly during such unprecedented times such as the Covid-19 pandemic.

We were not sure what to expect with our start back at school on Monday. What we experienced was outstanding, and I would personally like to thank you. Thank you for sending your children back to school and trusting in our school staff. Thank you for the excellent preparation of your children for their return to school. Their independence and resilience with the new protocols at school demonstrated this.

Thank you for the patient, respectful and kind support you demonstrated outside the school site, for the well-being of the students and staff of Ramarama School. The Intermediate students are enjoying greeting everyone and walking children to their classrooms- this has been a lovely way to show manaakitanga and aroha for others.

This situation may take some time before we are able to return to our normal protocols of welcoming everyone on-site. But until then know that the children are happy and excited to be back together.



We are starting each day with a Zoom assembly, each class logs in and our Student Leaders run these assemblies from the Library. We are still sharing celebrations and connecting with each other to ensure that these traditions stay strong. Today at lunchtime the Awhina Leaders will be organising a big game of flags on the field for anyone who wants to play. We remain connected, collaborative and creative despite the circumstances we find ourselves in.

**The Teacher Only Day that was scheduled for Friday 29th May has been cancelled**, so it will be a normal school day. The Board of Trustees will meet next week to discuss the school events for the rest of the year and a new schedule will be sent out late next week. The school terms remain the same for the rest of the year. **Term 2 finished on Friday 3rd July** (it is a 12 week term).

Thank you to the parents who are keeping their children home if they are unwell, this is important and needs to be strictly adhered to. If your child is unwell just let the school know how long you expect them to be away for. Distance learning is not provided for children who are sick.

If your children are still at home because you have chosen to keep them away from school for longer your Distance Learning has been provided until the 29th May and will then no longer be provided by the school.

A reminder that when you decide to send your child back to school, you need to give us 2 days notice and they must start on a Monday so that their teachers can prepare for this.

Please do not hesitate to email me if you have any concerns or queries.

**Tania Campbell- PRINCIPAL**

**Dates to be aware of in Term 2- Download Skool Look for notices and our school Google Calendar.**

Date	What	Who
Every Friday	Awhina Days- wear your awhina t shirts	All students
Every Wednesday	Choir and Spanish Language Lessons	Selected Students
Monday 25th May	Technology at Maramarua School	Tui Learners
Tuesday 26th May	Balance Bikes Fun Day	Weka and Toutouwai
Wednesday 27th May	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm in the Library	All welcome
Thursday 4th June	Footsteps Dance Lessons	All students

This term we are having a curriculum focus on dance and drama. We have engaged the services of Footsteps Dance teachers to come out to school and deliver lessons on Thursday afternoons from the 4th June through to the end of the term. All classes will have 40 minute lessons in the hall. We are hoping to finish the term with a showcase of what we have all learnt throughout these lessons. The school is covering the cost of these lessons so that we can have everyone involved.



**Playground Update:**

Thank you to Bob Vernon, Hayden, Aaron Farr, Damian Camp, Darryl Hayes, Mark Reader, Chris Bennett, Ethan Campbell, Noah Campbell, Rob Vander Meer and Gareth Fuller for all the hard work and effort you have put into getting the new playground site prepared. The new edging and retaining walls look great. We are hoping to have the site complete by the end of next week and then the cushion-fall bark can be brought in

and distributed ready for the grand opening.

The date is to be confirmed- but we are aiming for Tuesday 2nd June.

**Support Local:**

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FIT360 Group Fitness  
Mangatawhiri Hall - Mon 6.30pm, Tues 8.45am, Thurs 8.45am  
Drury School Hall Tuesday 6.30pm  
Ramarama School Hall Thursday 6.30pm & Saturday 9am



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