

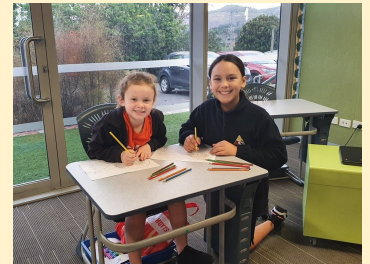
## Week 8- Term 2 - 2020

Kia Ora Ramarama School whanau,



We are now into our third wonderful week back on site at school and I want to congratulate all our students on their resilience and caring natures. Together we have welcomed almost everyone back to school and it is a credit to our tuakana- teina relationships that have eased this process for so many of our younger students. Thank you to all our Year 5-8 students who have been helping with welcoming students and walking them to their classes. We now have 99% of our students back at school, which is fantastic!

We have found (as have most other schools across New Zealand) that over the last two weeks our students have developed greater self-management skills and independence through our drop off and pick up procedures. Teachers are valuing the 1 on 1 connection time with their students in the morning before school as well. There is noticeably less separation anxiety, less traffic congestion at the gates and less noise both inside and outside the classrooms before school and most importantly towards the end of the day when this can be very distracting for students and teachers.



The teachers are noticing that students are looking after their belongings and packing up at the end of the day and walking their classes to the two pick up points is working very well.



As we look to move to Alert Level 1 we are looking forward to welcoming our parents and caregivers back on-site but not lose the great advantages we are seeing for our students. For the remainder of the term we would like to continue with the drop off and pick up procedures (Monday- Thursday) and dedicate Friday to “**Whanau Friday’s**”- this means parents/caregivers would be welcome to park and come into the classrooms - see your children's work, chat to the teacher and stay for our school assembly. After assembly the staffroom will be open for people who would like to stay for a tea/coffee and connect with other parents/caregivers.

Also when you arrive to pick up your children please either wait in the bottom car park shelter or continue the drive through pick up at the hall. You can decide what suits your family best and let your children know where to meet you. If you are using the top car park please remember to drive through only. We need to keep this traffic flowing as it has been working so well since we started back at school.

At the end of the term your child will receive a mid-year report. This will be slightly adapted to reflect the lockdown period and teachers will be working on writing these over the next few weeks. Early in Term 3 we will have 3 way conferences, so that you have a chance to meet with the teacher and your child to discuss their learning and what their goals are for the remainder of the year. If you feel you would like to meet with your child's teacher this term then please email them directly to arrange a suitable day and time.



### Calf Club Day 2020

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey over the weekend. I can confirm that 88% of our school community want Calf Club Day to go ahead this year, knowing that there will be changes and more of a focus on school community day.

We also have 67% of parents who want it to remain on a Saturday- so I can now confirm the date as **Saturday 19th September**.

We also had some amazing ideas offered about changes we could make and incorporate-so we will be looking at doing some of these as well.

**The first PTA meeting to start the planning and organisation will be on**

**Wednesday 17th June at 7pm at the Ramarama Country Inn.**

If you would like to be part of the organisation team come along and see how you can help. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to help just email me and let me know. I know some people are disappointed that we are not doing chickens this year, but it is a supply issue, not a school issue. Due to some of the fallout from the Covid-19 lockdown we just can't source the chickens this year.

Thank you again for all your support and kindness during this time.

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
Thursday 4th June	Footsteps Dance Lessons	All students
Monday 8th June	Technology at Maramarua- Tui Learning Space	Tui
Thursday 11th June	Footsteps Dance Lessons	All students

### **Board of Trustees News**

A belated welcome back to our school whānau – and a big thanks to you all for stepping in as temporary and unexpected (and possibly at times reluctant!) teaching staff and full-time carers. For keeping yourselves safe and for supporting the school, teachers and staff too. The BOT would also like to thank Tania, the teachers and support staff for keeping the school running and making sure we all stayed connected. They made it look easy – but please know there was a huge team effort rumbling on behind the scenes.

Thank you also to modern technology and our intermittent rural internet connections for allowing us to meet during lockdown!

It was great to meet in person again last week, our focus for the foreseeable future is getting back to the 'familiar', but also building on some of the learnings and lessons born from lock-down. The rest of the year may look different in terms of some events and the way we are able to gather - but we are absolutely determined to hold on to and promote our school values and traditions, to be as connected as possible and to support our children, families and the community. It was great to have Frances Hayes, PTA Chair, join us last week as we discussed how this may look and how we can all work together to make this happen.

We are looking forward to opening the junior playground in the next few weeks, thank you to Bob Vernon and everyone who has lent a hand to get this ready – this year we are expecting to see a huge dip in sponsorship and business donations so every single minute of donated people-power means we can redirect those funds back to our children and other projects.

As always, we are grateful for any feedback, input and guests at our meetings. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th June at 6pm in the school library.

Catherine Ball

### **Would your child like to raise and rear a kid (baby goat) this year?**

*We have kindly been given the opportunity by one of our parents Rachel Stone the opportunity for our students to buy a kid for only \$20.*

- For-Sale!
- Newborn baby kid -Goats-
- Breed - Can be a mix between Saanen x Toggenburg x Nubian
- Will be available after 20th July 2020
- Only boys available at this stage.
- \$20 each for Ramarama School Students.
- Pick up in Pukekohe, or school.
- Many Thanks, Rachel Stone- 0210 555 285



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